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Welcome to the platform that gives you up-to-date information on climate change adaptation activities happening in the region. This monthly newsletter is brought to you by APAN – a leading climate change adaptation network working across the Asia-Pacific region. Through this E-Communique and other activities, APAN is mobilizing knowledge and building capacities for climate resilience.

We are happy to spotlight your climate change adaptation activities, announcements, events and new initiatives. To be featured in our newsletter, all you have to do is send a brief write-up and a web link to info@asiapacificadapt.net

APAN ANNOUNCEMENT

The Exchange Series (email discussion) and ‘Live’ online chat – Financing Urban Adaptation and Resilience in Asia-Pacific

Dr. Peter King, Adaptation Project Preparation and Finance Team Leader for the USAID Adapt Asia-Pacific project, asked key questions on “Financing on Urban adaptation and Resilience” in the 8th Exchange, which concluded with a ‘live’ online chat event that was joined virtually by over 25 participants from Germany, India, Philippines, Thailand, and the United States.

For the full consolidated replies report, visit: <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/resource/8th-exchange-series-financing-urban-adaptation-and-resilience-e-discussion-report>

For the transcript of the chat, visit: <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/live-chats/live-online-chat-financing-urban-adaptation-and-resilience>

USAID Adapt Asia-Pacific Adaptation Finance Knowledge Series on the APAN web portal

Two publications from the USAID Adapt Asia-Pacific Adaptation Finance Knowledge Series have been uploaded on the APAN web portal – “Defining Country Systems for Climate Change Adaptation Finance” and “A Quick Guide to Climate Change Adaptation Funds.” Since 2011, *USAID Adapt Asia-Pacific* project has been helping countries develop bankable climate change adaptation projects and improve access to related funding. These experiences, published in this USAID Adapt Asia-Pacific Adaptation Finance Knowledge Series, are based on work with government officials, multilateral institutions, regional organizations, consultants and other experts.

To download the publications, visit: <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/resource/adaptation-finance-knowledge-series-defining-country-systems-cca-finance> or

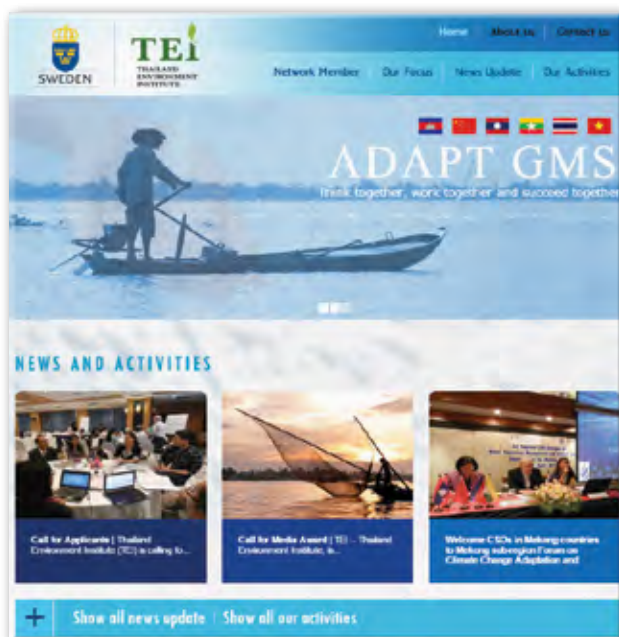
<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/resource/adaptation-finance-knowledge-series-quick-guide-climate-adaptation-change-funds>

UPCOMING CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION EVENTS

Mekong sub-region Forum on Climate Change Adaptation and Water Resources Management, 2-4 August 2015, Vientiane, Lao PDR

The aim of the 3-day forum is to update the regional cooperation and disseminate the results of local research and field activity related to climate change adaptation and water resource management in ASEAN. The forum is organized by the Thailand Environment Institute (TEI) in collaboration with funding from Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA). The 60 targeted participants are representatives of civil society organizations in the Greater Mekong Sub-region countries (Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam and Yunnan-China). The application deadline is on 26 June 2015.

For more information, visit: <http://www.adaptgms.org/>



CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION NEWS

Plan International and Climate Centre game session a hit in Bangkok



This article introduces a new highly interactive game for children and youth wherein players need to strategize quickly to protect resources from the impacts of climate change. The article describes the results of testing the game with other trainers as well as children and the youth.

For more information, visit: <http://www.climatecentre.org/news/600/plan-international-and-climate-centre-game-session-a-hit-in-bangkok>

New Pacific Climate Change Centre to be hosted at SPREP

The Governments of Samoa and Japan have agreed to set up a new Pacific Climate Change Centre hosted in Apia, Samoa for the Pacific region, which will host a range of experts, collaborative and applied research, and training and policy initiatives.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.sprep.org/climate-change/new-pacific-climate-change-centre-to-be-hosted-at-sprep>

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION NEWS

Regional Forum on Climate Change - Low Carbon and Climate Resilient Societies: Bridging Science, Practice and Policy, 1-3 July 2015, Thailand



The 3-day forum is organized by the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) in collaboration with the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development, European Union and ASEAN secretariat. The Forum was held at the AIT Conference Center and provided an estimated 400 participants, from diverse sectors and streams in Asia and Europe, a platform to engage in multi-perspective discussions to ease the translation of climate science into practice and policy that would positively influence the ASEAN position for climate change negotiations at the upcoming COP 21.

For more information, visit: <http://www.rfcc2015.ait.asia/>

The Nairobi Consensus: The Joint Principles of Adaptation 2.0

The Joint Principles of Adaptation (JPA) designed by the Southern Voices for Adaptation (SVA) serves as a common set of principles and norms for countries developing climate change adaptation policies. This article announces the second version which was developed based on inputs from case studies from countries including Nepal, Sri Lanka, Vietnam and Cambodia. The article describes the need for evolving the second version and the differences between the two for the move towards COP 21.

For more information, visit: <http://cansouthasia.net/the-nairobi-consensus-the-joint-principles-of-adaptation-2-0-2/>

Local communities empowered through Community Based Adaptation (CBA) Initiative in Pakistan



This article describes in brief the recently concluded a five-year DFID-funded project entitled 'Climate Leadership for Effective Adaptation and Resilience (CLEAR)'. The aim of this initiative was to enable communities to articulate their needs and be actively engaged in the implementation of actions that reduced their vulnerability to floods and other natural disasters. The article also explains the challenges faced, the outcomes and future opportunities created through the duration of the project. The project hopes that the experiences and resources developed from CLEAR are expanded and long term adaptation interventions are planned.

For more information, visit: <http://www.lead.org.pk/lead/postDetail.aspx?postid=235>

The Mangrove Children project launched

The initiative has been launched at a remote school on the edge of the Sundarbans region in southern Bangladesh on World Environment Day 2015. The aim of the initiative is to teach children the importance and proper preservation to sustain mangrove forests from destruction and to empower them to participate in family and community led decisions to deal with disaster risks due to climate change.

For more information, visit: <http://www.thefinancialexpress-bd.com/2015/06/11/96132>

Capacity building and experience sharing for enhancing sustainability in urban India, 3 June 2015, India

This conference marked the completion of TERI's capacity building program on 'Urban Climate Change Resilience in India', supported by the Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN) for four Indian states – Uttarakhand, Goa, Odisha and Maharashtra. The conference dealt with the current scenario for skill building and capacity development and developing toolkits and knowledge products on issues related to urban development and climate change. During this one-day conference, TERI released a briefing paper titled 'Capacity Building for Building a Sustainable and Smart Urban India'. The paper describes the requirements and synthesizes experiences in the larger context of existing capacity building initiatives in urban India.

For more information, visit: <http://www.teriin.org/projects/apn/nationalconference.php>

To access the briefing paper, visit: <http://www.teriin.org/eventdocs/files/capacity-Briefing-paper.pdf>



CCA INFORMATION RESOURCES AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

GUIDE

A Guide to INDCS: Intended Nationally Determined Contributions – Second Edition (May 2015)

This guide is intended to aid Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in developing their Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) which are contributions by Parties to the UNFCCC towards achieving the objective of the Convention. The guide provides practical examples of how an INDC should be structured, with examples to illustrate a narrative and sources of background information. This guide is not an official UNFCCC publication nor is it endorsed by the UNFCCC.

For more information, visit: <http://cdkn.org/resource/resource-guide-helps-least-developed-countries-navigate-intended-nationally-determined-contributions-indcs/>

REPORTS

2015 Corporate Adaptation Survey

This report looks into the knowledge gap in the current state of climate change risk management and adaptation planning in the private sector. The report is a compilation of responses from over 230 responses to a questionnaire sent out to companies and climate change professionals. It focuses on the challenges corporations face, what measures have already been taken and what opportunities corporations have to reduce the gap. The report serves as a platform to advance climate risk discussions between the public and private sectors, making a pro-active and coordinated climate adaptation planning.

For more information, visit: <http://gain.org/events/corporate-adaptation-survey>

CCA INFORMATION RESOURCES AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

REPORTS

Slow Onset Climate Change Impacts: What it is, why should we care, and what we can do about it?



This report describes the importance of focusing and increasing research on slow onset impact (SOI), a failure to understand the

urgency will severely affect the country's food security, biodiversity, ecosystems and culture and in turn could pose potential irreplaceable loss and damage to infrastructure, human life and the economy. The report voices concerns from the scientific community, academia, NGOs, and local governments from the Philippines.

For more information, visit: <http://www.ejeepney.org/congress-action-sought-on-slow-onset-climate-threat-to-philippines/>

CDKN Annual Report 2015: Climate compatible development – delivering results

This report highlights the investments made by CDKN to safeguard lives and livelihoods in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean. The report also discusses its work and growth of partnerships across other focal themes: climate compatible development policy and practice, climate-related disaster risk management, climate finance and support to LDCs in climate negotiations.

For more information, visit: http://cdkn.org/resource/cdkn-annual-report-2015-climate-compatible-development-delivering-results/?loclang=en_gb

WORKING PAPERS

Protect, adapt or relocate? Responding to climate change in coastal Indonesia

This working paper explores how households from 4 vulnerable coastal villages in Semarang, Indonesia - Tanjung Mas, Panggung Lor, Tugurejo, and Mangkang Wetan – would face a multitude of climate-related problems such as sea-level rise, flash and tidal floods, and coastal erosion. The paper describes the patterns of relocation and adaptation; it calculates the cost and benefit of each approach and aims to understand the strategies and appropriate government policies in play.

For more information, visit: <http://pubs.iied.org/10723IIED.html?k=ACCCRN>

Climate change, floods and homes: A social networks approach to understanding location preferences in Indonesia

This working paper focuses on Bojonegoro Regency in East Java, which is affected by high frequency flooding and thus has built a levee for protection. The paper seeks to investigate the social structure and networks of the population on choosing to remain in at-risk areas instead of protected areas.

For more information, visit: <http://pubs.iied.org/10730IIED.html?k=accrn&r=p>

**CCA INFORMATION RESOURCES
AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS****WORKING PAPERS****Climate change, livelihoods
and health inequities: The
vulnerability of migrant
workers in Indian cities**

This paper follows migrant workers in India - Mumbai, Surat and Kochi - to determine their vulnerability to climate change and health inequalities. The paper analyses vulnerability by understanding the political-economy perspective - analysing the lack of access to resources, decision-making structures, power shaped by political and economic forces.

For more information, visit: <http://pubs.iied.org/10728IIED.html?k=accrn&r=p>

**Wheezing ecosystems,
livelihood services and
climate change resilience in
Uttar Pradesh**

This paper seeks to link the importance of supporting, provisioning, and regulating cultural ecosystem services and their role in building resilience for both urban and peri-urban areas, using the case of Gorakhpur City in eastern Uttar Pradesh. The paper also looks at government programmes and schemes which could be helpful in maintaining the ecosystem service and recommends policy changes that would help preserve ecosystem.

For more information, visit: <http://pubs.iied.org/10732IIED.html?k=accrn&r=p>

BRIEFING PAPER**Should we stay or should
we go? Understanding
household decision making
in climate change-affected
areas of Indonesia**

This paper compares two studies that have examined the economic, social and environmental factors that influence household decision on whether to live in a protected area or remain in an at-risk area. This paper provides policy recommendations based on the learnings (Cost Benefit Analysis, Socioeconomic Analysis and SWOT Analysis) of both the studies - one in Semarang and the other in Bohonegoro Regency in Indonesia.

For more information, visit: <http://pubs.iied.org/10735IIED.html?k=accrn&r=p>

**Flooding, homes and loss:
Insurance as a risk-transfer
mechanism in Vietnam**

This paper compares two studies that have examined the economic, social and environmental factors that influence household decision on whether to live in a protected area or remain in an at-risk area. This paper provides policy recommendations based on the learnings (Cost Benefit Analysis, Socioeconomic Analysis and SWOT Analysis) of both the studies - one in Semarang and the other in Bohonegoro Regency in Indonesia.

For more information, visit: <http://pubs.iied.org/10729IIED.html?k=accrn&r=p>

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