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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 extended to 31 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.

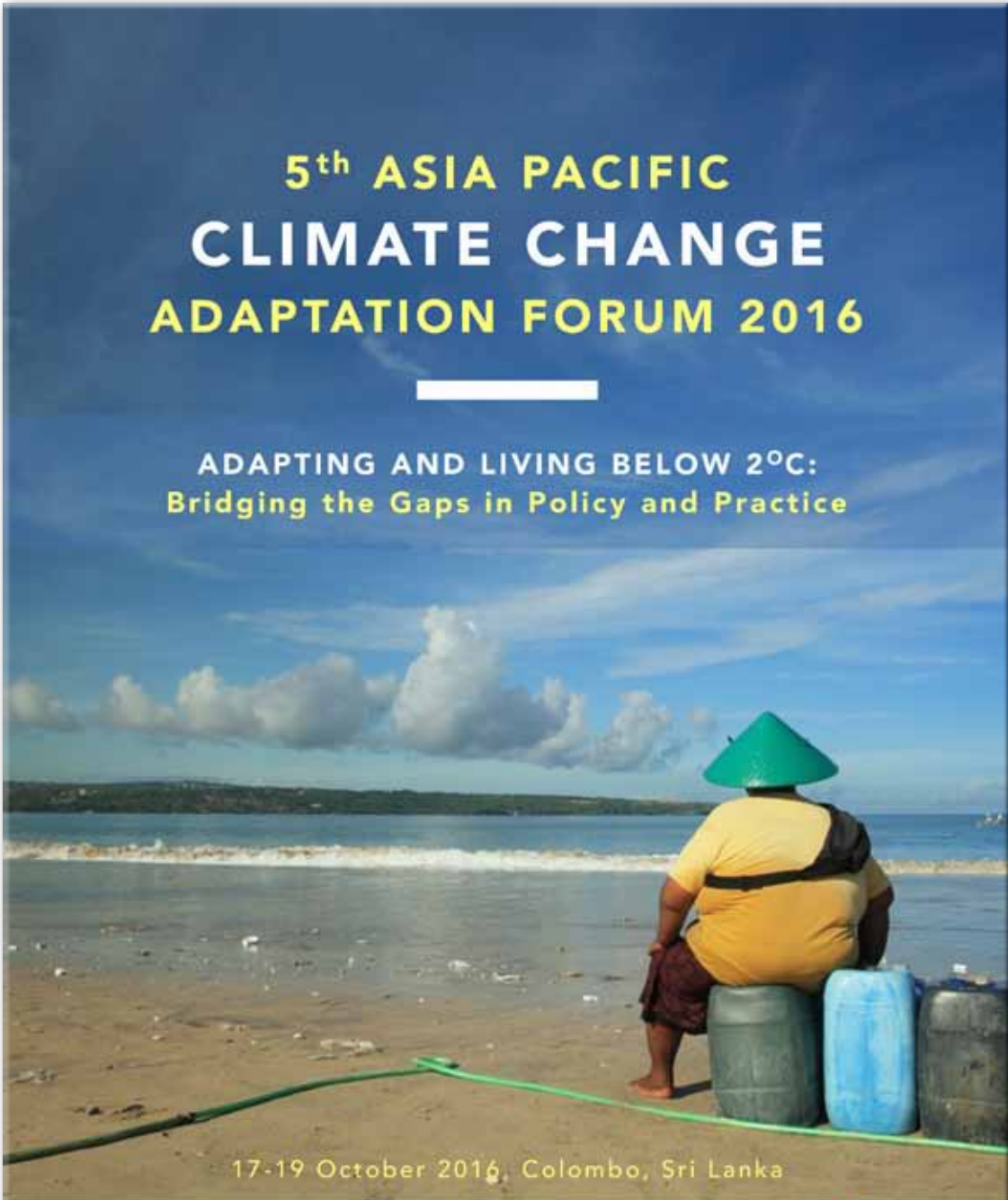
Forum Streams: 1. Adaptation Planning; 2. Financing for Adaptation; 3. Climate Resilient Development; 4. Multi-actor Cross Learning

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.**

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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UPCOMING CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION EVENTS

Program on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation, Developing Proposals to access Climate Funds

29-31 August 2016 | Mumbai, India

A comprehensive three-day training program that will be held at the Resort Hotel, Malad (west) will act as a guideline for understanding the concept of climate change, its impacts and how we can respond to changing climate. It will focus on improving climate change knowledge among the professional working in the infrastructure, agricultural and water sectors. It will build their capacities towards preparing and assessing proposals for adaptation-mitigation projects from various climate funds.

The training contents will compose of: Day 1 – Scoping the impacts & vulnerability assessment; Day 2 – Response to climate change and climate funds; and Day 3 – Preparation & Appraisal of Proposals for funding.

To register, contact Mr. Piyush Suryavanshi at Piyush.Suryavanshi@ilfsacademy.org

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION NEWS

National Conference on 'Enabling Policy Frameworks for Climate Resilient Cities'

08 July 2016 | New Delhi, India

The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) had organized a National Conference on 'Enabling Policy Frameworks for Climate Resilient Cities' on July 8, 2016 in New Delhi. The conference marked the completion of TERI's study on 'State level policy research and engagement' which was supported by the Rockefeller Foundation. The objective of the study was to prepare policy road maps for mainstreaming urban climate change resilience within the urban development policy and regulatory framework in the states of Goa and Uttarakhand.

For more information and access to the publications, visit http://www.teriin.org/index.php?option=com_events&view=details&sid=885&Itemid=110

In addition, Infographic and a short animation clip prepared on the subject of urban resilience can be accessed in the following:

<http://www.teriin.org/resilient-cities/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=skL8xb-vvCA>



Adaptation to Climate Change Impacts in Gandaki River Basin of Nepal: Putting Research into Use

10 - 11 August 2016 | Kathmandu, Nepal



ICIMOD is leading a five-year study “Himalayan Adaptation, Water and Resilience (HI-AWARE) Research on Glacier and Snowpack Dependent River Basins for Improving Livelihoods” with the objective of developing climate change adaptation approaches, and increasing the resilience of the poorest and most vulnerable people in four river basins of the Hindu Kush Himalayan (HKH) region. As part of the study, ICIMOD together with Practical Action Nepal organised a national-level consultation to identify and prioritise suitable adaptation measures for anticipated climate change impacts in the Gandaki basin.

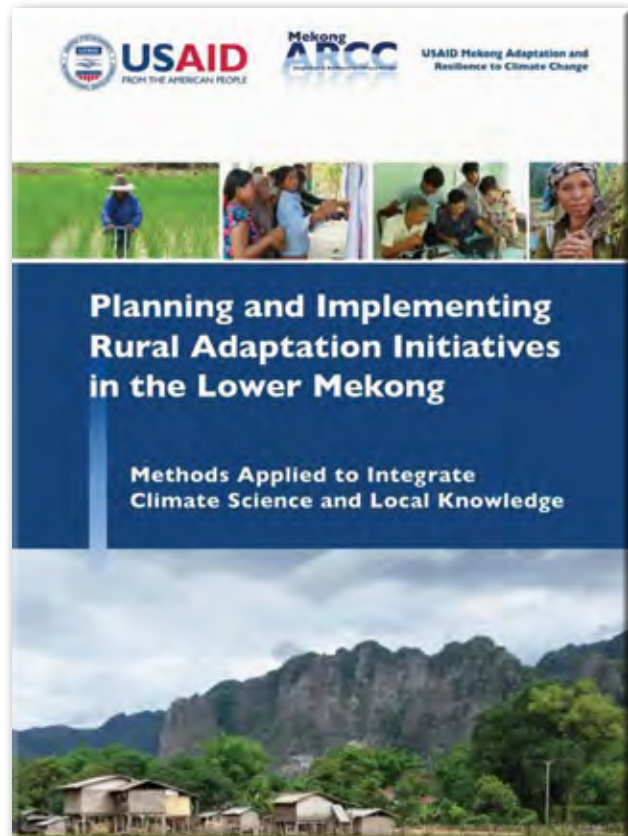
For more information, visit <http://www.hi-aware.org/index.php?id=186> and <http://www.icimod.org/?q=23816>

CCA INFORMATION RESOURCES AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

PUBLICATIONS

LEGACY REPORT: Planning and Implementing Rural Adaptation Initiatives in the Lower Mekong

July 2016 | Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, and Vietnam



USAID Mekong Adaptation & Resilience to Climate Change (ARCC) produced this report with two primary aims: first, to demonstrate an integrative process for combining climate science and community knowledge to support the development of climate change adaptation plans; and second, to present the adaptation strategies applied in target communities of the LMB along with lessons learned through their implementation and monitoring. The report should be useful to those working with communities on climate change adaptation including, but not limited to, non-governmental organizations, international aid organizations, government agencies, and research institutions.

To access the report, visit <http://mekongarcc.net/resource/legacy-report-planning-and-implementing-rural-adaptation-initiatives-lower-mekong>

OPPORTUNITIES

Job Vacancy at the Regional Resource Centre for Asia and the Pacific at the Asian Institute of Technology

Application Deadline: 30 August 2016

Position: Senior Programme Specialist - Adaptation

Duty Station: Bangkok, Thailand

Starting Date: As soon as possible

The Regional Resource Centre for Asia and the Pacific (RRC.AP) is looking for a qualified Senior Programme Specialist that will head the adaptation component of RRC.AP's Climate Change Cluster by overseeing its project implementation as well as leading its strategy and portfolio development and resource mobilization. The successful candidate will also provide technical inputs to the Cluster's climate change adaptation-related initiatives.

The expected qualifications for the position include: a postgraduate degree in Environmental Economics, Environmental Management, Natural Science or related fields; seven years of experience in application of scientific information in development programmes and policy-making in the field of climate change adaptation; demonstrated knowledge of adaptation and socio-economic issues in the Asia-Pacific region; and knowledge of climate financing.

For more information, visit the Job Announcement at <http://www.hro.ait.ac.th/job/show/396>





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