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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](mailto:info@asiapacificadapt.net).

## APAN ANNOUNCEMENT

### **Adaptation Futures Conference 2016, 10-13 May 2016, Netherlands**

Adaptation Futures is the biennial conference of the Global Programme of Research on Climate Change Vulnerability, Impacts and Adaptation (PROVIA). The 4-day conference offers a platform to exchange new and practical ideas, experiences and insights for climate change adaptation. The conference covers seven themes and three cross-cutting issues that reflect the prominent subjects in climate adaptation. The participant registration deadline is 15th March 2016.

For more information, visit: [www.adaptationfutures2016.org](http://www.adaptationfutures2016.org)

### **USAID Adapt Asia-Pacific: Shortlisting Climate Change Adaptation Projects**

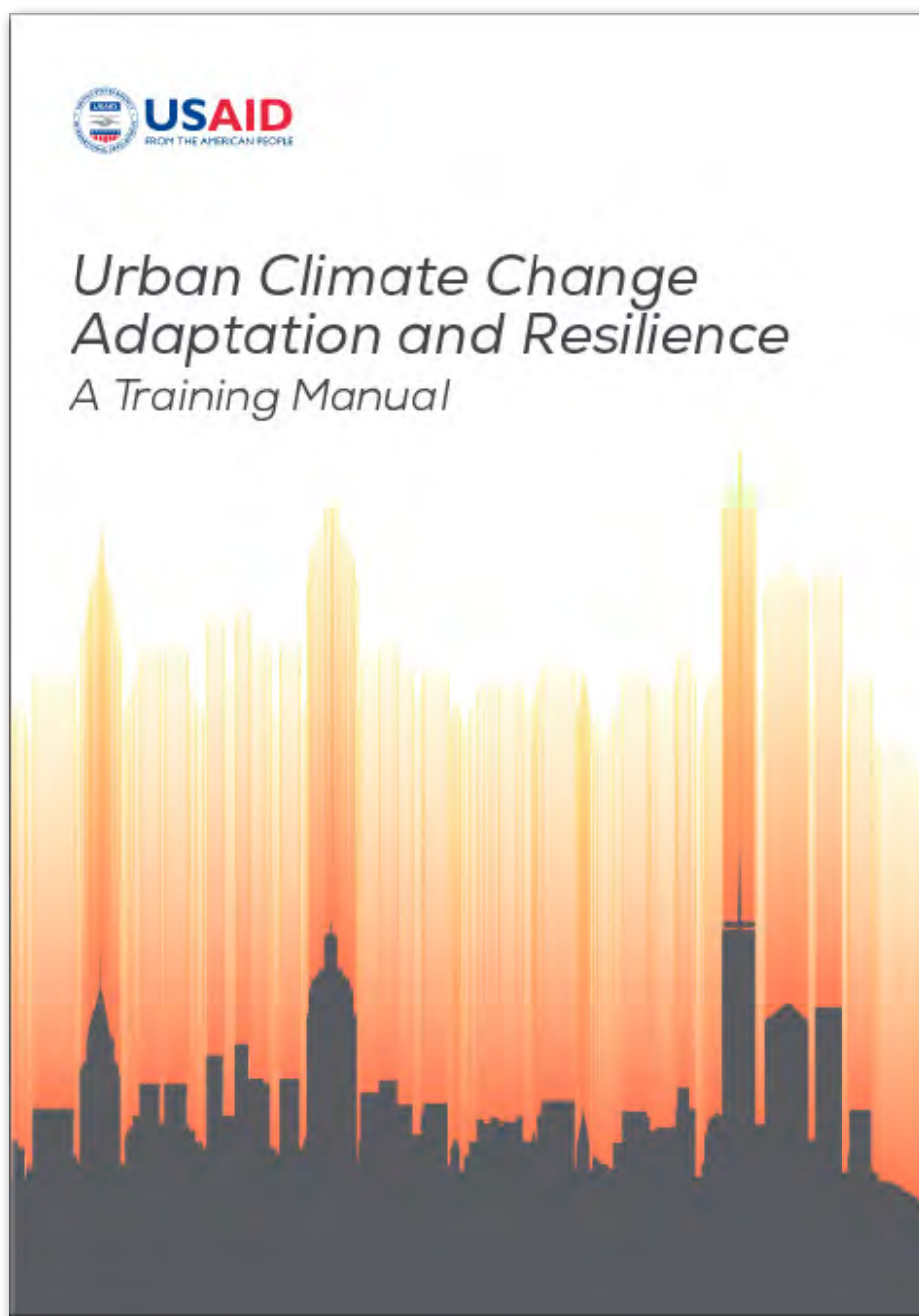
This publication shares an example from USAID Adapt Asia-Pacific's experience working with India's National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to design an easy-to-use tool – or checklist – for selecting projects to be financed by the Adaptation Fund. This example is made accessible, and transferable, to a wide range of government agencies in Asia-Pacific, especially those seeking to determine which adaptation priorities to turn into full project proposals.

To view the publication, visit: <http://adaptasiapacific.org/library/shortlisting-climate-change-adaptation-projects>

## USAID Adapt Asia-Pacific Urban Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience (UCCAR) - A Training Manual

This training manual is part of USAID Adapt Asia-Pacific's Urban Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience (UCCAR) training course. It aims to improve climate change knowledge among mid- to senior-level managers working in urban and infrastructure planning and, in turn, help them design better adaptation projects. The manual and other course materials are freely available to government agencies and training institutions in Asia-Pacific looking to develop and deliver urban climate change adaptation project development and finance training.

To access the materials, visit: <http://www.adaptasiapacific.org/content/urban-climate-change-adaptation-and-resilience-%E2%80%93-training-manual>



## APAN CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

### **Crop insurance as resiliency measure to climate change: Evidence from corn farmers in the Philippines, 22 September 2015, Philippines**

This seminar is part of SEARCA's Agriculture and Development Seminar Series with Dr. Jose Yorobe, Jr. of the University of the Philippines Los Banos – College of Economics and Management (UPLB-CEM). The seminar discusses factors that influence corn farmers in adopting good agricultural, the importance of corn insurance to protect farmers, assess the perception and level of awareness of farmers on corn insurance and identify appropriate intervention measures to improve adoption of good agricultural practices and effectiveness of the corn insurance program.

For more information, visit: <http://climatechange.searca.org/index.php/media/videos/2474-crop-insurance-as-resiliency-measure-to-climate-change-evidence-from-corn-farmers-in-the-philippines>



## UPCOMING CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION EVENTS

### GIS Applications for understanding the effects of climate change to agriculture, 19 -20 October 2015, Philippines

This short course is led by Ms. Colleen Curran of the Philippines Disaster Recovery Foundation. It covers various topics such as (1) fundamentals of QGIS and its applications for research, (2) status of Geospatial Data in the Philippines, and (3) Projecting climate grids among others. For more information, visit: [post@searca.org](mailto:post@searca.org)

### Nurturing seeds for change in the Anthropocene, 1-4 March 2016, Kunming, China

This conference aims to explore and assess the role of mountains in Anthropocene and to develop plausible vision for mountains. It covers four main themes - (1) The global assessment of climate change; (2) water governance; (3) Mainstreaming the Marginalized; (4) Dynamic Sustainability. The conference aims to attract over 200 researchers, stakeholders and global experts on mountain environments. The deadline for participation is on 31st October. For more information, visit: [http://mountainfutures.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Mountains-in-the-Anthropocene\\_lores.pdf](http://mountainfutures.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Mountains-in-the-Anthropocene_lores.pdf)

## CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION NEWS

### Integrating Climate change Adaptation into policies, plans and programs in agriculture, 20-23 October 2015, Philippines



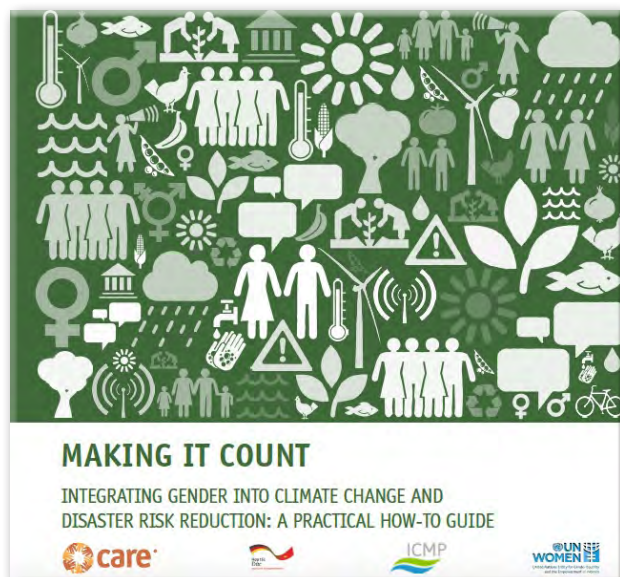
The training workshop aims to enhance the capacity, awareness and understanding of the Department of Agriculture-Adaptation and Mitigation Initiatives in Agriculture (DA-AMIA) National team and Focal Persons from the Regional Field offices (RFOs) on how to effectively and systematically integrate adaptation consideration into policies, plan and program of DA. The course uses the Harvard Case Method complemented by action learning Exercise. It also includes the application of tools and methods to selected real project cases submitted by the participants. For more information, visit: [http://searca.org/phocadownload/activity\\_briefs/Integrating-CCA-2015-aug-4-7.pdf](http://searca.org/phocadownload/activity_briefs/Integrating-CCA-2015-aug-4-7.pdf)



## CCA INFORMATION RESOURCES AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

### GUIDE

#### **Making it count: Integrating gender in climate change and disaster risk reduction**



This guide addresses and integrates gender and women empowerment in climate change (CC) and disaster risk reduction (DRR) projects. CARE International in Vietnam, UN Women in Vietnam and GIZ have developed this guide for project staff, government and non-government partners to use during design, implementation and monitoring and evaluation of CC and DRR activities. The guide is divided into ten chapters and covers questions to ask, practical suggestions, tools that can be used and also includes resources which provide more in-depth information on integrating gender. For more information, visit: <http://careclimatechange.org/tool-kits/making-it-count-integrating-gender/>

### PUBLICATION

#### **Child-centred climate resilience: Case studies from the Philippines and Vietnam**



This publication provides practical lessons learned by Plan International and Save the Children on child-centred community-based adaptation (CC-CBA) through a series of case studies from the Philippines and Vietnam. It addresses five key themes: ensuring children's voices are heard in community-based adaptation (CBA); building climate resilience; mainstreaming CBA into policy planning and development; children as agents of change; and the role of communication to mobilise action and replication. For more information, visit: [https://www.savethechildren.org.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0011/99551/CCCR\\_Report\\_High-Res\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.savethechildren.org.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/99551/CCCR_Report_High-Res_FINAL.pdf)

#### **Win-Win Results: Gender equality within climate change programming**

The publication describes the valuable lessons learned on addressing the intersecting challenges of gender inequality and climate change with specific examples from Vietnam. CARE Vietnam aims to understand gender roles and its impact on resilience, and the importance of adopting an integrated approach wherein both gender and climate change must be addressed simultaneously. For more information, visit: <http://careclimatechange.org/tool-kits/care-vietnam-learning-series/>

## REPORTS

**Human rights and climate change: Civil society approaches**

This exploratory report examines how international, national and local civil society organizations address and implement human rights-based approaches to climate change adaptation and mitigation in Cambodia and Kenya. The authors have carried out a series of in-depth interviews to illuminate how stakeholders understand and express their responsibilities and the linkages between climate change adaptation and human rights. For more information, visit: <http://www.diis.dk/en/research/human-rights-and-climate-change-civil-society-approaches>

**Economic analysis of climate-proofing investment projects**

This report describes the conduct of the cost-benefit analysis of climate-proofing investment projects in Asia and the Pacific region. The analysis aims to provide information to decision makers in terms of systematically designing investments which will in turn

improve and simplify the work of development professionals in their efforts to enhance the climate resilience. This report is part of the Asian Development Bank's commitment to help developing member countries to develop climate-proof infrastructure and to embed climate proofing in the project cycle. For more information, visit: <http://www.adb.org/publications/economic-analysis-climate-proofing-investment-projects>

## POLICY BRIEFS

**Human rights-based approaches can protect people vulnerable to climate change: Evidence from civil society in Cambodia and Kenya**

This policy brief draws examples from Kenya and Cambodia to illustrate the opportunities and obstacles in order to assess how human rights-based approach is applied to climate change adaptation practice. The brief suggests the need for civil societies to help governments and ensure that climate policies are implemented by looking at four specific human rights principles: meaningful participation and opportunity, transparency, accountability of duty bearers and non-discrimination. For more information, visit: <http://www.diis.dk/en/research/human-rights-based-approaches-can-protect-people-vulnerable-to-climate-change>

## ARTICLE

**Wrap-up and project review workshop of the ADB-TA 8111-PH: Climate resilience and green growth in the Upper Marikina River Basin Protected Landscape (UMRBPL) – Demonstrating the ecotown framework, 29 September 2015, Philippines**

This article briefly lays out the components, results and impacts of the project on the Upper Marikina River Basin Protected Landscape (UMRBPL), which includes several climate resilience demonstration projects now being implemented by local government units in the Philippines. The three-year project held a Wrap-up and Project Review Workshop on 29 September 2015 at Diliman, Quezon City. The workshop was attended by project partners as well as local and national stakeholders. For more information, visit: <http://climatechange.searca.org/index.php/ccham/news/2479-adb-funded-climate-resilience-project-wraps-up>

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