

Dear Colleagues,

Please find below periodic thematic digest on 'Mountain Climate Change', Issue 10 from the Asia Pacific Mountain Network (APMN).

Regards,  
APMN team

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**News**  
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**[1] Global temperatures hit 'hottest March on record'**

April 16, 2010

Global temperatures fueled by El Nino seasonal warming last month chalked up the hottest March on record, US weather monitors reported.

'Warmer-than-normal conditions dominated the globe, especially in northern Africa, South Asia and Canada,' the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said in a statement on Thursday.

Source: <http://bit.ly/aCHaTC>

**[2] Carbon in warming soil could accelerate climate change: Study**

April 14, 2010

Warming soils in Canada's north are releasing a vast store of carbon that has been inert for millennia, which could further accelerate the rate of climate change, according to the author of a new study published in the journal Nature.

Source: <http://bit.ly/8WYF3z>

**[3] UN process under fire at climate change talks**

April 10, 2010

Climate change negotiations remain in the mire after the first meeting since Copenhagen showed rich and poor countries are still not ready to trust each other.

More than 180 countries are gathered in Bonn to discuss a way forward after the last United Nations meeting in the Danish capital ended in chaos. But initial talks ended in recriminations and there was little progress on deciding the best way to stop global warming.

Source: <http://bit.ly/9nwiH2>

**[4] Saarc summit in Bhutan: Climate change to be main theme**

April 20, 2010

Climate change will be the main theme of the upcoming Saarc summit to be held in Bhutan where the member countries are expected to sign a convention on cooperation in protection of environment.

Source: <http://bit.ly/9ag2Ww>

#### **[5] Bolivian Village Wants Compensation for Climate Change Adaptation**

April 21, 2010

Alternative climate summit opens April 20 in Bolivia to address concerns of the world's poor. Bolivian villagers, with government encouragement, are proposing an international court to adjudicate claims for compensation from communities whose lives have been affected by climate change, but do not have the money to adapt, the BBC reports. Their announcement comes as the country kicks off the People's Summit on Climate Change this week.

Source: <http://bit.ly/dpeRq5>

#### **[6] Hibernating bear woken early by global warming?**

April 15, 2010

Nature conservation division (NCD) and forestry officials on Saturday released a Himalayan black bear after it was chased pack of dogs at Lamdru, near Khasadrapchu, Thimphu.

The male bear, weighing about 150 kg and around seven years old, was not injured, said forestry officials. The bear was first spotted by the vice principal of Khasadrapchu high school.

Source: <http://bit.ly/aiAlo0>

#### **[7] Glacier breaks in Peru, causing tsunami in Andes**

April 12, 2010

A huge glacier broke off and plunged into a lake in Peru, causing a 75-foot (23-meter) tsunami wave that swept away at least three people and destroyed a water processing plant serving 60,000 local residents, government officials said.

The ice block tumbled into a lake in the Andes on Sunday near the town of Carhuaz, some 200 miles north of the capital, Lima. Three people were feared buried in debris.

Source: <http://bit.ly/aBSoon>

#### **[8] Lessons on climate change in Scotland 'gathering dust'**

April 12, 2010

Clues to climate change are lying 'gathering dust' in Scottish archives, a leading university lecturer has said.

Prof Alastair Dawson said a "huge amount" could be learned by studying records on weather, such as lighthouse keepers' logs.

Source: <http://bit.ly/aqly3Z>

### **[9] Two More Glaciers Melt in Rockies**

April 9, 2010

Glacier National Park has lost two more of its glaciers and many of the rest may be gone by the end of the decade, a U.S. government researcher said.

Source: <http://nyti.ms/a8YmeF>

### **[10] Mighty women of the Himalayas, turn into guardians of the mountains**

April 8, 2010

Though the issue of 'Women Empowerment' has become a buzzword in elite circles and among various political parties, the actual plight of the women in rural parts of the country seems yet to be thoroughly understood.

Source: <http://bit.ly/cPOf6U>

### **[11] Everest's height finally settled – sort of**

April 8, 2010

In 1852, an Indian surveyor and mathematician Radhanath Sikdar, clearly calculated that a distant peak in the closed kingdom of Nepal – formerly known as Peak B and then renamed Peak XV – was the highest in the world.

Source: <http://bit.ly/bGrvoA>

### **[12] Nepal for climate-change push for mountain countries**

April 8, 2010

With the UN Climate Change Conference held in Copenhagen last December having failed to take up the issue of saving the Himalayas, Nepal is preparing to push the agenda at the UN together with other Least Developed Countries (LDCs) around the world.

Source: <http://bit.ly/caOMWz>

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**Events**  
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[1] 4th International Conference on Climate Change, 16 - 18 May 2010, Chicago, Illinois, United States  
More at: <http://bit.ly/b85Cg0>

[2] Climate Change and Natural Resource Use in Eastern Africa, 19 - 21 May 2010, Nairobi, Kenya  
More at: <http://bit.ly/bjSxZO>

[3] Second International Conference on Climate Change: Impacts and Responses, 8 - 10 July 2010, Brisbane, Australia

More at: <http://bit.ly/dyvOGN>

[4] International Congress of Environmental Research, 16 - 18 September 2010, Mauritius

More at: <http://bit.ly/9Yxmxw>

[5] Green Economics Institute 5th Annual Conference, 29 - 31 July, 2010, Oxford University UK

More at: <http://bit.ly/9nFFVL>

[6] Deltas in Times of Climate Change , Rotterdam, the Netherlands, 29 September - 1 October 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/dACKLU>

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**Announcements**  
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[1] Southeast Asian Natural Resources and Environmental Management Conference, 3-5 August, 2010, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia

Abstract submission deadline: 1 May, 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/aBTUrp>

[2] Invitation to join e-discussion on Biodiversity and Gender in the Hindu Kush-Himalayas, 3 - 21 May 2010

Contact: [tmahat@icimod.org](mailto:tmahat@icimod.org)

More at: <http://bit.ly/bKhCiv>

[3] Call for Papers: 8th Annual Colloquium of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Linkages between Biodiversity and Climate Change, September 13 - 17, 2010 Ghent, Belgium

Abstract submission deadline: 17 May 2010

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More at: <http://bit.ly/96WAcX>

[4] IEF-STE 'Sustainable Development in the Energy Sector', 9 - 10 June, 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/cLJsWe>

[5] The international food policy research institute : postdoctoral/research fellow, ACCRA, Ghana

Application deadline: open

More at: <http://bit.ly/bSyGFs>

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**Resources**  
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[1] Gender and Climate change: Regional Report Executive Summary

<http://bit.ly/c58WT1>

[2] 'Statistical Yearbook for Asia and the Pacific 2009', UNESCAP 2009

<http://bit.ly/bjii1D>