

Dear Colleagues,

Please find below periodic thematic digest on 'Mountain climate change', Issue 14 (25 August 2010), prepared for members of Mountain Forum and Mountain Partnership network.

Regards,
Asia Pacific Mountain Network (APMN) team

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News

1. Peru's Indigenous People Spot Signs Of Climate Change in Killer Freeze

22 August 2010

Hundreds of people have died in the worst winter to hit Peru in nearly 50 years – and the people of the high Andes fear there is worse to come. With temperatures plunging to a deadly minus 240C, children and elderly people have literally died in their sleep because of the cold, poorly protected from the harsh elements by their mud and straw shacks.

Source: <http://bit.ly/cKXjzr>

2. Himalayan countries discuss roadmap to adapt to climate change

22 August 2010

Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, and Nepal on August 18 started a three-day high-level technical consultative meeting in Kathmandu, Nepal. Called 'Sacred Himalayas for Water, Livelihoods, and Bio-cultural Heritage', the expected outcome of the meeting will create a roadmap leading to the proposed 'Climate Summit for a Living Himalayas in Bhutan 2011'.

Source: <http://bit.ly/cWYJeS>

3. Rs 25,000 crore kitty for tackling climate change in India

21 August 2010

India is going to be affected "the most" by climate change but the government has made a provision for Rs 25,000 crore to mitigate its impact, environment minister Jairam Ramesh said.

Source: <http://bit.ly/cZeXtZ>

4. Farmers oppose EPA's proposed dust regulation

20 August 2010

American farmers have been ridiculing a proposal by U.S. regulators to reduce the amount of dust floating in rural air. The Environmental Protection Agency is looking to tighten standards for the amount of harmful particles in the air, facing opposition from U.S. farming groups who call it an unrealistic attempt to regulate dust.

Source: <http://bit.ly/9Rm1PQ>

5. The White House Federal Agencies Release Annual Climate Change Report Card, Worsen Drought Rain

20 August 2010

The White House issues annual report on effects of Climate Change. Among some of the effects are heavier down pours in the Midwest and East, more intense heat waves in the Northeast, changing migration patterns of butterflies in the West and melting snow packs. The effects are expected to worsen in coming years, affecting coastlines, forests, farms, floodplains, water and energy supplies and transportation.

Sources: <http://exm.nr/bMOJpy>

6. Camp for Climate Action Confronts Royal Bank of Scotland

19 August 2010

Several hundred climate change activists today established a camp near the Royal Bank of Scotland's global headquarters at Gogarburn west of Edinburgh.

Source: <http://bit.ly/93iVCp>

7. NASA image captures one of the warmest Julys on record

19 August 2010

The NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS) has found that the global average temperature of July 2010 was nearly 1 degree Fahrenheit (0.55 degrees Celsius) higher than average temperatures from July 1951-1980. In fact, this July was tied for the warmest on record with July 2005 and 1998.

Source: <http://bit.ly/dAu56j>

8. Indonesia Coral - Impacts of hotter water temperatures

19 August 2010

The Wildlife Conservation Society today released initial field observations that indicate that a dramatic rise in the surface temperature in Indonesian waters has resulted in a large-scale bleaching event that has devastated coral populations.

Source: <http://bit.ly/bSbOnG>

9. Climate meets in Switzerland to discuss long-term finance

19 August 2010

Ministers will meet in Switzerland next month to discuss crucial financing to curb the impact of global warming, ahead of the UN climate conference in Cancun, Swiss authorities said on Thursday.

Source: <http://bit.ly/aMlmtC>

10. Finland aims to build first ever green highway

19 August 2010

Finland wants to build the world's first "green highway," with service stations offering charging points for electric cars and pumps filled with local biofuels, the project manager said.

Source: <http://bit.ly/dxeg3a>

11. Warming trends may change global wine map

17 August 2010

Egon Müller, owner of the famed Scharzhof estate in Germany's Saar Valley, is elated because growers in cooler-climate regions like the Saar often struggle to achieve ripeness in their grapes, and warmer temperatures are helping.

Source: <http://bit.ly/a9H919>

12. Researchers see a positive side to climate change

16 August 2010

Local and international researchers and environmental experts are now predicting a positive side to climate change, apart from the devastating consequences caused by it on humanity.

Source: <http://bit.ly/9ON4b8>

13. Global warming: World's highest island glacier vanishing

16 August 2010

The glacier on Puncak Jaya in Papua, Indonesia, the Earth's highest island, is quickly melting away, giving geologists little time to extract ice core samples.

Source: <http://bit.ly/cOVUDc>

14. Massive coral mortality following bleaching in Indonesia

16 August 2010

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Source: <http://bit.ly/bSbOnG>

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Events

1. 29 September - 1 October 2010

Deltas in Times of Climate Change; Calls for Participation; Rotterdam, the NETHERLANDS

At the conference in Rotterdam researchers will exchange the latest scientific insights on topics such as flood risk management, salt water intrusion and governance. In addition, sessions will be organised by and for policy makers, senior political officials, the business community and practitioners.

Deadline: Rolling for participation (Abstracts submission closed)

More at: <http://bit.ly/9JASd4>

2. 21-27 November 2010

Transport in Mountains: An International Workshop; Kathmandu, NEPAL

This International workshop is a platform to share and exchange experiences of transport in mountainous terrain, to explore these controversies in depth, learning from one another and identifying viable solutions. The provision and maintenance of access in mountainous areas has long been the subject of public controversy. Some parts of society see transportation as modernisation, others see transport as a disturbance to fragile social and economic contexts, geology, hydrology, and ecology.

Deadline: 29 August 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/a1eOBg>

3. 11-14, October 2010

Science Centre in Promoting a Knowledge and Innovative Society for Sustained and Responsible Growth in Developing Countries; Call for papers; Kuala Lumpur, MALAYSIA

The nomination form should be completed in all respects and no column should be left blank. Applicants from Malaysia should however contact National Science Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The submitted application should contain an extended abstract of the paper to be presented in the Workshop.

Deadline: 10 September 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/bGQp1K>

4. 11-16, March 2011

Resilience 2011; Calls for abstracts; Arizona State University, USA

a conference that will bring together scientists from a broad spectrum of disciplinary backgrounds who are interested in the major science and policy challenges that face us all as a result of global change. The conference is organized around intellectual themes that aim to integrate knowledge from multiple perspectives.

Deadline: 15 October 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/bqXTPf>

5. 17-21, May 2011

Colorado Conference on Earth System Governance; Call for papers; Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado, USA

This conference is part of a global series organized by the Earth System Governance Project, a ten-year research program under the auspices of the International Human Dimensions Programme on Global Environmental Change (IHDP).

Deadline: 15 September 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/bXaNmh>

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Opportunities

1. Fellowships for Training Course on Climate Change Adaptation 2011

Training course on Climate Change Adaptation in Agriculture and Natural Resources Management by Wageningen UR Centre for Development Innovation, Netherlands will be held in East Africa from 28 February – 11 March 2011.

Deadline: 01 September 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/ankaZr>

2. UNEP Awards

UNEP is the United Nations system's designated entity for addressing environmental issues at the global and regional level. Its mandate is to coordinate the development of environmental policy consensus by keeping the global environment under review and bringing emerging issues to the attention of governments and the international community for action.

Deadline: 31 August 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/czDOY3>

3. Rothamsted International Fellowship Scheme for Developing Countries

Fellowships are open to mid-career scientists who wish to pursue strategic and applied research, learn new techniques or undertake other studies in the agricultural sciences and are entirely funded by donations from charitable trusts, foundations and individuals.

Deadline: 22 October 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/a5TxoC>

4. Erasmus Mundus Master in Rural Development Scholarships

The International Master of Science in Rural Development is a joint diploma issued by four European universities. As the academic year 2011-2012 it will be awarded by the 6 European partner institutes. It is fully based on the ECTS system and accompanied by a diploma supplement that adds additional information on evaluation systems, the course curriculum of the students and the ECTS system.

Deadline: 31 December 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/c3isxn>

5. US State Dept Tibetan Scholarship Program 2010

Since there were only 13 candidates qualified for the interview from the previous selection, the High Level Scholarship Committee in consultation with The Tibet Fund, New York has finally resolved to make a supplementary announcement for this scholarship in order to maximize the utilization of seats allotted by the US State Department and to avoid its further wastage.

Deadline: 25 August 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/aZZvJW>

6. Reserve Bank of India Executive Internship for Nepalese – Aug2010

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is inviting applications for the post mentioned below on contract basis in Reserve Bank of India (RBI/Bank) from Indian citizens, citizens of Nepal and subjects of Bhutan, Tibetan refugees (who came over to India).

Deadline: 30 August 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/azqTtT>

7. Climate Change and Development Short Course: University of East Anglia, UK

To ensure participants have a full grounding in climate change issues the course incorporates expert sessions on climate science, climate change mitigation and international mechanisms/negotiations relating to climate change. Key emphasis is then placed on vulnerability and adaptation in the context of poverty reduction – exploring what climate change implies in terms of impacts and vulnerability in developing countries, and how to go about building resilience and adaptive capacity. at all scales.

Deadline: Rolling

More at: <http://bit.ly/bnGoTw>

8. Six Vacancies at ICIMOD

Project Secretary, Senior Hydrologist, Team Leader - Rangeland Resources Management/Rangeland Specialist, Regional Database Expert, Assistant Project Coordinator and [Director of Programme Operations \(DPO\)](#).

More at: <http://bit.ly/aSjSJN>

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Organisations working in Mountain Climate Change

1. Pew Center on Global Climate Change

The Pew Center on Global Climate Change brings a new cooperative approach and critical scientific, economic and technological expertise to the global debate on climate change.

URL: <http://bit.ly/d2KjhX>

2. Earth System Research Laboratory

Identifies the nature and causes of climate variations on scales ranging from months to centuries.

URL: <http://bit.ly/bd2Y2s>

3. Hadley Centre for Climate Prediction and Research

Provides the UK government with up-to-date assessments of both natural and man-made climate change.

URL: <http://bit.ly/dDo2wa>

4. Climate Prediction Center

Assess and forecast the impacts of short-term climate variability, emphasizing enhanced risks of weather-related extreme events, for use in mitigating losses and maximizing economic gains.

URL: <http://bit.ly/dd3UAe>

5. Climate Trust

Carbon dioxide offset projects and greenhouse gas programs. "Your path to a stable climate."

URL: <http://bit.ly/cvx6iQ>

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Resources

1. Vijayaprakash, V.; and Ansari, AS; (2009); Climate change and vegetation shift of *Abies spectabilis* D.Don in the tree line areas of Gwang Kharqa in Sankhuwasava district of Eastern Nepal; University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

URL: <http://bit.ly/bPA3hh>

2. Mountain Consult - Professional trekking & expedition guides & support services

URL: <http://bit.ly/dcYkHn>

3. Climate Change Disasters: Are These Events Of 'Global Weirding' Related To Global Warming?
Climate Himalaya Initiative

URL: <http://bit.ly/9K1VKP>

4. Clean Energy News & Events

URL: <http://bit.ly/aqwy6E>

5. Lilienfeld R ;(2010); Going Green at School Starts at Home

URL: <http://bit.ly/b2xNHL>

6. Climate Change Responsible for Floods; Climate Himalaya Initiative; 23 August 2010

URL: <http://bit.ly/bgT117>

7. Business Continuity and Climate Change (Part 1)

URL: <http://bit.ly/boexe6>

8. Sethness, J; Atmospheric Dialectics: A Critical Theory of Climate Change, 20 august 2010

URL: <http://bit.ly/a6AGZR>

9. Papers on primary production and climate change

URL: <http://bit.ly/c7gSzF>

10. Climate Change Solutions

URL: <http://bit.ly/a0phag>

11. Climate Change Research Library

URL: <http://bit.ly/beedhE>

12. CO2 Science Magazine

URL: <http://bit.ly/akCiVv>

13. Electric vehicles for Sustainable Transport

URL: <http://bit.ly/aqWooJ>

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