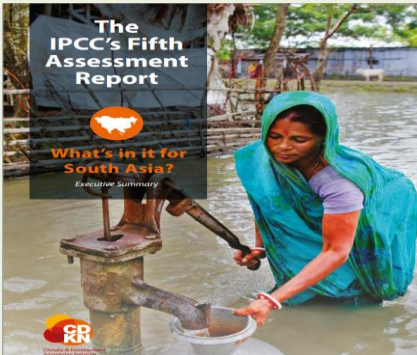


## Featured Publication

### The IPCC's Fifth Assessment report: What's in it for South Asia



This report looks at how the effects of climate change, particularly sea level rise, are affecting South Asia. Recent heavy losses from extreme weather suggest that current strategies are unable to deal with existing climatic threats. The report suggests several potential mitigation strategies. Ecosystem management is highlighted as a key approach to mitigating the effects of climate change, particularly through sustainable watershed management.

Source: Overseas Development Institute [Read More](#)

## News

### When land is degraded, its people and their prospects are degraded too

At a meeting held in Benin last week, policy makers from several least developed countries (LDC) identified areas that could boost their political, economic and climatic resilience. Amongst the topics discussed included the potential investment in agriculture that centres on sustainable land management. The benefits cited include economic security in addition to ecosystems based mitigation of natural disasters such as landslides, droughts and erosion

Source: The Guardian, 2014 [Read More](#)

## Job Vacancy

### Temporary Programme Officer, P-3

**Source:** OCHA/ESB/EPES

**Duty Station:** Geneva, Switzerland

**Entry Date:** 15 October 2014

**End Date:** December 2015

**Closing Date:** 26 August, 2014

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## Opinion

Marisol Estrella of the United Nations Environment Programme has written a blog about the role of environment in the HFA 2. Click [here](#) to read it!



## Upcoming Event

### Second World Reconstruction Conference

The second World Reconstruction Conference, which will be held at The World Bank headquarters in Washington DC from 10-12 September, 2014, is a global conference focused on post-disaster recovery and reconstruction. The conference assembles practitioners and policy makers from governments, international organizations, NGOs, academia and the private sector to explore the nexus between resilient recovery efforts and sustainable poverty reduction. UNEP will conduct a session entitled 'Sustainable Reconstruction: Turning a Crisis into an Opportunity for Greener Recovery'. [Read More](#)

## PEDRR SHOUTOUT : Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, 1 to 4 September 2014

The third international Conference on Small Island Developing States, being held in Apia, Samoa will focus the world's attention on a group of countries that remain a special case for sustainable development in view of their unique and particular vulnerabilities. The Conference will seek to identify priorities for the sustainable development of SIDS to be considered in the elaboration of the post-2015 UN development agenda.

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