

Dear Colleagues,

Please find below periodic thematic digest on 'Mountain Climate Change', Issue 18 (11 January 2011), prepared for members of Mountain Forum and Mountain Partnership network.

Regards,
Asia Pacific Mountain Network (APMN) team

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News from Regional Member Countries (RMCs)

1. Nepal: 11 Hour Blackouts as Climate Change Dries up Its Rivers

05 January 2011

This reduces dry season flows formerly fed by gradual melt water throughout the spring and summer. Now river flow from glacier melt is much more unstable throughout the year, putting at risk both hydro power and agriculture. As glaciers melt, new glacial lakes are forming and overflowing making the flow erratic and unpredictable.

Source: <http://reut.rs/fnN9R8>

2. Nepal: PM lauds progress of Climate Change Council

31 December 2010

The sixth meeting of the Climate Change Council under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal endorsed a document on Climate Change National Policy 2067 on Tuesday. The meeting concentrated on the implementation of the decision of its fifth meeting, Cancun convention on the climate change declaration, implementation of National Adaptation Program of Action (NAPA) to climate and the policy 2067 among its six agendas.

Source: <http://bit.ly/ffr1TL>

3. China: likely bright spot in Asia climate action

31 December 2010

Across the region, China, India, Japan, South Korea, Australia and Taiwan are working on myriad policy steps to put a price on carbon emissions, drive more investment in solar and wind as well as greater energy efficiency.

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

4. India: Dry weather affects apple farming in Kullu in Himanchal Pradesh

27 December 2010

The apple farming and other fruits in Himachal Pradesh's Kullu district are deteriorating due to intense dry cold wave in the region. The bad climatic change in Himalayan region due to global warming has resulted in less rain and snowfall.

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

5. Bangladesh: Destitute climate migrants seen heaping pressure on neighbors

09 December 2010

Bangladesh, already four times more crowded than neighboring India, could lose 20 percent of its land to sea level rise over the next 90 years, displacing 20 to 25 million people, scientists predict.

Source: <http://bit.ly/ffd18K>

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Global News

1. EU will exceed renewable energy goal of 20 percent by 2020

07 January 2011

The EU 27 will exceed its target of meeting 20 % of its gross final energy consumption from renewable sources by 2020. Today the European Wind Energy Association published its analysis of the 27 National Renewable Energy Action Plans, submitted by the EU Member States to the European Commission.

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

2. Australian government reveals draft carbon farming plan

05 January 2011

The Australian Federal Government on Tuesday released draft legislation for its carbon farming initiative. The scheme will allow farmers, land holders and forest growers to help reducing carbon pollution through a range of activities.

Source: <http://bit.ly/fSr7kc>

3. Finland's largest wind power station starts test run

31 December 2010

Finland's largest wind power station has started test running in Tornio in northern Finland and will start commercial operation at the beginning of 2011. The new wind power station was constructed by Finland's Rajakiiri Company at the onshore area in Tornio. Having installed eight Siemens wind turbines rated at 3.6 megawatts each, the power station will most likely produce 85,000 megawatt hours per year, which would be enough to power about 5,000 households.

Source: <http://bit.ly/fWU51V>

4. Ugandans plant and innovate to fight effects of climate change

13 December 2010

On the slopes of Mount Elgon in eastern Uganda, residents are fighting back against the effects of climate change, trying to avert a repeat of landslides that washed away three villages and displaced thousands earlier this year.

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

5. December was the coldest in 100 years in UK

05 December 2011

The country shivered as temperatures averaged minus 1 degree Celsius, well below the long-term average of 4.2 degrees, and colder than the previous record for the month of 0.1 degrees hit in 1981.

Source: <http://reut.rs/fgM8St>

6. Two thirds of states seen highly vulnerable to climate change by 2030

03 December 2010

Around two thirds of countries will become highly vulnerable to climate change by 2030, unless efforts to tackle global warming are stepped up fast, according to an international index launched on Friday.

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

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Events

1. 10-13, April 2011

1st International Conference on Clean Energy; Call for posters, Dalian, CHINA

This 1st International Conference on Clean Energy offers a unique opportunity for international researchers to discuss the latest developments in clean energy and energy storage research, and the fundamental issues surrounding the scientific challenges faced ahead.

Deadline: 31 January 2011

Contact: Hongmei Peng, chinanano2009@nanoctr.cn

Event website: <http://bit.ly/f9RafI>

2. 01 February 2011

Workshop: Water Demand Management in a Changing Climate; Call for participation, Birmingham, UK

CCN Workshop in the Water Scarcity Focus Area will focus on demand management. The demand for water is a fundamental control on strategic planning and investment by every water company.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: R Alcock

Event website: <http://bit.ly/f3p1Dj>

3. 18-19, May 2011

Economics of Adaptation to Climate Change in Low-Income Countries; Washington DC, USA

The conference will focus on autonomous adaptation, policy-making given deep uncertainty, and case studies of adaptation in low-income countries.

Deadline: 31 January 2011

Contact: Elliott School of International Affairs, GWU 1957 E Street, NWadaptation@gwu.edu

Event website: <http://bit.ly/dPHwB8>

4. 04-08, April 2011

Greenhouse 2011 The science of climate change, Call for participation, Queensland, Australia
The latest in the influential GREENHOUSE conference series, GREENHOUSE 2011 will focus on the science of climate change.

Deadline: (abstracts closed) Participation - 21 January 2011

Contact: Mr Paul Holper, Paul.Holper@csiro.au, Ph: +61 3 9239 4661, Fax: +61 3 9239 4444

Event website: <http://bit.ly/dJDeCY>

5. 19-21, May 2011

Revisiting the Socio-Political and Technological Dimensions of Climate Change, Call for participation, Preston, UK

UCLan Confucius Institute and the Centre for Sustainable Development are organizing an international conference entitled "Revisiting the Socio-Political and Technological Dimensions of Climate Change".

Deadline: (Papers closed), Rolling for participation

Contact: CGermond-duret@uclan.ac.uk, Tel: +44 (0)1772 201 201

Event website: <http://bit.ly/hkQh4p>

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Opportunities

1. Jobs and Internships Available on Grizzly Bear Research Project in Montana

The 34,000 km² study area is extremely diverse, ranging from remote, mountainous areas, to managed timber and agricultural lands, to native prairies. Land ownership and management are equally diverse, include national park, national and state forests, Native American reservations, corporate timber, non-government organizations, and private lands.

Deadline: Forest Service applications must be received by March 1, 2011. University bio-tech and internship applications must be received by March 12, 2011.

Contact: beardnjobs@usgs.gov

More at: <http://bit.ly/hbQL0S>

2. Vacancy: Glaciologist, ICIMOD, Nepal

The candidate is expected to have a post graduate academic degree, preferably a PhD, in Glaciology with ten years of varied experience in Glaciology, Glacial hydrology and modelling.

Deadline: 20 January 2011

Contact: HRD Officer, ICIMOD, GPO Box 3226, Kathmandu, Nepal, hrd@icimod.org

More at: <http://bit.ly/geeP5g>

3. Pre-Doctoral Fellowship

The CCAPS pre-doctoral fellowship program aims to stimulate the development of the next generation of researchers and thought leaders on the topic of climate change and political stability in Africa.

Deadline: 15 February 2011

Contact: ccaps@strausscenter.org, CCAPS Pre-doctoral Fellowship Program, Climate Change and African Political Stability Program, Robert S. Strauss Center for International Security and Law, The University of Texas at Austin, 2315 Red River Street, PO Box Y Austin, Texas 78712 USA

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

4. HHMI International Early Career Scientist Grants

The International Early Career Scientist Program will support up to 35 outstanding scientists working in selected countries outside the United States who are, or have the potential to become, scientific leaders. Five-year basic biomedical research grant: \$250,000 in Year 1; \$100,000 each subsequent year.

Deadline: 22 February 2011

Contact: IECS@hhmi.org

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

5. Recruitment of Researchers for the Fifth Phase Strategic Research Programme of IGES

The Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) conducts interdisciplinary policy research to support sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region.

Deadline: 14 January 2011

Contact: Ms. Oride, IGES Headquarters, recruit-governancecapacity@iges.or.jp

More at: <http://bit.ly/gV0g7d>

6. IGES Internship for the first half of FY2011

IGES is recruiting research interns for the summer 2011 period (as stipulated in our Charter of Establishment) with the aim of promoting understanding of its strategic research. IGES internships offer an opportunity to gain on-site work experience, and are aimed at those who wish to play a part in interdisciplinary policy research toward sustainable development in the Asia Pacific region.

Deadline: 31 January 2011

Contact: iges-firsttermintern2011@iges.or.jp

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

7. Emergencies and conflict advisor, Asia

ActionAid has an exciting career opportunity for an Emergency and Conflict Advisor for the Asia Region. The objective of this role is to provide technical support, and fundraise for the operationalisation of high quality long term emergency preparedness and response and climate change adaptation programming in counties aligned as well as to build on work taking place in countries assigned to inform direct policy work in the region in relation to long term emergency response.

Deadline: 15 January 2011

Contact: job.asia@actionaid.org

More at: <http://bit.ly/eg6su2>

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Organisations working on Mountain Climate Change

1. Climate Institute, USA

The Climate Institute is a nongovernmental organisation dedicated to informing key decision makers of climate change, and identifying practical ways to reduce emissions, in both the developed and developing world.

URL: <http://bit.ly/el2Byx>

2. Climate Change Network, Nepal

Climate Change Network Nepal (CCNN) is a semi formal network established in 2003 by a group of seven organizations interested in and working on climate change related issues in Nepal. The main objective of the network was to lobby for ratification of the Kyoto Protocol by the Government of Nepal and raise awareness on climate change related issues.

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

3. Climate change organisation, Singapore

At Climate Change Organisation, we weave the loose threads of different segments of the interest groups, public and private bodies, international agencies and any other vested parties along the value chain to create a single touch base platform for dialogue, research, resource, education and alliance.

URL: <http://bit.ly/fyI8BW>

4. Beyond Zero Emissions, Australia

It is a not-for-profit climate change campaign centre founded by Matthew Wright and Adrian Whitehead. An editorial,[1] by Matthew Wright was published on the Australian Broadcasting Corporations's editorial website Unleashed.

URL: <http://bit.ly/hTj2rB>

5. Global Atmosphere Watch

The Global Atmosphere Watch (GAW) is a worldwide system established by the World Meteorological Organization – a United Nations agency – to monitor trends in the Earth's atmosphere. It arose out of concerns for the state of the atmosphere in the 1960s.

URL: <http://bit.ly/h6IEWw>

6. World Glacier Monitoring Service, Switzerland

The World Glacier Monitoring Service (WGMS) was started in 1986, combining the two former services PSFG (Permanent Service on Fluctuations of Glaciers) and TTS/WGI (Temporal Technical Secretary/World Glacier Inventory).

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

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Resources

1. High mountain glaciers and climate change - Challenges to human livelihoods and adaptation

URL: <http://bit.ly/fI9cdk>

2. Arab Environment: Climate Change: impact of climate change on Arab countries

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

3. Climate Change: India's Perceptions, Positions, Policies and Possibilities

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

4. Vulnerability and Adaptation of Climate Change in India

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

5. **ClimateConcern - an unmoderated worldwide interactive emailing forum for scientific and policy debate, collaboration, networking on global climate change issues**
URL: <http://yhoo.it/eSGJQ6>
6. **NASA Global Change Master Directory**
URL: <http://bit.ly/iaB4Ye>
7. **Climate Change and Development Centre Pioneering research and knowledge partnerships for development in a changing climate**
URL: <http://bit.ly/gWA905>
8. **The ultimate climate change FAQ + Climate change**
URL: <http://bit.ly/fiXoIS>
9. **Development and Climate Change in Nepal, Climate change network Nepal**
URL: <http://bit.ly/dMAGfW>
10. **Unveiling the links between ICTs & climate change in developing countries: a scoping study**
URL: <http://bit.ly/g7p1Cm>
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