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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 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

5th Asia Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum 2016 Adapting and Living Below 2°C: Bridging the Gaps in Policy & Practice

17 – 19 October 2016 | Colombo, Sri Lanka

Registration is open until 15 August 2016

The Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) is organising its flagship Forum on 17-19 October 2016 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The 5th Asia Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum 2016 is now open for registration. This year, the theme “Adapting and Living below 2°C: Bridging the Gaps in Policy & Practice” will explore platforms and concrete pathways for even greater partnerships by governments, civil society, and business. With the growing interest and with the recognition of adaptation not only as a development imperative but as an existential one as well, we are looking forward to welcoming more than 800 participants who will be looking towards meaningful outcomes during the event.

This Forum will bring together policymakers, scientists, donors, youth, and representatives from over 50 countries. With over 150 speakers and 30 sessions planned, the Forum is among the biggest climate change adaptation events in the region. Four Forums have successfully been co-organised by APAN since 2010.

Forum Streams: 1. Adaptation Planning; 2. Financing for Adaptation; 3. Climate Resilient Development; 4. Multi-actor Cross Learning

To register and to learn more about the Forum Streams, visit the 5th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum 2016 website: <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/adaptationforum/2016/>

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5th ASIA PACIFIC CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION FORUM 2016

ADAPTING AND LIVING BELOW 2°C:
Bridging the Gaps in Policy and Practice

17-19 October 2016, Colombo, Sri Lanka



About the Forum

Gaining momentum since its inauguration in 2010 and with its more recent 2014 edition in Kuala Lumpur, the 5th APAN Climate Change Adaptation Forum will bring together policymakers, scientists, donors, youth, and representatives from over 50 countries. For this year, the Forum will facilitate platforms and concrete pathways for even greater partnerships with governments, civil society organizations and businesses. With the interest and growing recognition of adaptation not only as a development imperative but as an existential one as well, APAN is looking forward to welcoming more than 800 participants who will work towards more meaningful adaptation practices and solutions.

Theme

2015 has delivered four major global agreements relevant to adaptation: Finance for Development in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; the Sustainable Development Goals in New York, USA; the Paris Agreement (CoP21) in Paris, France; and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai, Japan. Countries are now embarking on the implementation of their commitments to these global agreements.

The agenda for the 2016 Forum is aligned with these global outcomes, with the sessions organized under four major streams: Adaptation Planning, Financing for Adaptation, Climate Resilience Development, and Multi-actor cross learning. For each of these streams, the Forum will explore approaches that translate policies into practice and upscale practice into policies; and especially how additional participation from the private sector can be elicited. There will be that deliberate effort to learn lessons from a decade of adaptation policy and action, looking not only at what worked, but also at what did not.



Streams

Lead

Adaptation Planning

This stream will cover adaptation planning as a tool for long-term vulnerability reduction, best practices for maximizing synergies, climate services for addressing uncertainty in adaptation planning, mainstreaming climate change into development planning and budgeting, and monitoring progress.



Financing for Adaptation

Technical sessions under this stream will cover traditional and innovative financing schemes including micro finance and global vertical funds, eliciting government support beyond the provision of finance; and how private finance can be attracted to work for and invest in adaptation.



Climate Resilience Development

Sessions will cover climate proofing expanding regional infrastructure investments; linkages between disaster risk reduction and adaptation; the role of ecosystems in adaptation and climate proofing, limits to adaptation and resilience, loss and damage, and convergence of approaches for adaptation and mitigation. Strengthening resilience to mainstream gender and to address issues like human migration will also be included.



Multi-actor Cross Learning

Practical inter-linkages between climate change adaptation, SDGs, DRR, and financing at different levels, sectors, and peoples. The sessions in this stream will also cover new and innovative climate-smart technologies and their uses, urban applications, and social and integrated media for awareness and outreach.



About APAN: The Asia Pacific Adaptation Network, developed and launched by UNEP in 2009 under the Global Adaptation Network, is an open network that strives to equip adaptation actors in the region with knowledge for designing and implementing adaptation measures, building capacity to access technologies and finance, and integrating climate change adaptation into policies, strategies, and plans towards building climate change resilient and sustainable human systems, ecosystems, and economies.

Forum Host: The Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment, Government of Sri Lanka hosts this year's Forum at the historic **Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall in Colombo.**

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Forum Partners
as of May 2016:



We invite other organizations to take part in this initiative.

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UN Climate Change Conference side event: Promoting Adaptation Practices and the 5th Asia Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum in Sri Lanka

21 May 2016 | Bonn, Germany

With climate impacts being felt on a daily basis and the vulnerabilities of and threats to communities increasing, climate change adaptation has become a need more than ever before. The 5th Adaptation Forum to be held in Sri Lanka, hosted by the Government of Sri Lanka in partnership with the Asia Pacific Adaptation Network, United Nations Environment Programme, and Climate Action Network South Asia aims to bring together over 800 international participants together to share their experiences in the adaptation sector to focus on National Adaptation Plans, climate finance, and resilience building to make efficient and effective changes at all levels to address the needs for adaptation at the local and the global level. It also aims to discuss the need for adaptation actions at sectoral level, as well as provide information on the Adaptation Forum to be held in Sri Lanka.



UPCOMING CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION EVENTS

Training Course on Joint Mitigation and Adaptation [JMA]: A Community Forestry Approach

30 May – 4 June 2016 | Bangkok, Thailand



The global community urgently needs to find practical and cost-effective strategies for addressing climate change. One of the strategies for doing so is through activities that jointly address mitigation and adaptation – known as Joint Mitigation and Adaptation (JMA). JMA has been recognized in both the recent Paris Agreement and the mandate of the Green Climate Fund as a priority area for development. However, despite this growing interest, governments and practitioners often lack practical models and tools to effectively link mitigation and adaptation.

Forests are well known for their role as carbon sinks. But less appreciated is their potential for supporting local and national adaptation. Community forestry – a well-recognized institution in Asia-Pacific – can serve as an easily accessible and cost-effective strategy to respond to emerging climate change needs and implement JMA. This course is designed for practitioners seeking to expand their “toolkit” for addressing JMA. In addition to covering the basic theoretical foundations of JMA, this course will explore innovative and practical strategies for its implementation. This will be done by drawing extensively on community forestry experiences with JMA in the region, including an optional field trip to one of RECOFTC’s demonstration sites on the Gulf of Thailand.

For more information, visit <http://www.recoftc.org/events/joint-mitigation-and-adaptation-jma-community-forestry-approach>

Climate Finance Workshop - Managing Project Preparation for Climate Change Adaptation

6 – 10 June 2016 | Asian Institute of Technology, Pathumthani, Thailand

Climate Change Asia (CCA), AIT and USAID (through their Adapt Asia-Pacific Project) will be conducting a training course on “Managing Project Preparation for Climate Change Adaptation” for participants from South and Southeast Asia from 6-10 June 2016 at the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand. This is a “Train-the-Trainer” course, developed by USAID Adapt Asia-Pacific in collaboration with the East-West Center at the University of Hawaii.

The course aims to improve the capacity on preparing fundable project proposals for climate change adaptation. The course will 1) help in understanding climate change realities and risks; how to manage risks, screen for sensitivities, and address key vulnerable groups and areas; how climate change adaptation can be grounded in national development plans and broader national adaptation policy and strategic frameworks. 2) aid in identifying sources of international funding options and develop capacities for accessing those sources; 3) build capacity in project preparation for climate change adaptation by illustrating ‘how-to’ methods, tools and processes for use in rigorous adaptation project/program design in line with policies and plans; and 4) provide an introduction to the implementation and monitoring of projects.

For more information regarding the training, please check www.rrcap.ait.asia

Resilient Cities 2016: 7th Annual Global Forum on Urban Resilience and Adaptation

6 – 8 July 2016 | Bonn, Germany



Each year, Resilient Cities brings together over 400 experts and practitioners from around the world to discuss urban resilience and adaptation. The program of 2016 focuses on a variety of key topics including inclusive resilience strategies, financing the resilient city, measuring and monitoring progress, resilience and adaptation planning, governance and collaboration, resource management, and resilient infrastructure. With networking and side events, the congress offers the perfect opportunity to connect with a vibrant global community of resilience practitioners and researchers, to build new partnerships and exchange ideas and best practices.

For more information on the congress series, visit <http://resilient-cities.iclei.org>

FishAdapt: Global Conference on Climate Change Adaptation for Fisheries and Aquaculture

8 – 10 August 2016 | Bangkok, Thailand



This conference is targeted at scientists, development professionals and natural resource managers working in the context of fisheries, aquaculture, rural development and related fields. With a series of panels, presentations, interactive workshops, and collaborative problem solving among other activities, this conference aims to provide key stakeholders and professionals engaged in the field to share their work in aquaculture climate change adaptation and disaster risk management. It looks forward to foster the exchange and dissemination of experiences and knowledge to allow increased awareness of policymakers on the best practices for climate change adaptation in the field of fisheries and aquaculture.

For more information, visit <http://www.fishadapt.com/modules/conference/>

**CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION
NEWS****New science to help Asian, African societies prepare for extreme weather****1 May 2016 | Climate & Development Knowledge Network**

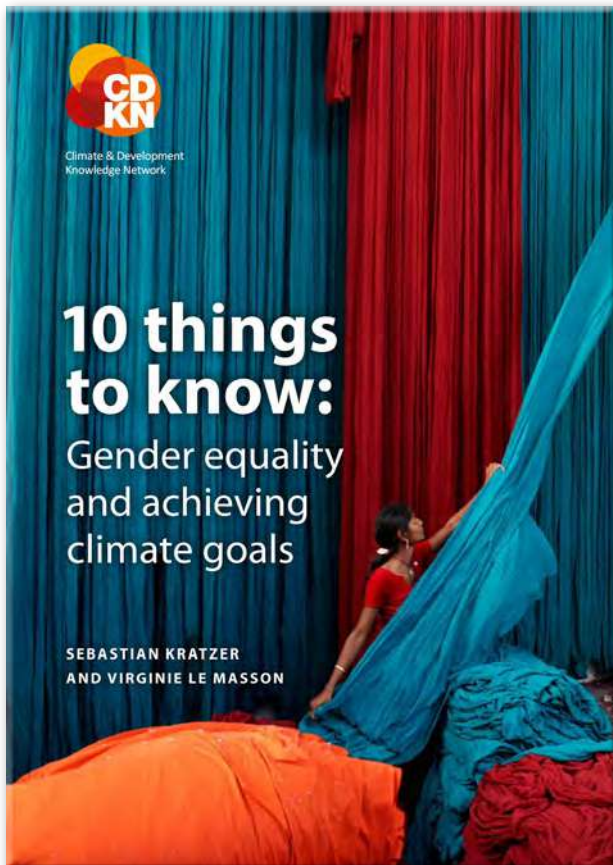
The 'Raising Risk Awareness' initiative brings together scientists from 'World Weather Attribution' (WWA) initiative – an effort led by Climate Central with the Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre, University of Oxford, University of Melbourne and Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute – with CDKN. It will assess whether climate change has contributed to extreme weather events such as droughts, floods and heatwaves in several countries across East Africa and South Asia. The team will use peer-reviewed methods to discover the links – and will distribute the information widely to the press, policymakers and the public in these countries.

For more information, visit http://cdkn.org/project/raising-risk-awareness/?loclang=en_gb

The 2016 Summer Institute for Disaster and Risk Research**25 July – 5 August 2016 | Beijing Normal University China**

The Summer Institute is designed primarily for junior faculty and young researchers, post-docs and advanced doctoral students, who have shown strong interests and possessed research experience in the disaster and risk field. The broad research area for the summer institute series is the inter-linkages of disaster, risk, and development. The overall research question is how to understand the dynamics and characteristics of disaster and risk transition in a changing world, with special focus on China.

For international applicants, the deadline for application is 31 May 2016; and decisions by early June. For applicants from China, the deadline is 15 June 2016, and decision will be informed late June. For more information, visit <http://www.adrem.org.cn/2016SI/>

**CCA INFORMATION RESOURCES
AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS****REPORTS****Leading roles for women – Secret
to effective climate action after
Paris summit****6 May 2016 | Climate & Development
Knowledge Network**

In the aftermath of the Paris climate agreement, a new report shows how including women's views and needs in climate change responses and development initiatives is not only more just, but also more likely to get results. Comparing three case studies in Gorakhpur (India), Ancash and Cajamarca (Peru), and Kisumu (Kenya), the report '10 Things to know: Gender equality and achieving climate goals' documents the experiences of men and women living in cities affected by climate change. It is based on 89 interviews (54 men and 35 women) and 33 focus group discussions to reflect on people's adaptation strategies and whether gender differences are recognised in climate-related interventions.

For more information, visit http://cdkn.org/gender-equality-climate-compatible-development/?loclang=en_gb#reports

BLOGS**Woman and Climate Change****30 April 2016 | LEAD Pakistan**

The article is written by Syed Muhammad Abubakar, Focal Person Media, LEAD Pakistan and was first appeared in The News.

Women constitute almost 49 percent of the population of Pakistan. According to the Pakistan Demographic and Health Survey 2012-2013, there are 102 males for 100 females, thus urging the need to empower women when it comes to education, employment and political and social life. However, when women's empowerment is denied, it makes them weak and vulnerable, even to the slightest of changes.

Read more at <http://cansouthasia.net/blog/women-and-climate-change/> and <http://www.lead.org.pk/lead/postDetail.aspx?postid=307>



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