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Ecosystems for Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction

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PEDRR Shoutouts —



ADPC is supporting government officials from Asia for training in climate change adaptation and finance.

Government staff from 13 countries in Asia are eligible to apply for support from ADPC Asia-Pacific to participate in training courses offered by other organizations. Women are especially encouraged to apply. Click <u>here</u> for more information.

Upcoming Event

Climate Strategies Forum

Main organizer: Association of Climate Change Officers (ACCO)

Dates: 14-17 October 2013

Location: Washington, DC

This forum features prominent leaders in plenary format as well as a series of half-day bootcamps. Other activities include roundtable discussions, ACCO working group meetings, facilities tours and panel discussions. Click here for details and registration.



Image of the Week

Bamyan, Afghanistan

UNEP, with the support of the EU, has an ongoing Ecosystem based DRR project to increase community livelihood resilience in Afghanistan. This image depicts the Koh-e Baba Mountains where snow avalanches and extremely harsh winters threaten communities.

Click <u>here</u> for the UNEP Disasters & Conflicts photo gallery.



Project Insight

HighARCS Consortium

According to the UNEP-IWMI report on 'Ecosystems for water and food security', "ensuring sustainable water and secure food resources will help protect the planet as it faces climate change, provide economic benefits for poor communities, and produce more food per unit of agricultural land."

Following this report, the University of Leeds carried out a multidisciplinary analysis of highland aquatic resources in China, India and Vietnam. The aim of the study is to ensure communication between the community and stakeholders when policies concerning livelihood strategies and ecosystem services are drafted.

The project will conclude in December 2014.

Click <u>here</u> for more information

Featured Publications

• Using climate information to support adaptation planning and policy-making: a step-by-step guide

Author: Anna Taylor (SEI)

This guide explains how the online mapping platform WeADAPT can be used in conjunction with the Climate Information Portal to conduct quick and easy research on climate data in Africa. Linking these two platforms, users can access current climate data to contextualize projects.

Click here to access the guide.

• Disaster response and climate change in the Pacific

Contributors: Anna Gero, Stephanie Fletcher, Michele Rumsey, et al.

This report analyses the nexus between disasters, human health and climate change. It aims to identify gaps in post-disaster support in order to make recommendations for policy improvements based on research undertaken in Australia, Fiji, Vanuatu and Samoa and Cook Islands.

Click here to access the report.



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