

Dear Colleagues,

Please find below periodic thematic digest on 'Water and Hazard', Issue 18 (24 December 2010), 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. **MYANMAR: Food worries for cyclone survivors**
21 December 2010
An estimated 86,000 farming households and 7,500 fishing households were left food-insecure, the UN Development Programme said. According to the World Food Programme (WFP), some 200,000 people need food assistance in the worst-affected townships of Myebon, Kyaukphyu, Pauktaw and Minbya.
Source: <http://bit.ly/fhH6qT>

2. **Boat sinking leaves 37 dead in Bangladesh**
20 December 2010
Rescuers searched for survivors yesterday after an overcrowded boat carrying around 150 people capsized on a river in northeastern Bangladesh leaving at least 37 dead, all of them women and children.
Source: <http://bit.ly/i0LKOv>

3. **Water Accounting Training as a part of Building Capacities to Implement Payment for Environmental Services in Bhutan**
16 December 2010
The Watershed Management Division in collaboration with RNR-RC Yusipang, with technical assistance from FAO and financial assistance from IFAD, organized training on water accounting/assessment for duration of six days at Paro starting from 26th November till 2nd December, 2010. The training was part of the ongoing FAO work in Building Capacities to Implement PES (Payment for Environmental Services) in Bhutan.
Source: <http://bit.ly/hpEiCE>

4. **China aids Pakistan post-disaster reconstruction**
14 December 2010
China pledged a total of \$250 million to Pakistan after the floods hit the South Asian country. Floods in July and August hit one-fifth of Pakistan, affecting 20 million people and destroying more than 2.2 million hectares of crops and 1.7 million homes. The flooding also destroyed infrastructure. Wen will visit

Pakistan from Dec 17 to 19 at the invitation of Pakistani Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani. Wen will meet Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari during his visit.

Source: <http://bit.ly/edo9hO>

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Global News

1. France to help Indonesia replace its disaster warning system

21 Dec 2010

France will lend Indonesia 30.3 million Euro to help the Public Meteorology Center replace their disaster warning system as part of an agreement on strengthening climate and weather services capacity. According to VIVAnews, the loan will also facilitate the improvement of operational systems and the adoption of international standards.

Source: <http://bit.ly/hVr4FX>

2. Indonesia: PMI Establishes Disaster-Alert School

21 December 2010

The Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) in Central Java will provide disaster-alert training at schools in the area, Muhammad Nasir, Central Java's PMI spokesperson told Tempo yesterday.

Source: <http://bit.ly/grHI2F>

3. ADB to Improve Land, Sea, and Air Infrastructure in Solomon Islands

21 December 2010

ADB will help Solomon Islands upgrade its land, sea, and air transport infrastructure to support economic activities and social service delivery.

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

4. Hexavalent chromium: chemical found in drinking water of 31 US cities

20 December 2010

The findings were released Monday by the Environmental Working Group, which used laboratory tests. It found the highest concentrations of hexavalent chromium, also known as chromium 6, in the drinking water in Norman, Okla.; Honolulu; and Riverside, Calif. Levels ranged from 12.9 parts per billion in Norman to 0.03 ppb in Cincinnati and Boston.

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

5. Virgin Islands to install 10 tsunami warning sirens by March

20 December 2010

The Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency (VITEMA) chose initial siren sites with high population concentrations in low-lying areas that are at risk for tsunamis, in St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John, for implementing a system which will sound automatically if a tsunami warning is generated by the Alaska Tsunami Warning Center or the Puerto Rico Seismic Network.

Source: <http://bit.ly/e6Cwvj>

6. Sri Lanka: Priority for disaster mitigation rather than relief

19 December 2010

Sri Lanka's new Cabinet Minister in charge of Disaster Management, Mahinda Amaraweera, said in an interview with the Sunday Observer that his Ministry will focus more on disaster mitigation rather than planning to provide relief for flood victims.

Source: <http://bit.ly/e3w3HO>

7. Vietnam: More extreme weather on the way

18 December 2010

Experts call Vietnam for better preparedness and timely and effective early warnings, and warn that storms will get worse and more erratic as a result of climate change. According to the GlobalPost, they urge the country to adapt or face increased losses of agriculture, infrastructure and overall gross domestic product due to severe, erratic weather occurrences such as floods, drought and sea level rise.

Source: <http://bit.ly/fAg4TA>

8. Philippines: Local Government Unit commits to be resilient to disasters

17 December 2010

The Local Government Unit (LGU) of Saint Bernard celebrated its LGU days in a new and significant manner contrary to the usual celebration conducted years back, Jane Araneta, Municipal Tourism Officer of the municipality disclosed in a report sent to PIA.

Source: <http://bit.ly/h235dO>

9. Haiti to improve quake preparedness

13 December 2010

Nearly a year after the magnitude 7.0 earthquake struck Haiti, the country's first seismologists training is to run a seismic network, reports NatureNews. "Aid agencies usually focus on response. It's a new thing to spend money on prevention and mitigation," Eric Calais of Purdue University says.

Source: <http://bit.ly/hNP Ae8>

10. Thailand: Disaster prevention tops agenda

09 December 2010

After the massive floods that affected over three million families and caused losses of around 30 billion baht, Finance Minister Korn Chatikavanij has stressed the urgent need for prevention programmes in the country, reports the Bangkok Post.

Source: <http://bit.ly/feM88B>

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Events

1. 17-18, May 2011

SWAN 2011: The Annual Smart Water Network Conference, Paris, FRANCE

The Smart Water Networks Conference brings together leaders and innovators from around the globe to discuss the opportunities, challenges and next steps in promoting the vision of Smart Water Networks.

Deadline: 28 February 2010

Contact: swan2011@swan-forum.com

Event website: <http://bit.ly/gDf75W>

2. 08-10, January 2011

3rd International conference on water and flood management, Dhaka, BANGLADESH

Registration fee for participants covers registration materials, inaugural ceremony, tea/coffee and lunch during conference, conference proceedings, technical visit and closing dinner. Up to two authors can register for one paper.

Deadline:

Contact: icwfm2011@iwfm.buet.ac.bd

Event website: <http://bit.ly/e1Khlu>

3. 24 -25, January 2011

DESALINATION O&M 2011, Abu Dhabi, UAE

You simply cannot afford to miss the ONE conference your peers, colleagues—and competitors—will be attending alongside the heavyweights of the water industry. Join us at our inaugural Desalination O&M 2011 conference for an unparalleled learning and networking opportunity.

Deadline: NA

Contact: Registrations@c5-online.com, Tel- +44 (0)20 7878 6888

Event website: <http://bit.ly/f6l3uE>

4. 26-28, January 2011

Livelihoods and disaster risk reduction Caribbean workshop, CHILE

The regional workshop will aim at sharing experiences, discussing problems and exchanging good practices of DRR and small-scale agriculture integration.

Deadline: Rolling for participation

Contact: Maurizio Mascia, mmascia@oxfam.org.uk

Event website: <http://bit.ly/i8lOHP>

5. 1 February 2011

Water Demand Management in a Changing Climate, Water Scarcity Workshop, call for participation, Birmingham, UK

The demand for water is a fundamental control on strategic planning and investment by every water company. We need to balance supply and demand. However demand management is no longer simply the 'predict' element of a 'predict and provide' water management strategy but is one element – water efficiency and demand constraint - of the twin track approach to managing future water scarcity now advocated by the regulator. Assessing water demand in a country where the majority of homes are unmetered is

Deadline: Closed for abstract

Contact name: R Alcock, b.gordon@lancaster.ac.uk Tel- 01524 510214

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

6. 27 February - 02 March, 2011

4th Annual Produced Water Management Summit, Call for participation, JW Marriott Hotel, Cairo, EGYPT

This summit is where top-level industry experts will come together to share knowledge, experiences and practical solutions. You will have the opportunity to learn how leading operating companies minimize their produced water cuts in the most efficient and cost-effective way while adhering to local environmental regulations.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: enquiry@iqpc.ae Tel- +971 4 364 2975

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

7. 05-07, December 2011

First International Conference on Water and Society, Call for abstract participation, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA

This first International Conference on Water and Society aims to provide a multi-disciplinary forum for the presentation and discussion of many issues affecting water resources today.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: Alice Jones, imoreno@wessex.ac.uk

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

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Opportunities

1. Vacancy at ICIMOD for 4 Senior positions: Director General, Gender Specialist, Programme Manager and Glaciologist

The Centre currently has openings for the following senior positions for which applications are invited. Further information on the position, including detailed terms of reference, is available in the Homepage www.icimod.org under 'Vacancies'.

Deadline: 15 February 2011 for DG, 15 January 2011 for Gender Specialist, 20 January 2011 for Programme Manager and Glaciologist

Contact: vacancydg@icimod.org for DG, hrd@icimod.org for others

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

2. Call for proposals: socio-economic impact of earthquakes

The RfP calls for the development of a meta-model [blueprint] that defines the rules and processes for inclusion of methods deemed useful for assessing social and economic impacts of earthquakes and which are to form a toolbox. It also calls for the development of methods (models, tools, indicators) for populating such toolbox.

Deadline: 31 January 2010

Contact: info@globalquakemodel.org

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

3. Grassroots participatory disaster management online training, International Institute for Sustainable Development, CSU (IISD)

In order to minimize these damages and save lives, disaster management plans must adopt a participatory strategy with an increasing focus on the grassroots level. Small initiatives, such as creating awareness and educating vulnerable communities on simple and easy disaster management techniques, may mitigate the conditions that exacerbate disasters and help reduce losses. Event fee is \$360.

Deadline: 21 January 2010

Contact: questions@learn.colostate.edu

More at: <http://bit.ly/eLcxQ4>

4. THE 2011 KINSHIP CONSERVATION FELLOWS PROGRAM, Call for Application, Washington, USA

Kinship Foundation is issuing a call for applications for its 2011 Kinship Conservation Fellows program. Kinship's intensive, in-residence instruction in the forces that drive environmental markets will transform the way that you work.

Deadline: 24 January 2011

Contact: Sarah Gildea Knobloch, sarah.knobloch@kinshiptrustco.com

More at: <http://bit.ly/h7IMDw>

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Organisations working on Water and Hazard

1. Japan Water Forum (JWF)

JWF will utilize the human/information networks and know-how cultivated through the 3rd World Water Forum in expanding water related knowledge and activities (domestic and international), in order to support organizations in their international water activities.

URL: <http://bit.ly/i7XjIA>

2. Korea Water Forum (KWF)

KWF was established in most need of central path to the global activities related to water issues especially to promote and encourage successful participation and active contribution with its national perspective toward 4th World Water Forum.

URL: <http://bit.ly/h17D9K>

3. United Nations Secretary General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB)

The UNSG Advisory Board is an independent body to: - give advice to UN Secretary General; - give input in global dialogue process; - raise global awareness through mass-media, etc.; - influence and work on global, regional, national institutions at highest - take its own actions towards MDGs

URL: <http://bit.ly/f6K0ov>

4. Global Earthquake Model (GEM)

GEM is a public/private partnership initiated and approved by the Global Science Forum of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD-GSF). GEM aims to be the uniform, independent standard to calculate and communicate earthquake risk worldwide. With committed backing from academia, governments, and industry, GEM will contribute to achieving profound, lasting reductions in earthquake risk worldwide.

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

5. America's Wetland Foundation (AWF)

AWF is dedicated to preserving the cultural values of coastal Louisiana.

URL: <http://bit.ly/e8zbix>

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Resources

1. Summary of the 2010 North Atlantic Hurricane Season

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

2. Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015: Building the resilience of nations and communities to disasters (HFA)

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

3. 2010's world gone wild: Quakes, floods, blizzards

URL: <http://bit.ly/hV9upL>

4. Water and disaster: High-Level Expert Panel on Water and Disaster/UNSGAB

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

5. Shrestha, A. B.; (2010) Managing Fish Flood Risk in the Himalayas, ICIMOD

URL: <http://bit.ly/bMdCM2>

6. The Issues and Challenges of Reducing Non-Revenue Water

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

7. Addressing China's Water Scarcity: A Synthesis of Recommendations for Selected Water Resource Management Issues

URL: <http://bit.ly/eHRe8A>

8. African Water Resources: Challenges and Opportunities for Sustainable Development, World Bank Technical Paper

URL: <http://bit.ly/fk4fUC>

9. Climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction institutional and policy landscape in Asia and Pacific

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

10. Disaster risk reduction and the private sector: the why, what, how of engagement

URL: <http://bit.ly/hd5swJ>

11. Guidance on water supply and sanitation in extreme weather events

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

12. UNEP Disasters and Conflicts Programme, quarterly progress report 3/2010: disaster risk reduction

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

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