

Dear Colleagues,

Please find below a Second Issue of special digest on sustainable mountain development, prepared in the context of e-discussion on Rio+20 meeting next year. This digest includes list of media clips, key organisations, events planned (or held) and other relevant resources. Please note this is the first issue and there will be two more issues shared with you next and following week. We'll keep adding other useful information (media clips, key organisations, events planned (or held) and other relevant resources) to the list.

We take this opportunity to invite you all to an e -discussion on Sustainable Mountain Development in the Hindu Kush-Himalayan region. This e-discussion is open to anyone who has understanding of the issues, challenges, opportunities and interest to contribute in sustainable mountain development agenda in the Hindu Kush-Himalayan region. Your contribution will be read, reviewed, responded and utilized to prepare a Regional Assessment of the SMD in the HKH. This e-discussion, as is the practice, is strictly a professional forum and we encourage a very live and useful professional discourse. In order to achieve this we will not accept any politically motivated and personal type of comments and feedback as per practice.

Further details are available on the web at <http://www.icimod.org/?q=3193>.

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**Media Clips**  
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**1. Nepal: Bhutanese PM arriving Kathmandu Thursday to Discuss on Mountain Issues**

14 April 2011

Bhutanese Prime Minister Jigme Y Thinley is arriving in Kathmandu on Thursday to hold consultation meeting with Nepal in his capacity as the current Chair of SAARC. Foreign ministry officials said Nepal and Bhutan will jointly try to set the agenda of climate change in mountain countries, environment degradation and other problems facing the entire South Asia for the upcoming summit.

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

**2. India: Technology key to sustainable growth, says top IT honcho**

13 April 2011

Key technologies like cloud computing (the provision of computational resources on demand via computer network), business analytics and mobility will provide significant inputs for sustainable economic growth in the country.

Source: <http://bit.ly/fvMbv7>

**3. Pakistan: UNDP GETS EU Contribution for Pakistan's Flood Recovery Efforts**

06 April 2011

The United Nations Development Program has announced receiving €15 million (\$21.3 million) from the European Union as contribution to its early flood recovery program in Pakistan.

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

**4. Nepal: ICIMOD Discusses Sustainable Mountain Development in Hindu Kush Himalayas**

04 April 2011

The e-discussion takes place over three weeks, with the third week devoted to the questions of how mountain systems can provide a strategic way forward for the "Rio+20" agenda. The report will be ready for global presentation and distribution on the occasion of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD, or Rio+20)

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

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**Events**  
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**1. 23-28, May 2011**

**South Asian Youth Conference 2011, Bangalore**

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.

Contact: [applications@sayc2011.org](mailto:applications@sayc2011.org)

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

**2. 13-15 July 2011**

**World Leadership Conference 2011: Asia Pacific: Towards Rio +20, Call for Papers; Victoria Street, Singapore**

The World Leadership Conference 2011 is dedicated to pave the way towards the Rio + 20 as a consultation for the Asia and Pacific region. However, we believe it is also important for all of us to learn more about the Rio Summit and how the world stands 20 years later, hence the Rio + 20 in 2012.

Deadline: 31 May 2011

Contact: [programme@worldleadershipconference.org](mailto:programme@worldleadershipconference.org), Programme team

Event Website: <http://bit.ly/e54zZb>

**3. 08-12, August 2011**

**Youth Forum on Climate Actions and Mountain Issues, Call for Application; ICIMOD, Kathmandu**

The overall objective of the Youth Forum is to celebrate International Year of Youth 2011/12 and International Youth Day, 12 August, through continuation of series of activities started in 2008 to build the next generation leadership in sustainable mountain development and climate change adaptation in ICIMOD Regional Member Countries (RMCs) and beyond, especially in the context of upcoming UNFCCC CoP 17 and Rio+20 meeting.

Deadline: 20 August 2011

Contact: [youthmedia@icimod.org](mailto:youthmedia@icimod.org), ICIMOD Youth Media

Event Website: <http://bit.ly/fg2UCM>

**4. 11-16, August 2011**

**Educate Sustain and Development, ESD Forum and international Youth Forum (Forum 2011)  
Tokyo, JAPAN**

The ESD Forum™ and international Youth Forum (Forum 2011) is a conference of international students and decision-makers convened by iuventum.

Contact: [info@iuventum.org](mailto:info@iuventum.org)

Event website: <http://bit.ly/fhLAS7>

**5. 15-19, October 2012**

**International Conference on Mountain Environment and Development, Chengdu**

The Second International Conference on Mountain Environment and Development, ICMED2, continues the series of ICMED, following with ICMED 1 in 2002.

Deadline: 31 May 2011

Contact: [icmed@imde.ac.cn](mailto:icmed@imde.ac.cn), LIU Qin

Event Website: <http://bit.ly/h7XcgK>

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**Opportunities**  
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**1. M.Sc. Managing Sustainable Mountain Development at University of Highlands and Islands,  
12b Ness Walk Inverness, Scotland**

The Managing Sustainable Mountain Development M.Sc. course offers advanced theory and practice to give students a clear understanding of the complex issues of mountain areas.

Deadline: Rolling

More at: <http://bit.ly/eO3jkO>

**2. Vacancy at ICIMOD: EPR Coordinator, Kathmandu**

ICIMOD is looking for a senior level candidate with a sound knowledge of the Navision system and ERP implementation. This position is based at the Centre's headquarters in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Deadline: 24 April 2011

Contact: HR Section of ICIMOD

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

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**Organisations Working on Sustainable Mountain Development**  
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**1. The Resources Himalaya Foundation, Kathmandu**

It is a non-governmental, non-profit organization. It began in 1986 as a registered research organization because laws then forbid non-governmental movement. By 2004, our collaborative work had reached Bhutan, India and Nepal which prompted it to establish it as a regional think-tank in the Himalaya. In the last 25 years, partners have widened collaborative horizon into agriculture, biodiversity, protected areas and wildlife conservation, remote sensing/GIS, community forestry, nature tourism, mentorship, ethnography and social studies.

URL: <http://bit.ly/h4RYk5>

**2. International Mountain Society, Bern**

IMS is an association registered in Bern, Switzerland, for the purpose of advancing knowledge and disseminating information about mountain research and mountain development throughout the world. The IMS aims to promote sustainable mountain development through improved communication among institutions and individuals, with a particular focus on mountain eco-regions in the developing world.

URL: <http://bit.ly/fhCPVD/ims.asp>

**3. LEAD Pakistan, Islamabad**

Leadership for Environment and Development (LEAD) Pakistan is a non-profit organization working since 1995 to create and sustain a global network of leaders who are committed to promote change towards the patterns of sustainable development that is economically sound, environmentally responsible and socially equitable in line with Agenda 21.

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

**4. Mountain Research and Development, Bern**

The overall mission of Mountain Research and Development is to foster sustainable development in mountains by supporting peer-reviewed interdisciplinary, disciplinary, and trans-disciplinary research on mountains, developing scientific capacity, capitalizing on development experiences, promoting policy dialogue, and strengthening networks within the mountain community.

URL: <http://www.mrd-journal.org>

**5. Local Initiatives for Biodiversity, Research and Development, Pokhara**

Local Initiatives for Biodiversity, Research and Development (LI-BIRD) is a nongovernmental organization (NGO) established in 1995 in Nepal. It is committed to capitalize on local initiatives for sustainable management of renewable natural resources and to improve the livelihoods of resource poor and marginalized people.

URL: <http://bit.ly/i4TZbE>

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**Resource**  
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**1. Agenda 21 Chapter 13: Managing Fragile Ecosystems: Sustainable Mountain Development**

URL: <http://bit.ly/gXCr1n>

**2. 'Patagonia, Argentina: The Grand Sweep of Nature' an Article By Ralph Collier in Mainline Media News Published on 13 April 2011**

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

**3. Rural Tourism Agenda for Mountain Home ; Overview of the Rural Tourism Six Hour Training Making Internet Marketing Work for You, Your Business, and Your Town**

URL: <http://slidesha.re/eoCl4F>

**4. Water Awareness Month: Masters of the Watershed - Best Role-Play Ever**

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

5. **Mt. Kilimanjaro Experience 'awe-inspiring, Phenomenal' By Steve Pettibone**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/gIq4XC>
6. **Acharya, B.R.; Dimension of Rural Development in Nepal, Dhaulagiri Journal of Sociology and Anthropology, Vol.2 pp.181-192**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/ftIBH6>
7. **UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs - Division for Sustainable Development Resources**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/haVVxl>
8. **Report of the Secretary General to the UN General Assembly 2009, Sustainable Mountain Development**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/hJPPnZ>
9. **'Tailoring e.tourism for Silk Road Destinations', A Workshop Report from Ecotourism Society Pakistan**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/e1WxzB>
10. **Negi, C.S.; (2010) Traditional Culture and Biodiversity Conservation: Examples from Uttarakhand; Central Himalaya, Department of Zoology**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/gpRs2l>
11. **Nepal, S.K.; Mountain Ecotourism and Sustainable Development Ecology, Economics, and Ethics**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/fQanWe>
12. **Territorial rural development and natural resource governance. Reflections in the Andes**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/hTuMVV>
13. **Ramakrishna, P.S.; 2007 Sustainable Mountain Development: The Himalayan Tragedy**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/agVuAA>
14. **Rural Development policy 2007-2013, European Commission: Agriculture and Rural Development**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/hTsgCF>
15. **Sustainable Land Management in Practice: Guidelines and Best Practices for Sub-Saharan Africa**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/e71QQm>
16. **Knowledge for Sustainable Mountain Development—Consolidating MRD's Editorial Policy and Practice**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/dFY3M8>
17. **Linking Relief and Development in Pakistan-administered Kashmir**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/g7jY5e>

**18. Managing Fragile Ecosystems: Sustainable Mountain Development**

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

**19. Forests in Sustainable Mountain Development**

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

**20. Knowledge and Technologies for Mountain Development**

URL: <http://bit.ly/gnNj3z>

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