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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 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 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Climate Change Downscaler Training Workshop 16 – 18 February 2016 | Asian Institute of Technology, Pathumthani, Thailand



The workshop was attended by 26 government officials and researchers from ten countries, namely, Cambodia, Fiji, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines, Samoa, Thailand, and Viet Nam. The workshop aimed to enhance the understanding on the easy running of climate change downscaler among non-climate modeling specialists. A pre- and post-training survey revealed an average of 80 percent improvement in the level of understanding on key subject matters including global climate models, the use of the S8 downscaler software, and the relevance and use of the downscaled climate data in respective fields of work. The Ministry of the Environment, Japan, and the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand organised the Climate Change Downscaler Training Workshop in partnership with the University of Tsukuba, Japan, and the Center for Environmental Science in Saitama, Japan. The training was held as part of the APAN's capacity building activities.

For more information about the Climate Change Downscaler Training Workshop, visit <http://www.rrcap.ait.asia/ccd/Pages/default.aspx>

**The Workshop for Capacity Building on Climate Change Impact Assessments and Adaptation Planning in the Asia-Pacific Region
27 – 28 January 2016 | Manila, Philippines**

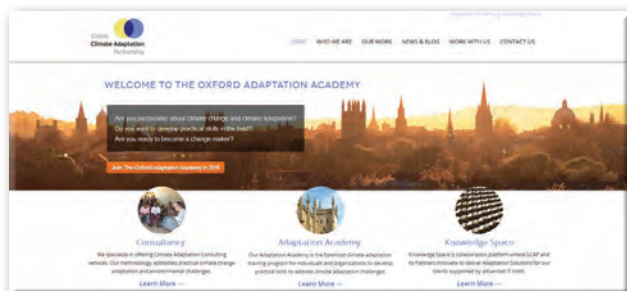


The Workshop for Capacity Building on Climate Change Impact Assessments and Adaptation Planning in the Asia-Pacific Region: Technical Review of Background Assessment for Climate Change Adaptation was held in Manila, Philippines on 27 – 28 January 2016 as part of the Government of Japan's Adaptation Initiative. The workshop provided a platform for knowledge sharing and learning particularly on the effective and feasible tools, approaches, and best practices on climate change adaptation (CCA) assessments in terms of climate change scenarios and impacts; risks, hazards, vulnerabilities; and effectiveness of CCA countermeasures. Participants of the workshop consisted of representatives from ministries of environment, other national government agencies, international organizations, and the academe, as well as development partners and expert practitioners from nine countries in the Asia-Pacific Region.

For more information, visit: <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/events/workshop-capacity-building-climate-change-impact-assessments-and-adaptation-planning-asia-0>

UPCOMING CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION EVENT

The 2016 Oxford Adaptation Academy
14 – 26 August 2016 | Centre for the Environment, Oxford University, England



The Oxford Adaptation Academy is a joint venture between the Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment at Oxford University, and the Global Climate Adaptation Partnership (GCAP).

The two-week intensive course engages climate practitioners to reflect on the links between climate science, vulnerability and decision making. It also offers a platform for professionals from different organisations to share their knowledge and experience. And lastly, the course provides access to, and teaching by, renowned world experts giving participants the tools to develop innovative solutions adapted to the needs of their practice, in their own context of professional development. Course alumni are drawn from UN organisations, development banks, NGOs and government. Applications are open.

For more information about the Adaptation Academy, visit <http://www.climateadaptation.cc/our-work/adaptation-academy/what-we-offer/oxford-adaptation-academy>

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION NEWS

Training on R Programming and its application for Research and Development (Basic – Intermediate Level)
3–5 February | Kathmandu, Nepal

The Nature's Conservation training series carries the objective of strengthening and enhancing Nepal's human resources capacity in terms of familiarizing the R environment and foundational concepts in modern statistical computing. The training catered to a wide range of professionals from monitoring and evaluation, land use planners, disaster risk reduction experts, livelihood experts, engineers, sectoral programme managers and officers, water resource experts, hydro-meteorologists including other interested professionals from governmental, non-governmental, private, UN agencies and humanitarian agencies. The participants training used adult learning techniques with emphasis on interactive lecture discussions, hands-on exercise, group brain-storming, and presentations in both Nepali and English languages.

For more information about the training, visit <http://www.naturesconservation.org/training/>

Children near Sundarban forest pledge to save mangrove 31 January 2016 | Munshiganj, Bangladesh



Launched at the Nekjania High School in Buri Goalini, The Mangrove Children is a program conceived and initiated by the CSR consulting firm BizCare for the protection of the Sundarban forest – one of the world's biggest mangrove forest. The program aims at raising awareness among the children about the importance of mangrove forest, motivating them to safeguard it for sustainability and empowering them with knowledge and skills to adapt to climate change impacts. The program delivers eight extra-curricular modules that range from storytelling to art contests to workshops on biodiversity and to practical lessons on risk reduction.

For more information about The Mangrove Children program, please contact mangrovechildrenbd@gmail.com

ICEM Releases New Short Documentary, Bringing Nature Back 14 January 2016 | International Centre for Environmental Management

ICEM's Bringing Nature Back highlights the worst of what can happen in the Mekong region and the benefits of green infrastructure, bioengineering, and nature-based solutions can help strengthen our defenses and build long-term climate resilience. Featuring examples from its own work in northern Vietnam, the documentary covers how nature-based solutions can be incorporated into conventional infrastructure in ways that involve local communities.

For information on all of ICEM's green infrastructure projects, visit: http://www.icem.com.au/portfolio_category/green-infrastructure-issue/



CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION NEWS

Training of DA Trainers: Integrating Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) into Policies, Plans and Programs in Agriculture 11-15 January 2016 | Los Baños, Laguna, Philippines



The Training of Trainers conducted by SEARCA aimed to enhance the capacity of the Department of Agriculture's core national training team to design and conduct courses on Integrating Climate Change Adaptation into Policies, Plans and programs in Agriculture. The participant trainers were engaged in a five module course which included the philosophy of training and management of learning as well as integration of CCA into policies, plans, and programs among many others.

For more information, visit: <http://www.climatechange.searca.org/rokdownloads/events/DA%20AMIA%20Training%20of%20Trainers%20Flyer.pdf>

1st Forum on Forecast-Based Emergency Preparedness for Climate Risks 26 November 2015 | New World Hotel, Makati, Philippines

The forum served as a platform for (1) *sharing scientific data, policies and models for climate change adaptation, disaster resilience, and food and nutrition security, as well as (2) understanding capacities and links between local and national early warning systems.* This forum is a component of the United Nations World Food Programme's Forecast-based Emergency Preparedness for Climate Risks project that is funded by the German Federal Foreign Office, and aims to reduce human suffering caused by climate-related hazards through setting up of scientific information for forecast preparedness

For more information, visit <http://dost.gov.ph/index.php/knowledge-resources/news/44-2015-news/870-1st-forum-on-forecast-based-emergency-preparedness-for-climate-risks>

Climate Change Consciousness Week 2015 23 – 25 November 2015 | SMX Convention Center, Pasay City, Philippines



Multiple Pathways, One Direction was the theme of the Philippines National Climate Change Consciousness Week celebration on 19 – 25 of November 2015 which was led by the country's Climate Change Commission. The celebration was for country's participation to the Conference of Parties (COP) 21 negotiations held in Paris, France at the end of 2015. The activities during the celebration included exhibits, LGU summit, Business summit, and Greeneration: NowPH.

For more information, visit <http://climate.gov.ph/index.php/about-cccweek/ccc-week-2015>

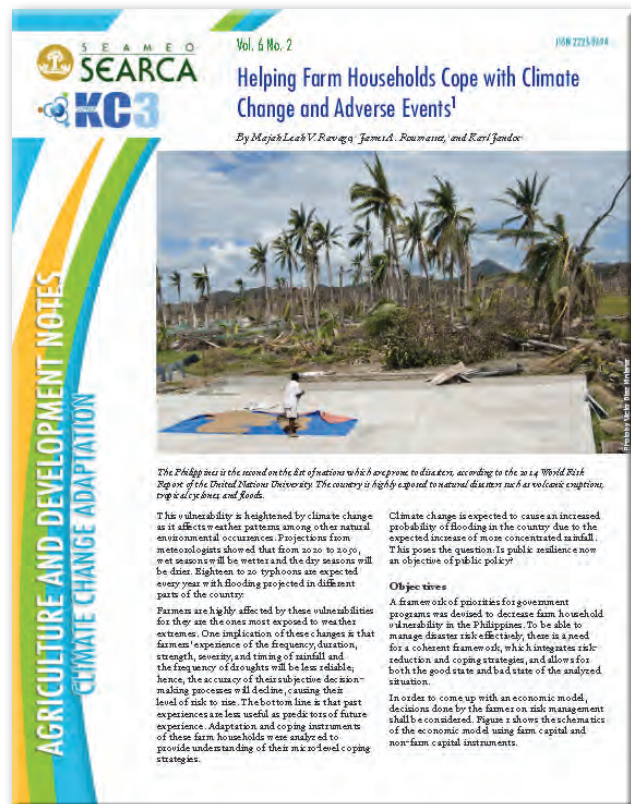
CCA INFORMATION RESOURCES AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

PUBLICATIONS

Helping Farm Households Cope with Climate Change and Adverse Events

This research note is based on the presentation of Dr. Majah Leah V. Ravago, Assistant Professor at the University of the Philippines School of Economics and Project Director of the Energy Policy and Development Program of the USAID-UPEcon Foundation at the 2nd International Conference on Agriculture and Rural Development in Southeast Asia held on 12-13 November 2014 in Makati Shangri-La, Manila, Philippines. It focused on the results of a two-period expected utility (or well-being) model developed to integrate risk management and coping strategies into a single decision-making framework and a survey done by the Philippine Center for Economic Development (PCED).

For more information, visit: <http://climatechange.searca.org/index.php/climate-change-adaptation-knowledge-showcases-5/adaptation-notes/2596-helping-farm-households-cope-with-climate-change-and-adverse-events>



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