

Dear Colleagues,

Please find below periodic thematic digest on 'Mountain Climate Change', Issue 19 (15 February 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. Pakistan: UN praises Pakistan for climate change efforts

08 February 2011

A UN official on Tuesday praised Pakistan, which is still reeling from catastrophic floods, for its voluntary efforts towards reducing the emissions responsible for climate change.

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

2. Myanmar: Climate change complicating malaria fight

07 February 2011

Deforestation and climate change have intensified the threat of malaria; bringing malaria-carrying mosquitoes closer to cities and into other previously malaria-free areas. Dr Chit Soe, a project adviser to the Quality Diagnosis and Standard Treatment of Malaria (QDSTM), said research showed changes to the environment had affected patterns of infection.

Source: <http://bit.ly/fEqB77>

3. Bhutan: 4 Himalayan Nations Working on Climate Change Adaptation Plans

01 February 2011

Governments of four Eastern Himalayan states announced plans today that will lead to the development of a unified climate change adaptation plan for the mountainous region. Delegates from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal met in Thimphu on January 27 and 28 to start planning 10-year national and regional adaptation frameworks that will be tabled later this year.

Source: <http://bit.ly/h2LAEc>

4. China: \$20b deals take clean energy cooperation to practical levels

27 January 2011

The recently announced \$20 billion deals on clean energy between China and the United States have brought collaboration between the two countries to the next level, boosting closer ties on green technology, experts said.

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

5. China: Tibet to build up comprehensive energy system in next 5 years

26 January 2011

In the 12th Five-Year Plan period (2011-2015), Tibet Autonomous Region will build up a stable, safe, economical and sustainable comprehensive energy system predominated by hydroelectric power and supplemented by oil gas and new energy.

Source: <http://bit.ly/dIJ9Wj>

6. Nepal: Climate change mitigation strategy for Nepal to maximise benefits

25 January 2011

As the carbon trading policy under the Kyoto Protocol is already in place and is also likely to be adopted after 2012, the first priority of Nepal should be realizing maximum benefits from potential carbon projects before the NAMA enters into force and adopted by the country.

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

7. Bhutan to monitor health hazards related to climate change

15 January 2011

Funded by the Global Environmental Facility (GEF), the project is the first ever to work on planning, implementing and monitoring adaptation measures to protect human health against climate change. It will also strengthen the national capacity to identify and prevent adverse climate change related outcomes in Bhutan.

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

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Global News

1. The Netherlands: International climate financing needs increase significantly to limit global temperature increase to 2°C

09 February 2011

A new paper by Ecofys provides suggestions for progress in international climate financing towards a 2°C stabilisation pathway. The international community should build on the new pragmatism demonstrated at the climate conference in Cancún December 2010 and move quickly. It should use limited public resources efficiently as well as carbon markets in order to leverage private sector green investments.

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

2. Kenya: Kenyan Carbon project earns first-ever voluntary REDD Credits

08 February 2011

The US-based conservation consultancy Wildlife Works Carbon won the race to issue the world's first offset credits for the voluntary carbon market from a project designed to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD).

Source: <http://bit.ly/hZ9hrT>

3. UK: A renewable energy system around the globe by 2050

03 February 2011

A fully sustainable and renewable global energy system is possible by 2050. The Energy Report that was published today by Ecofys and WWF is the first to demonstrate the feasibility of such ambitions across the whole planet. "We can do this by using and improving the technologies that are already at hand," says Manon Janssen, CEO of Ecofys.

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

4. Norway: Copenhagen climate deal gets low-key endorsement

01 February 2011

Experts say their promised curbs on greenhouse gas emissions by 2020 are too small so far to meet the accord's key goal of limiting global warming to less than 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 Fahrenheit) above pre-industrial times.

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

5. USA: States take lead in efforts to fight climate change

23 January 2011

States are increasingly adopting stricter, energy-saving building codes, spending more money (partly federal) on energy efficiency and prodding big polluters to cut heat-trapping emissions.

Source: <http://usat.ly/hcUVB5>

6. Kenya: Mountain species at risk in climate change

21 January 2011

Changes both man-made and natural have sent populations of birds in Kenya's highlands plummeting, and much conservation says they fear some may not recover. Some scientists predict a 20 percent to 30 percent species loss if temperatures rise by 3.6 to 5.4 degrees Fahrenheit, and if some of the more extreme warming predictions come to pass the loss rate could approach 50 percent, a United Nations climate change panel says.

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

7. USA: Carbon Capture and Storage Can Help Reduce California GHG Emissions

20 January 2011

An independent review panel concluded in a recent report that Californians would benefit from long-term geologic storage of carbon dioxide to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) Review Panel, formed last year by three state agencies - the California Energy Commission, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the California Air Resources Board (ARB) - presented its findings and recommendations in their January 2011 final report.

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

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Events

1. 23-28, May 2011

South Asian Youth Conference 2011, Bangalore, INDIA

The SAYC is a collaborative endeavour and requires support from every possible organization in every possible manner. The proposed theme of the summit is 'Peace'. It's clearly a regional priority and an area where youth can actively participate.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: applications@sayc2011.org

Event website: <http://bit.ly/huB3fs>

2. 28-29 April 2011

International Climate Policy Ph.D. Workshop in Cologne; Call for Papers, Germany

The 22nd Ph.D. Workshop on International Climate Policy (ICP) will take place on 28-29 April 2011 at Ecofys Germany in Cologne, Germany. The workshop will not only focus on climate economics, but on policy and energy related topics as well.

Deadline: 21 February 2011

Contact: Kjell Bettgenhäuser, 22icpworkshop@ecofys.com

Event website: <http://bit.ly/f3TxCw>

3. 18-22, June 2011

2011 AESOP PhD Workshop, Call for Papers, Czech Republic

The workshop opens for 32 PhD students as an intensive course to support the development of their PhD studies. The workshop is a mixture of small intensive working groups and supporting plenary sessions with keynote lectures from prof. Maros Finka, prof. Karel Maier, prof. Vincent Nadin, and prof. Bruce Stiftel.

Deadline: 28th February 2011

Contact: Mr Karachalis Nicholas, Regional Development Institute, Panteion University of Athens

Event website: <http://bit.ly/gz9ajZ>

4. 25 April 2011

International Symposium on Global Climate Change, Environment and Energy: Global Challenges to Global Stability; Call for papers, Istanbul, TURKEY

Istanbul Aydın University Energy Politics and Markets Research Center (EPPAM) aims to contribute energy policy making and development process in Turkey through conducting researches on energy politics and markets, following developments and researches on energy politics and markets, and also training experts in this area. Main areas are energy politics, energy economy and energy law.

Deadline: 14 February 2011

Contact: ces@aydin.edu.tr

Event website: <http://bit.ly/h4mzky>

5. 14 October 2011

Climate Summit for a Living Himalayas Bhutan 2011, Bhutan

The Summit is being supported by WWF, MacArthur, ICIMOD, FAO, UNDP and IFAD.

Contact: Tashi Jamtsho, csummit2011@gmail.com, Phone: +975 17112030

Event website: <http://bit.ly/e4wDGL>

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Opportunities

1. Seed Grant Program for Nepal, Call for proposals

This Request for Proposals (RFP) will fund proposals for innovative, systems-based scientific research, capacity building, and institutional strengthening to improve the livelihoods of livestock producers and increase the resilience of livestock systems in Nepal in the face of climate variability and long-term climate change.

Deadline: 07 March 2011

Contact: Ph: 970.297.5060 Fax: 970.297.4321 csucrsp@http://bit.ly/hqk2IO

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

2. International Fellowship in Graduate Research for Adapting Livestock Systems to Climate Change

Awards will be given to both M.S. and Ph.D. students through their host institutions, pending available funds, with the majority for M.S. students studying in their home country or region. Ph.D. awards may also be given for study in the home country, region, or in the U.S. Selected fellows must be students from Ethiopia, Kenya, Mali, Senegal, Nepal, or Tajikistan in order to build capacity in these countries.

Deadline: 31 March 2011

Contact: Colorado State University Campus Tel- 970.297.5060 Fax- 970.297.4321
ucrsp@colostate.edu

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

3. Vacancy: Field Director, North America Climate Change Field Center

Earthwatch is seeking a Field Director to lead Earthwatch programs at the NARCC, to close out the final year of the HSBC Climate Partnership (HCP), as well as to participate in strategy for the continuation of NARCC activities beyond HCP funding. Due to limited time and financial resources we are only able to accept applicants who are already eligible to work in the United States.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: hr@earthwatch.org; fax- 978-897-0935

More at: <http://bit.ly/gDHtH5>

4. MSc in Carbon Finance at University of Edinburgh Business School Edinburgh, UK

Applicants with some work experience are particularly encouraged to apply. Three scholarships, each worth £8,000, have been donated specifically for this programme (in addition to various non-programme-specific scholarships).

Deadline: 31 May 2011

Contact: Francisco Ascui, Francisco.Ascui@ed.ac.uk

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

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Organisations working on Mountain Climate Change

1. Climate Action Volunteers- Biratnagar-11 Nepal

Youth led research and community based organisation uniting action for tackling climate change and assists the population at risk through adaptation approaches on health, agriculture and environmental disasters together by awaking people and protecting environment.

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

2. Leadership of Environment and Development-India

LEAD is an International non-profit organization with an ever growing network of sustainable development leaders spread in more than 90 countries all over the world.

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

3. Western Regional Climate Center, USA

Projects and resources dealing with the climate and weather in the Western United States.

URL: <http://bit.ly/go9Dmv>

4. ClimateScienceWatch, USA

Nonprofit public interest education and advocacy project dedicated to holding public officials accountable for the integrity and effectiveness with which they use climate science and related research in government policymaking.

URL: <http://bit.ly/hQa2gr>

5. 350.org, USA

350. Org is a global grassroots campaign to stop the climate crisis, and to create a new sense of urgency and of possibility for our planet.

URL: <http://bit.ly/cfG82Y>

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Resources

1. Climate Change in the Western Ghat Mountains: Impact and Adaptation by S P Anandan

URL: <http://bit.ly/i6lqqA>

2. No Regrets: Maintaining Forests for Adaptation and Mitigation by Frances Seymour, CIFOR

URL: <http://bit.ly/eMUVQ8>

3. Climate change in mountain regions

URL: <http://bit.ly/hgnd8v>

4. Climate change and mountain environments:

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

5. 2010 in review: The year climate coverage 'fell off the map.' The Daily Climate

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

6. Mountain Initiative for Climate Change: The Mountain Initiative for Climate Change Adaptation in Mountain Regions was initiated by the Government of Nepal. ICIMOD is providing technical support.

URL: <http://bit.ly/hcgn2C>

7. World Climate Research Programme: Develop the fundamental scientific understanding of the physical climate system and climate processes needed to determine to what extent climate can be predicted and the extent of man's influence on climate.

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

- 8. Global Climate Change Student Guide: a comprehensive work for geology, geography and environmental science students studying climate change**

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

- 9. Nature: This popular weekly journal covers a variety of scientific areas, including climate change and other environmental issues.**

URL: <http://bit.ly/gj0qJ0>

- 10. Climate Institute: Working to "to protect the balance between climate and life on earth."**

URL: <http://bit.ly/d82kBj>

- 11. BBC News: Global Climate Change: News site exploring the issues, impact, and politics behind global warming.**

URL: <http://bit.ly/fOy4v4>

Climate Change Newsletters:

- 12. Rocky Mountain Climate Organisation's Newsletter**

URL: <http://bit.ly/f98aFc>

- 13. Climate campaign newsletter: Issue 40 - December 2010 - Cancun special**

URL: <http://bit.ly/hJltu8>

- 14. ClimateChangeCorp Climate News for Business**

URL: <http://bit.ly/i41We0>

- 15. Transportation and Climate Change Newsletter Prepared by the Office of Planning, Environment and Realty, US department of transportation**

URL: <http://bit.ly/gVc4T2>

- 16. Schroder ISF: Global Climate Change Equity Monthly Newsletter January 2011**

URL: <http://bit.ly/eM7AMI>

- 17. MENA Climate Change Newsletter**

URL: <http://bit.ly/fcdL4S>

- 18. The South Pacific Sea Level and Climate Change Newsletter**

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

- 19. Newsletter: Adapt to Climate Change: GTZ Climate Protection Programme**

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

- 20. Quarterly Newsletter 3 – January 2011; Comprehensive Modelling of the Earth System for Better Climate Prediction and Projection**

URL: <http://bit.ly/i21x6k>

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