

Call for Submissions

Submissions of views on biodiversity and climate change and disaster risk reduction

Following the adoption of decisions X/33, XI/19 and XII/20 in the last Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity in October 2014, the Executive Secretary is calling for submissions on views and experiences related to biodiversity and climate change and disaster risk reduction.

[More information.](#)

Deadline: 15 April 2015

Source: Convention on Biological Diversity

Upcoming Event

Training on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation targeting smallholder farming communities

This training course is the second of a series of three courses organized by the International Institute of Rural Reconstruction to facilitate community-level climate change work. It focuses on food security and natural resources management.

[More information.](#)

Date: 22-29 June 2015

Location: Odisha, India

News

“Row Erupts over Jamaica’s Bid to slow Beach Erosion”



Communities in Negril, Jamaica, are divided between those for and against the construction of concrete breakwaters in order to stop beach erosion. Those opposed to the structures fear they will hinder the natural regeneration of the beach after extreme weather events and damage the tourism industry. Previous plans had included a comprehensive ecosystem upgrade to include “softer” engineering approaches, also endorsed by UNEP which conducted the Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Methodology Development Programme (RiVAMP) in 2010 in Negril. The UNEP study revealed that coral reefs and seagrasses provided up to 40% natural protection of the beach and recommended that human induced drivers of coastal ecosystem degradation, including land-based pollution, illegal beach mining and sea-grass removal, need to be tackled. [More information.](#)

[More on the UNEP RiVAMP Project.](#)

Job Vacancy

Consultant – UNEP-UNDP-DESA Joint Programme on Green Economy

Deadline: 23 February 2015

Source: UNEP

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Featured Publication

Vanuatu Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction policy out for Public Consultation



Supported by the UNDP and Australian Aid, the proposed policy document was released for public consultation on 30 January. Ecosystem-based approaches are being defined as one of the strategic priorities, such as budgeting the value and benefits of ecosystem services and developing educational programs on the value of ecosystem-based adaptation. The policy will be submitted to the Council of Ministers for approval, expected date March 2015. [Read full publication.](#)

Source: National Advisory Board on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction, Government of Vanuatu

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