

Dear Colleagues,

Please find below the periodic thematic digest on 'Water and Hazard', Issue 22 (22 June 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. China: Millions Affected By Deadly Downpours

20 June 2011

More than five million people are now reported to have been affected by deadly floods in eastern China. This month's flooding - the worst since 1955 - has already left about 170 people dead or missing, reports say. China's disaster alert has been raised to the highest level, four.

Source: <http://bbc.in/jypiCn>

2. India: Underground Water Floods Gujarat Villages

20 June 2011

It has been a week since underground water started overflowing from various outlets in the small town of Olpad, close to Surat city in south Gujarat. If anything, the situation has only worsened in the last one week or so. And now, neighbouring villages have reported the same problem.

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

3. India: Hansi-Butana Wall May Cause Floods, Fear Villagers

19 June 2011

Ahead of monsoon, the construction of a 4-km concrete wall along the Hansi-Butana canal by Haryana has left the villagers residing along the Punjab-Haryana border worried.

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

4. Bangladesh: Monsoon Flooding Strands Thousands

18 June 2011

The United News of Bangladesh agency reported Friday that incessant rains triggered by a monsoon depression have damaged several flood protection embankments. It said a 5-year-old girl was washed away in the Cox's Bazar district after tidal surges destroyed parts of an embankment.

Source: <http://bit.ly/j0TjHH>

5. China: Evacuates 500,000 As Flooding Breaks Worst Drought In 50 Years

17 June 2011

China has evacuated more than 500,000 people from deadly floods that are devastating areas in the south of the country following the worst drought in 50 years. At least 105 people have been swept to their deaths or killed in landslides and another 65 are missing after rivers burst their banks. The authorities have issued the highest level of alarm about dykes and dams under dangerous pressure.

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

6. Myanmar: Floods Kills at least 12

16 June 2011

Heavy rain in Myanmar has triggered floods and landslides, washing away bridges, blocking roads and killing at least 12 people, district officials said on Wednesday.

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

7. Pakistan: Floods Bring Bumper Wheat Harvest

11 June 2011

Pakistan is headed for a record wheat harvest this summer after last year's widespread flooding apparently helped the crops to prosper. However, an export ban on wheat in place in the country since 2007 will limit the farmers' profits.

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

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Global News

1. Kenya: UN Recommends Allocating 1% Of Budget For Disaster Reduction

20 June 2011

The recommendation is that at least one percent of the national development budget should be invested in prevention and if a country begins to see the benefits I'm sure this would increase" said Margareta Wahlström, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction, during a recent visit to the country.

Source: <http://bit.ly/l0KPcu>

2. Japan: Japan Under Fire For Failure To Implement Safeguards At Fukushima

18 June 2011

Japanese nuclear regulators have been criticised by the UN for failing to implement sufficient tsunami safeguards at the Fukushima plant despite warnings as early as 2002 that the plant was vulnerable to a tidal wave disaster.

Source: <http://bit.ly/m0KkpW>

3. USA: Landsat 5 Satellite Helps Emergency Managers Fight Largest Fire in Arizona History

17 June 2011

The largest fire in the history of the state of Arizona continues to burn and emergency managers and responders are using satellite data from a variety of instruments to plan their firefighting containment strategies and mitigation efforts once the fires are out.

Source: <http://bit.ly/lpqE28>

4. Australia: Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) Flooding Events Assistance for June

17 June 2011

NDRRA assistance for the June 2011 flooding event has been made available for the 18 local government areas of: Armidale Dumaresq, Bellingen, Cessnock, Clarence Valley, Coffs Harbour, Dungog, Glen Innes- Severn, Gloucester, Greater Taree, Guyra, Kempsey, Muswellbrook, Nambucca, Port Macquarie-Hastings, Port Stephens, Singleton, Upper Hunter and Walcha.

Source: <http://bit.ly/l1Qmis>

5. Germany: Deaths from E. coli Still Rising

13 June 2011

The death toll has risen to 35 in Germany's E. coli epidemic and health officials say about 100 patients have severe kidney damage.

Source: <http://bbc.in/kbzzxk>

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Events

1. 13-14 July 2011

Drinking Water Quality Technology 2011

Chicago, Illinois, United States

Call for Participation

Implement the latest detection and treatment technology to establish fail-safe monitoring of emerging contaminants within source water, treatment plants & distribution systems. Deliver continuous water quality and MCL compliance.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: Jane Thomas, info@american-business-conferences.com

Event website: <http://bit.ly/mtLH0B>

2. 22-24 July 2011

The International Conference on Water Resources Management and Engineering (ICWRME 2011)

Zhengzhou, Henan, China

Call for Participation

It aims at providing an academic platform for the top researchers, scholars, practicing engineers, managers, educators, suppliers and contractors around the world in the fields of Water Resources, Engineering Technology and other relevant area to exchange their outstanding research and disseminate the latest discoveries. This conference provides opportunities for the delegates to exchange new ideas and application experiences face to face, to establish business or research relations and to find global partners for future collaboration.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: Miss Wang, icwrme2011@163.com
Event website: <http://bit.ly/lIDrMR>

3. 26-27 September 2011

5th European Water & Wastewater Management Conference & Exhibition

London, United Kingdom

Call for Participation

It is a dedicated conference dealing specifically with problems and solutions for the management and treatment of water and wastewater. The abstract deadline has now passed, however a limited number of speaker slots are still available in the Nutrient and Water Factories session.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: Clare Hunter, franceswoodhead@aquaenviro.co.uk

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

4. 5-7 September 2012

International Conference on Water Resources Management

University of Botswana, Gaborone, Botswana

Call for Proposals

The African Conference on Water Resource Management will act as a forum in the development and application of technology in ensuring the sustainable use and management of water resources.

Deadline: 1 April 2012

Contact: Nadia Leamy, calgary@iasted.org

Event website: <http://bit.ly/iseO7J>

5. 11-13 December 2012

4th International Conference on Sustainable Irrigation and Drainage: Management, Technologies and Policies

Adelaide, Australia

Call for Abstracts

A unique forum for multidisciplinary discussion, the objective of the meeting is to generate debate and ideas about how to make irrigation more environmentally, socially and economically sustainable.

Deadline: Rolling

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

Event website: <http://bit.ly/kKL7Rs>

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Opportunities

1. Award: 2011 Ernesto Illy Trieste Science Prize

Call for Nominations, Italy

TWAS, the academy of sciences for the developing world, and illycaffè s.p.a. award this annual high-level prize to honour outstanding scientific achievements made by individual scientists from the developing world. The Trieste Town Council and the Trieste International Foundation for Scientific Progress and Freedom also collaborate in the effort.

Deadline: 20 July 2011
Contact: prizes@twas.org
More at: <http://bit.ly/cwPT2i>

2. Vacancy: Deputy Secretary, International Hydrological Programme, Senior Programme Specialist in Hydrological Sciences

Call for Application, Division of Water Sciences, UNESCO

UNESCO looks for a dynamic and experienced senior specialist in the field of water sciences holding an advanced university degree (preferably at doctorate level) in hydrological sciences and or water resources engineering / management.

Deadline: 26 June 2011

Contact: Recrutweb@unesco.org

More at: <http://bit.ly/IVWob7>

3. Vacancy: Glacio-Hydrologist for Integrated Water and Hazard Management, IWHM

Call for Application, Kathmandu Nepal

Glacio-Hydrologist will work under the overall guidance of the Programme Manager, IWHM, and the direct supervision of the Coordinator Cryosphere Monitoring Project.

Deadline: 8 July 2011

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

4. Grants: Junior Fellowships For Research Into Neglected Tropical Diseases

Call for Application, The Nuffield Foundation, London

This open call for proposals is for Junior Fellowships. The EFINTD Fellowship Programme is supporting fellowships both for junior researchers who have recently completed their doctorate studies and experienced researchers ready to take on larger research programmes.

Deadline: 30 June 2011

Contact: ntd@nuffieldfoundation.org

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

5. Grants: 2011 ICBE Research Fund Grants Competition

Call for Application, Sénégal

TrustAfrica and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) are pleased to announce a new round of grants to support research on the investment climate and business environment in Africa. This call focuses on SMEs and how they relate to, or are affected by, the ever-changing global landscape and processes in investments, private sector development and governance related developments.

Deadline: 29 July 2011

Contact: info@trustafrica.org

More at: <http://bit.ly/kPmWN4>

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Organisations

1. Hydro-Met services Division, Department of Energy, Ministry of Economis Affairs, Bhutan

A central agency for hydrology and meteorology was established and mandated with national responsibility for hydro-meteorological data collection, archiving, analysis and dissemination.

The Flood Warning Section is responsible for transmitting rainfall and river level data to India for flood forecasting and warning purposes to the Indian States of Assam and West Bengal. Flood warning activity is undertaken by the Royal Government of Bhutan in collaboration between the Central Water Commission (CWC) of India.

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

2. Gender and Disaster Network, UK

The Gender and Disaster Network started as an educational project initiated by women and men interested in gender relations in disaster contexts. We are the first web presence to advocate for gender mainstreaming in disaster risk reduction using the World Wide Web

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

3. Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR), Washington, DC

Established in 2006, the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) is a partnership of 36 countries and 6 international organizations committed to helping developing countries reduce their vulnerability to natural hazards and adapt to climate change.

URL: <http://bit.ly/jj4z9a>

4. Global Risk Identification Programme (GRIP), Switzerland

GRIP is a multi-stakeholder initiative that directly aligns with the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA)'s Priority Area 2: risk identification, assessment and monitoring. Although hosted by the United Nations Development Programme, UNDP, GRIP's structure, is inherently multi-stakeholder, as it is a set of harmonized activities contributing to commonly-agreed-upon objectives. Dozens of organizations have been involved in its preparation, design and implementation.

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

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Resources

1. Devastating Floods (June 2011): Part 1; End Times Revelations. Brief Coverage of Flood News Blog

URL: <http://bit.ly/IQ7yPA>

2. Philippines (the) Mindanao Humanitarian Situation Update, 17 June

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

3. National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council; Updates on Flooding incidents in Philippines

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

4. Floods: Natural Hazards. GIS maps from NASA's Earth Observatory for the month of June (North America)

URL: <http://1.usa.gov/mn6dTS>

5. Floods and Bangladesh - The Reasons Opinion by Meer Palash

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

- 6. Bhutan has learnt from past flood experiences. Opinion by Tshewang Rinzin**
URL: <http://bit.ly/kdDJ7S>
- 7. Earth Changes and the Pole Shift. Information and discussion about the Earth Changes and the pending Pole Shift; June 2011 Disaster News Link Volume 1**
URL: <http://bit.ly/kczvSp>
- 8. Global Assessment Report On Disaster Risk Reduction (2011)**
URL: <http://bit.ly/kJle43>
- 9. Integrating Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Into Multi Annual Programme Scheme (MAPS) Partners' Programming**
URL: <http://bit.ly/j1xkWa>
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