

## Featured Publication

### Protecting our capital.

How climate adaptation in cities creates a resilient place for business



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An unprecedented number of cities are now taking action on climate change. Green infrastructure and ecosystem enhancement will be essential in building long-term urban resilience. In this report, 207 cities around the world provided data on mitigation, adaptation and water management. 102 cities now have climate adaptation plans and 757 adaptation activities were reported.

**Source:** Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP)

## Job Vacancy

### Editor - UNFCCC

**Deadline:** 25<sup>th</sup> December 2014

**Source:** United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

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## News

### "Flood Disaster in the Amazon: A fight against Climate Change gets personal"

Only a few weeks after the TED talk in which he spoke of his commitment to protecting his community from the effects of climate change, Chief Tashka Yawanawá has been faced with a devastating flood. "We have lived in this territory for time immemorial, and this has never happened," Tashka was quoted as saying. "Never in our history. How we see it is that the whole climate is changing. Nature reacts differently now." [Read more](#)

**Source:** The Blog, The Huffington Post

## Featured Event

### COP 20 side event – Lima, Peru, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2014

This COP 20 side event first presented the Global Mountain Ecosystem-based Adaptation Programme, followed by a roundtable discussion on how innovative communication tools and strategies can improve community participation to enhance resilience and adaptive management of ecosystems.

**Source:** BMUB, UNDP, UNEP, IUCN.



## Opinion

### The Vital Role of Protected Areas in Climate Disaster Risk Reduction

*"We need to develop green and blue infrastructure for resilience".*

Drawing on examples from the recent IUCN World Parks Conference in Sydney and the (also recent) IUCN Safe Havens publication, the author notes the encouraging progress made regarding our understanding of the role that ecosystems (and protected areas) will play in reducing disaster risk linked to climate change. The author observes the transformation that is taking place in terms of the way we think about conservation and climate impacts. The shift is towards resilience and integration, bringing multifaceted issues together. As Radhika Murti from the IUCN put it: "communities don't differentiate between climate and disaster impacts".

[Read full article.](#)

**Author:** Adam Markham

**Source:** The Union of Concerned Scientists

**Blog:** The Equation



## **PEDRR SHOUTOUT: UNEP MOOC – "Pathways to climate change adaptation: the case of Small Island Developing States"**

Providing an overview of climate change adaptation for Small Island Developing States (SIDS), this MOOC will feature a module on Ecosystem Based Adaptation for Climate Change Adaptation and DRR. The course, available in English only, will be open from 1st January to 28 February 2015 and requires about 3-4 hours per week for 5 weeks.

For more information please see: <https://www.coursera.org/course/sids>.



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