



## Weekly News Alert

November 3 - 8, 2019

### News



#### **Goats help save Ronald Reagan Presidential Library from fires in California**

A herd of 500 goats have helped protect the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library from the Californian wildfires. The goats were hired in May by the library to clear 13 acres of flammable scrubland surrounding the library as a Nature-based Solution (NbS). Through eating the brush, the goats have created a fire break slowing down the flames, giving the firefighters more time to react.

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#### **The Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States regional workshop on climate change affirms Nature-based Solutions and social inclusion**

The Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) regional workshop on

Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) took place on the 15th and 16th of October 2019 in Saint Lucia. It was part of an ongoing effort to increase regional capacity to manage and adapt to current and projected climate change threats. The workshop was facilitated by the OECS, with the support of the French Development Agency (AFD) through its Adapt'Action facility. It included field visits to Marigot Bay and a preview of a digital registry which will increase policymakers' and planners' connection with international and national expertise on EbA and GESI.

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## New approaches building flood resistance in Indonesia

Cities have traditionally relied on engineered grey infrastructure for flood protection, but current urbanisation and climate change impacts call for new approaches such as nature-based and green solutions. The Indonesian cities of Semarang, Medan and Pontianak are already implementing nature-based solutions such as storm water harvesting, wetlands construction, increasing permeable structures and green roofs.

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## Video



To combat climate change, Ireland plans to plant 22 million trees across 20,000 acres annually. Reforestation is a common concept to tackle climate change due to carbon sequestration. However, it must be done carefully to protect the existing ecosystems.

## Scientific Corner



### Core principles for successfully implemented and upscaling Nature-based Solutions

The new scientific article by Cohen-Shacham et al. (2019) critically analyses the strengths and weaknesses of eight nature-based solutions (NbS) principles in five ecosystem-related approaches. The comparison allows for the review and revision of specific NbS types and provides a foundation for successful NbS implementation.

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## Featured Publication

### Valuing the Flood Risk Reduction Benefits of Florida's Mangroves

A new report on Valuing the Flood Risk Reduction Benefits of Florida's Mangroves has been published by The Nature Conservancy, Risk Management Solution and the University of California Santa Cruz. The scientific study finds that mangroves reduce flood damages by 25.5% annually to properties across 100+ storms in Collier County, Florida. The large current decrease in mangroves annually has, thus, increased the disaster risk of coastal communities.



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## Upcoming Events

### Tech for Development: training in technology for Monitoring and Evaluation

11-15 November 2019

Tech for Development (T4D) Training Centre, Nairobi, Kenya

For a project's success, one must understand the tools and best practices available to gather information, apply it to the challenges the project faces and

assess the final results. The T4D course comprises interactive presentations by M&E practitioners in leading industries, software developers and data scientists. The training will have a unique hands-on learning environment using technology demos, animated videos, practical activities and more.

[Register and find out more here](#)

## Job Opportunities

### Technical Director - Water, Agriculture and Enterprise

Organisation: Winrock International  
Location: Arlington, VA, USA  
Deadline for application: 1 December 2019

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### Research Assistant, Risk and Resilience

Organisation: International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)  
Location: Vienna, Austria  
Deadline for application: Until suitable applicant is found

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### Programme Management Officer (P3)

Organisation: UN Environment Programme  
Location: Geneva, Switzerland  
Deadline for application: 20 November 2019

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### Climate and Environment Advisor

Organisation: Danish Refugee Council  
Location: global  
Deadline for application: 22 November 2019

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