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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/>

For inquiries, contact: forum@asiapacificadapt.net

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.**

May 2016

Forum Partners
as of May 2016:



We invite other organizations to take part in this initiative.

For more information, please visit:

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Forum hashtag: #APANForum2016

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Climate Risk Management in Planning and Investment Projects

27 – 29 June 2016 | New Delhi, India



The APAN and the Asian development Bank (ADB) organised a workshop on 'Climate change and disaster risk management in planning and investment projects' designed to strengthen understanding of climate change risks and approaches to climate risk management in sector planning and investment projects. The workshop focused on (i) the nature of climate change risks to investment projects, including both slow onset phenomena and weather-induced extreme events, (ii) tools and methods for climate risk screening, (iii) approaches for climate risk and vulnerability assessment, (iv) identification and selection of adaptation options, including technical and economic evaluation, and (v) options for adaptation financing.

The training was designed to meet the needs of government officials and professionals involved in planning, financing and implementing public investment projects with a focus on sectoral ministries including transport, energy, water, agriculture, and urban development, and cross-sectoral ministries such as finance, and planning.

For more information, visit <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/events/workshop-climate-change-and-disaster-risk-management-planning-and-investment-projects>

The APAN Exchange Series (email discussion) – Ensuring Sustained Impacts of Donor-Driven Programs: Examples and Experiences

20 June – 4 July 2016

Dr. Peter King is asking key questions in this Exchange, running for the 12th time. In this email-based discussion, Dr. King focuses on "Ensuring Sustained Impacts of Donor-Driven Programs". He is the Senior Advisor for Adaptation Project Preparation and Finance at USAID Adapt Asia-Pacific. He is also the Senior Policy Advisor at the IGES Regional Centre based in Bangkok, Thailand. To participate in the discussion, simply email: the-exchange@adapt-asia.org. This Exchange ends 4 July 2016. The Exchange Series is a facilitated knowledge exchange and open discussion among members of APAN's community of practice. This initiative is by supported by the [USAID Adapt Asia-Pacific project](#).

To follow the discussion, visit: <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/exchange/12th-exchange-series>

UPCOMING CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION EVENTS

Enabling Policy Frameworks for Climate Resilient Cities

8 July 2016 | New Delhi, India



Marking the completion of The Energy and Resources Institute's (TERI) program: 'State level policy research and engagement for mainstreaming urban resilience' supported by the Rockefeller Foundation, the upcoming conference aims to facilitate a discussion on addressing climate change concerns in public policy and planning at multi-levels of governance for building urban climate resilience. A panel discussion will explore the integration of climate change resilience in the Smart Cities discourse in India.

The conference will be held at the Jupiter Hall of the India Habitat Centre in New Delhi on July 8, 2016.

For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/28JB1wq>

To attend, register in the following link <http://bit.ly/28Jzzup>

Water Security and Climate Change: Challenges and Opportunities in Asia

29 November – 1 December 2016 | AIT, Bangkok, Thailand



The conference will be a platform for engaging leading experts in the region and beyond in discussion on water security issues – such as increasing population, socio-economic development, urbanization, migration, in Asia in order to facilitate the path towards water-secure societies. The conference also calls for abstracts on the following general themes: 1. Water and Human Well-being, 2. Water-Related Hazards, 3. Ecosystems, 4. Economic Water Security, and 5. Crosscutting Themes on water governance and policy, management of river basins, transboundary water challenges and potential, water crimes, gender and water, citizen science, and Information and communication technology.

The conference is organized by the exceed centers CNRD (Cologne) and SWINDON (Braunschweig) together with the Asian Institute of Technology.

Deadline for receiving abstracts: 30 July 2016

Deadline for Full paper submission: 30 September 2016

For the complete information on the conference, visit <http://sea.exceed-swindon.org/water security conference/>

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION NEWS

ACCCRN Learning Forum 2016

23 – 25 May 2016 | Semarang, Indonesia



The ACCCRN Learning Forum 2016 offered city leaders and planners, climate change practitioners and other partners the opportunity to reflect on best practices and lessons learned, to share accumulated knowledge and to look ahead to new ways for advancing urban resilience. The event drew in perspectives from representatives of the Global Resilience Partnership, 100 Resilient Cities, and core ACCCRN partners. The forum also marked the final year of the ACCCRN initiative which was founded in 2008.

For more information about the Learning Forum, visit <http://accrn.net/news/accrn-learning-forum-2016>

Building Bridges For Better Cooperation

27 – 28 May 2016 | Kathmandu, Nepal



The European Union Delegation to Nepal hosted a regional conference on disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation in Kathmandu. The conference was organized in collaboration with IUCN, Centre for South Asian Studies and DAI Europe. In the course of the conference, the EU Ambassador to Nepal addressed the participants that she is confident that the conference will be instrumental in designing DRR and climate change adaptation projects within the larger SAARC development framework. The conference dwelt on challenges by the region flooding in India and Bangladesh.

For more information, visit <http://www.iucn.org/news/building-bridges-better-cooperation>

Training on End to End Early Warning System & Flood Disaster Risk Reduction

3 – 5 June 2016 | Kathmandu, Nepal

This training targeted disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation practitioners including academicians and relevant officials from developmental agencies such as the UN and other NGOs with the primary objective of building the knowledge base on the status and effectiveness of Early Warning System (EWS) and hazard management in Nepal. The training comprised of two modules delivered in adult learning modality with interactive lectures, group exercise, and brainstorming sessions. The first module dealt with the end-to-end early warning systems, its components, application and challenges, and institutional frameworks and mechanism for EWS. The second module tackled hazard identification, risk analysis, multi-hazard risk assessment and risk maps for EWS.

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

Knowledge Forum on Climate Resilient Development in Himalayan and Downstream Regions

16 – 17 June 2016 | New Delhi, India



The two-day regional forum on climate resilient development in Himalayan and downstream regions was primarily driven by the message that unless countries in the Himalayan and downstream region strengthen collaboration to address food, water and energy issues, the region's agricultural development might be at risk. The forum was jointly organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MOAFW), Government of India, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), and Institute of Economic Growth (IEG).

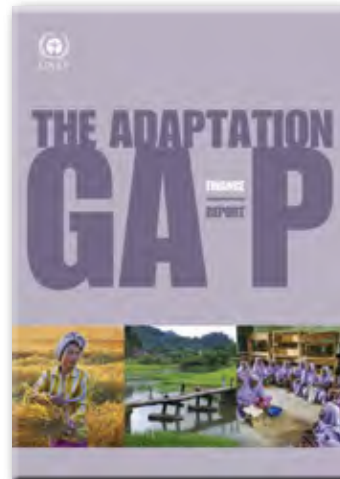
Participants from Himalayan and downstream countries, including Bangladesh, China, India, and Nepal shared innovative ideas to promote climate resilient development with food-water-energy nexus in mind from a regional perspective. The forum concluded with direction for appropriate policy and institutional options, and regulatory mechanisms to foster science-policy-practice interactions, and a conversation about how all countries in the region can work together through a meaningful collaboration on issues surrounding food, water and energy security issues.

For more information, visit <http://www.icimod.org/?q=22926>

**CCA INFORMATION RESOURCES
AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS****PUBLICATIONS****The City Resilience Index****June 2016 | Asian Cities Climate Change
Resilience Network**

The City Resilience Index is a powerful tool that helps policy-makers and stakeholders understand and tackle adaptation and growth challenges in a systematic way. It incorporates a framework that many cities have already used to create resilience strategies for communities and individuals. Designed as a self-assessment, the tool generates a resilience profile that reveals a city's specific strengths and weaknesses, creating a baseline to plan from and measure future progress against.

For more information about the index, visit <http://www.cityresilienceindex.org>

2016 Adaptation Gap Report

UNEP's Adaptation Gap Report series focuses on Finance, Technology and Knowledge gaps in climate change adaptation. It complements the Emissions Gap Report series, and explores the implications of failing to close the emissions gap.

The report builds on a 2014 assessment by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), which laid out the concept of 'adaptation gaps' and outlined three such gaps: technology, finance and knowledge.

The 2016 Adaptation Gap Report assesses the difference between the financial costs of adapting to climate change in developing countries and the amount of money actually available to meet these costs – a difference known as the "adaptation finance gap". Like the 2014 report, the 2016 report focuses on developing countries, where adaptation capacity is often the lowest and needs the highest, and concentrates on the period up to 2050.

The report identifies trends and highlights challenges associated with measuring progress towards fulfilling the adaptation finance gap, while informing national and international efforts to advance adaptation. It analyses the 'adaptation finance gap' against the background of the provisions laid out in the Paris Agreement, and benefits from the insights included in the INDCs.

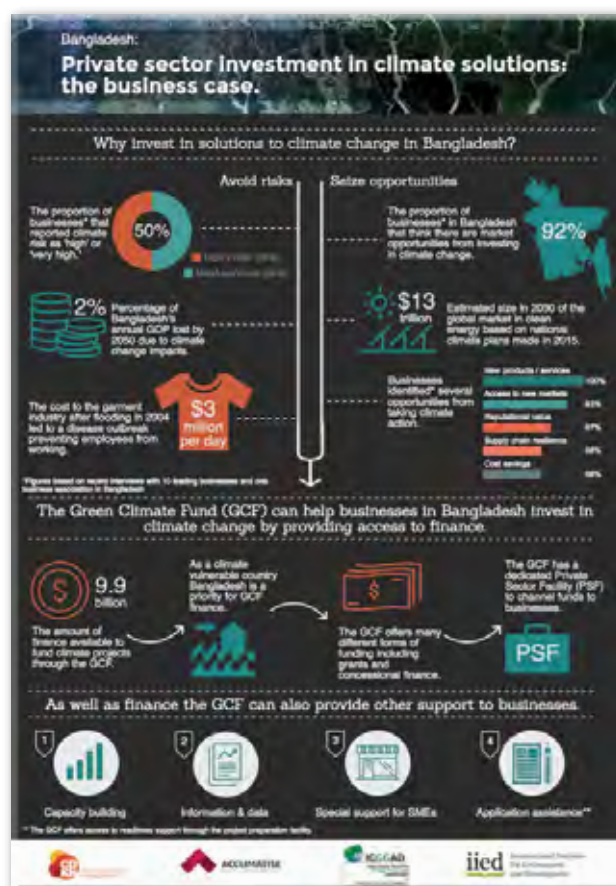
For more information, visit <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/content/2016-adaptation-gap-report>

REPORTS

Business case for the Bangladeshi private sector to invest in climate change and access international climate finance

This paper is aimed at members of the Bangladeshi private sector, developed based on consultation with in-country stakeholders. It outlines the case for action on climate change by the private sector, specifically, what opportunities are available for businesses to harness as a result of climate change? This includes accessing new sources of finance, particularly the Green Climate Fund (GCF). The report provides a snapshot of the available opportunities focusing on four sectors: energy, agriculture, insurance, and banking and finance, including examples of companies at the forefront in developing new products and services and creating new markets in response to climate change. It concludes with guidance for businesses' next steps in accessing the opportunities available to them now.

For more information, visit <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/resource/business-case-bangladeshi-private-sector-invest-climate-change-and-access-international>





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