

Dear Colleagues,

Please find below periodic thematic digest on 'Mountain Climate Change', Issue 6 from the Asia Pacific Mountain Network (APMN).

Regards,

APMN team

News

[1] Glacial meltdown to bring floods, then drought

January 8, 2010

The glacial meltdown in Himalayas and Karakoram due to global warming will first bring in heavy floods in the river system in South Asia and China followed by drought like conditions. This was stated in the inaugural session of two day International Seminar on 'Impact of climate change on water resources and glaciers: concerns and challenges' organised by Department of Earth Sciences, Quaid-i-Azam University, Pakistan.

Source:

http://www.thenews.com.pk/daily_detail.asp?id=217482

OR

<http://bit.ly/63CmZr>

[2] Scientists call for greater regional cooperation to combat climate change

January 7, 2010

Climate scientists say regional governments need to include disaster management in their policies for coping with climate change.

The Asian Disaster Preparedness Center and the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change are drawing together scientists in Asia to both assess the risk of extreme weather and to find ways to reduce the damage it can cause.

Source:

<http://www1.voanews.com/english/news/environment/Scientists-Call-for-Greater-Regional-Cooperation-in-Efforts-to-Deal-With-Climate-Change-80902402.html>

OR

<http://bit.ly/7fDweu>

[3] Glacier at source of Yangtze River retreats

January 6, 2010

The glacier at the source of Yangtze River in China's southwest Qinghai-Tibet Plateau has retreated since 2004, said an official at Qinghai Provincial Center for Remote Sensing.

The glacier is located in the Geladaindong Mountain area in Mongolian-Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture of Haixi.

Source:

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2010-01/06/content_12766518.htm

OR

<http://bit.ly/5rrJJK>

[4] Japan studies climate change impacts on Annapurna Region, Nepal

January 6, 2010

A Japanese professor has started a study on the impacts of climate change on Annapurna region by establishing a station at Khopra, to the south of Mt Annapurna, in Myagdi district.

Meanwhile, Annapurna Conservation Area Project (ACAP) has also started a study on the changes in Mt Nilgiri and the surrounding including Chhemo Lake and Dhumba river.

Source:

http://www.myrepublica.com/portal/index.php?action=news_details&news_id=13760

OR

<http://bit.ly/6Tmjlm>

[5] Region shivers as temperature dips

January 5, 2009

Arctic conditions continued to prevail in the region on Monday with fog blanketing large swathes of land and intermittent rain in most parts plummeting mercury and affecting normal life. The chilling temperatures, though, spread cheer in the hospitality sector as tourists thronged popular destinations on hills, where it snowed for the second day in a row. While most parts of the western Himalayas witnessed scattered to widespread rain or snow, mild drizzle was reported in the northern plains.

Source:

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chandigarh/Region-shivers-as-temperature-dips/articleshow/5411615.cms>

OR

<http://bit.ly/5WZSLk>

[6] Peru's mountain people face fight for survival in a bitter winter

January 3, 2010

Climate change is bringing freezing temperatures to poor villages where families have long existed on the margins of survival. Now some must choose whether to save the animals that give them a living, or their children.

A consequence is that Quechua-speaking farmers and their families, who have managed to subsist for centuries at high altitude, believe they may not make it through the next southern winter.

Source:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/jan/03/peru-mountain-farmers-winter-cold>

OR

<http://bit.ly/4tQWD2>

[7] Climate report identifies Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal cities at grave risk

December 18, 2009

Khulna, the southern metropolis of Bangladesh, has been identified as one of the 15 most vulnerable cities under climate change impact.

The report 'Climate Change and the Urban Poor: Risk and resilience in 15 of the world's most vulnerable cities' published recently by International Institute for Development and Environment termed 12 cities from Africa and three from South Asia most vulnerable to climate change.

Source:

<http://www.asianewsnet.net/news.php?sec=1&id=9121>

OR

<http://bit.ly/8IUwQH>

Events

[1] 2010 International Conference on Environmental Science and Technology (ICEST 2010), 23 - 25 April 2010, Bangkok, Thailand

Abstract submission deadline: January 10, 2010

More at: <http://www.icest.org>

[2] Technical Conference on Changing Climate and Demands for Climate Services for Sustainable Development, 16 - 18 February 2010, Antalya, Turkey

More at: http://www.wmo.ch/pages/prog/wcrp/documents/Antalya_Flyer.pdf

[3] International Conference on Food Security and Climate Change in Dry Areas, 1- 4 February, 2010, Amman, Jordan

More at:

http://www.icarda.cgiar.org/Announcement/2009/IntlConfrnc_FoodSecurity/FoodSecurityAndClimateChangeInDryAreas_2009.htm

[4] 10th National Conference on Science, Policy and the Environment: The New Green Economy, 20 - 22 January 2010, Washington, USA

Contact: conference@ncseonline.org

More at: <http://ncseonline.org/conference/greeneconomy/>

Announcements

[1] Call for papers: Intersecting Climate Change and Development in Viet Nam: Negotiable Curve or Collision Course?

Paper submission deadline: January 31, 2010

More at:

<http://www.globalstudies.gu.se/english/newsandevents/conferences/EUROSEAS/Panels/Fortier/>

[2] Call for papers: RELP - A Journal of Renewable Energy Law and Policy

Abstract submission deadline: January 15, 2010

More at: <http://www.lexxion.de/relp-cfp>

[3] Call for papers: Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Bio- energy systems: Impacts of timing, issues of responsibility, 8 - 10 March 2010, Brussels, Belgium

Abstract Submission deadline: January 15, 2010

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Resources

[1] Tiempo Climate Newswatch: Gender and Climate Change in the Himalayas

Available at: <http://www.tiempocyberclimate.org/newswatch/report091218.htm>