

Thematic digest - 'Mountain livelihood and technology', Issue 12 (22 July 2010)

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Please find below periodic thematic digest on **'Mountain livelihood and technology', Issue 12 (22 July 2010)**, prepared for members of Mountain Forum and Mountain Partnership network.

Regards,

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News

1. Assam offers medical advice on phone

20 July 2010

The Assam (Northeast India) government launched a healthcare facility under which patients will be able to seek life-saving tips from doctors round-the-clock on an emergency telephone number. The emergency helpline 104 will become operational by October.

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

2 China's Three Gorges dam faces flood test

20 July 2010

The Three Gorges dam on China's longest river, the Yangtze, is standing up to its biggest flood control test since completion last year, officials say. The authorities are using the dam to limit the amount of water flowing further downstream to try to minimise the impact of devastating floods.

Source: <http://bit.ly/9Voly4>

3 Singapore Ranked #1 for Best Quality of Life in Asia - report by Singapore corporation setup firm

19 July 2010

The 2010 'Quality of Living' survey by Mercer Human Resource Consulting reveals that Singapore offers the best quality of life in the Asian region. Singapore has retained its #1 ranking for offering the best quality of living in Asia. Japan was the only other Asian country to have ranked in the Top 50 – Tokyo (40), Kobe (41), and Yokohama (41).

Source: <http://bit.ly/c38gAf>

4 Clinton unveils \$500-mn aid projects for Pakistan

19 July 2010

US secretary of state Hillary Rodham Clinton on Monday announced more than \$500 million worth of development projects for Pakistan that focus on improving water storage, the energy sector, food exports and medical facilities.

Source: <http://bit.ly/aLnH2r>

5 Government can't afford to miss out on Global Fund at any cost

18 July 2010

Nepal will be applying for the tenth round of Global Fund (GF) by August 20 with a view to mitigate the crisis the country may face after 2011.

Source: <http://bit.ly/9c7R1J>

6. Pala inaugurates Shillong skywalk

18 July 2010

Tourists visiting here can now have a bird's eye view of picturesque 'Scotland of the East' from a 76-metre-tall skywalk installed atop the seven-storied Don Bosco Centre for Indigenous Cultures (DBCIC) at Mawlai, India.

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

7 ADB, Japan Support Bhutan's Push to Improve Rural Roads, Boost Farm Incomes

15 July 2010

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Government of Japan are supporting Bhutan's drive to improve farm roads and provide new livelihood opportunities in some of the poorest and most remote parts of the country.

Source: <http://bit.ly/cM8S9m>

8. High altitude dams cause low apple yield

15 July 2010

Construction of dams on the Sutlej in Kinnaur district southeast India is the prime reason the yields of apple and chilgoza—two big cash crops in the district— have declined, note apple orchardists and state government reports.

Source: <http://bit.ly/aVqH4q>

9 Holistic grazing¹ wins sustainable practice award

13 July 2010

A project hoping to reverse desertification through 'holistic management' of livestock has been awarded US\$100,000 prize in a global competition on sustainable practices.

By carefully planning the grazing of the cattle on fields, Operation Hope has reclaimed some 6,500 acres of grasslands at the Africa Center for Holistic Management, Zimbabwe — where the project is based — while increasing the livestock population by 400 per cent

Source: <http://bit.ly/8YZ3TV>

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Events

1. 26-30 September 2010

Global Change and the World's Mountains – International Conference; Perth, SCOTLAND

Deadline: 10 September 2010

The CMS, in collaboration with the Mountain Research Initiative (MRI), is organising a second conference on global change and the world's mountains which is also endorsed by the Global Land Project of the IGBP and IHDP, UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere (MAB) programme, and the Commission on Mountain Response to Global Change of the International Geographical Union.

More at: <http://bit.ly/aL9wx7>

2. 11-14 October 2010

Science Centre in Promoting a Knowledge and Innovative Society for Sustained and Responsible Growth in Developing Countries; Call for abstracts Kuala Lumpur, MALAYSIA

Deadline: 10 September 2010

Experts and scientists desirous of participating in the Workshop, excepting those from Malaysia are required to submit their Nomination Forms directly to the NAM S&T Centre

More at: <http://bit.ly/cky2LI>

3. 22-25 September 2010

International Symposium on Integrated Sustainable Livelihood Development in Mountain Forest Areas; Call for participation/papers, Zhejiang Province, CHINA

Deadline: 21 September 2010 (Participation only) 31 July 2010 (For Paper and presentation)

Experienced experts, government officials, non-government organizations and related entrepreneurs who are interested in the development of mountainous areas are welcome to participate in the symposium.

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

4. 09-10 September 2010

China Animal Husbandry Congress 2010; Call for abstracts; Sichuan Province, CHINA

Deadline: 01 September 2010

At this congress government officials, senior directors and engineers from China's major husbandry groups and food processing facilities will come together and discuss China's newest industrial policies, advanced technology solutions.

More at: <http://bit.ly/9Jfs5I>

5. 22-23 March 2011

International Symposium on Ecosystem-Based Management; Castilla y León, SPAIN

Deadline: Not available

Explore and strengthen our understanding of forest ecosystem management by bringing together world renowned experts in the policy and practice of managing complex ecosystems.

More at: <http://bit.ly/bhz9O0>

6. 11-12 February 2011

Deadline: 15 September 2010

Health, Environment and Sustainable Development; Andhra Pradesh, INDIA

The major objectives of IASSH are to bring together scientists, research scholars, practitioners, and policy makers from various disciplines in one forum to explore and work in the areas of social and cultural dimensions.

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

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Opportunities

1. International Scholarships in Water Resources Management 2011

Deadline: 27 August 2010

The International Centre of Excellence in Water Resources Management (ICE WaRM) offers a scholarship programme to attract high quality international students to education and training in water resources management, delivered by ICE WaRM partner institutions.

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

2. DANIDA Fellowship for Nepal – Role of Media in the Democratic Process

Deadline: 04 August 2010

Bloggers, websites, web radio and TV, desk top publishing, digital photo processing – the new technologies have brought new opportunities both for established media and for alternative publications.

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

3. Masters Fellowships in Public Health and Tropical Medicine 2010

Deadline: 06 August 2010

This scheme strengthens scientific research capacity in low- and middle-income countries, by providing support for junior researchers to gain research experience and high-quality research training at Masters Degree level.

More at: <http://bit.ly/cU0DUZ>

4. South Asia Fellowship Program 2011

Deadline: 15 October 2010

The East-West Center in Washington (EWCW) is accepting applications from scholars and analysts who wish to undertake policy-relevant research and writing in one of the following areas: 1. International relations in South Asia; 2. Political change in South Asia; and 3. U.S.-South Asia relations.

More at: <http://bit.ly/dbepk8>

5. Programme Associate (Nepalese Nationals only) – UNDP Jul 2010

Deadline: 22 July 2010

This project proposes a UNCT approach to the provision of rehabilitation support involving UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA and ILO.

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

6. Scholarship for Project on post-conflict governance in Nepal

Deadline: 15 August 2010

The Faculty of Political and Social Sciences announces a full-time vacancy for a staff research position within the Conflict Research Group (CRG) of the Department of Third World Studies.

More at: <http://bit.ly/bUv95h>

7 Benefit-sharing Fund: Call for Proposals 2010

Deadline: 08 September 2010

The Call for Proposals 2010 under the Benefit-sharing Fund of the International Treaty, which will invest more than USD 10 million in projects globally, is now opened for its biennial cycle 2010-2011. Any governmental or non-governmental organization, including gene banks and research institutions, farmers and farmers' organizations and regional and international organizations, based in countries that are Contracting Parties eligible for funding, may apply for grants.

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

8 ESRC/DFID call for research applications, UK

Deadline: 30 September 2010

The UK's Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and the Department for International Development (DFID) have announced their second round of funding for their research programme on Poverty Alleviation. Applications are invited for projects with a value of between £100,000 and £500,000. This call is open to Indian based academics and researchers.

More at: <http://bit.ly/9XU7mA>

9. IGES Internship for the second half of FY2010 (FY2010 Winter/Spring Internship) JAPAN

Deadline: 30 July 2010

IGES is recruiting research interns for the FY2010 winter/spring periods with the aim of promoting understanding of its strategic research as is stipulated in the Charter for the Establishment of the IGES, by offering the opportunity of on-site job experiences to those who wish to be a part of the interdisciplinary policy research for sustainable development in the Asia Pacific region.

More at: <http://bit.ly/dtE1bM>

10. Senior program officer - Think Tank Initiative; New Delhi, INDIA

Deadline: 25 July 2010

Based in New Delhi, India, the Senior Program Officer, under the guidance of the Program Leader and the Regional Office Director, will manage the activities of the Initiative in South Asia.

More at: <http://bit.ly/bH408x>

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Donner Organisations

1. The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation

The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation has been making grants since 1967 to help solve social and environmental problems at home and around the world. The Foundation concentrates its resources on activities in education, the environment, global development, performing arts, philanthropy, and population, and makes grants to support disadvantaged communities in the San Francisco Bay Area.

URL: <http://bit.ly/9LK632>

2. Netherlands Directorate-General for International Cooperation

The Directorate-General for International Cooperation (DGIS) is responsible for development cooperation policy, its coordination, implementation, and funding. The Netherlands works with the governments of other countries and with international organizations such as the UN, the World Bank, and the EU. DGIS themes include gender, Aids, education, sustainable economic development, and the environment.

URL: <http://bit.ly/cMfQNo>

3. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Guided by the belief that every life has equal value, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation works to help all people lead healthy, productive lives. In developing countries, it focuses on improving people's health and giving them the chance to lift themselves out of hunger and extreme poverty. In the United States, it seeks to ensure that all people—especially those with the fewest resources—have access to the opportunities they need to succeed in school and life. Based in Seattle, Washington, the foundation is led by CEO Jeff Raikes and Co-chair William H. Gates Sr., under the direction of Bill and Melinda Gates and Warren Buffett.

URL: <http://bit.ly/d4adGr>

4. International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

Canada's (IDRC) supports research in developing countries to promote growth and development. IDRC also encourages sharing this knowledge with policymakers, other researchers, and communities around the world. The result is innovative, lasting local solutions that aim to bring choice and change to those who need it most.

URL: <http://bit.ly/9CY9h7>

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Resources

1 Drought-tolerance: a learning challenge for poor farmers

URL: <http://bit.ly/dCAann>

2. Lybbert, T.J. Bell A; *Stochastic Benefit Streams, Learning, and Technology Diffusion: Why Drought Tolerance is Not the New BT*; The Journal of Agro-biotechnology Management and economics, Volume 13 // Number 1 // Article 2; University of California, Davis

URL: <http://bit.ly/bWxvat>

3. Capturing Rainwater: A way to augment Chandigarh's water resources; Water Management team Centre of Excellence Sustainable Water Management (2010)

URL: <http://bit.ly/b0iEG7>

4. *Strategies for Improving Livelihoods through Income-generating Activities in Mountain Regions*" Chambéry Workshop 26-27 February 2004

URL: <http://bit.ly/ci972U>

5 *Agenda 21; Section II, Conservation & Management of Resources for Development Chapter 13 Managing Fragile Ecosystems: Sustainable Mountain Development*

URL: <http://bit.ly/axpm2F>

6. Research Profile of "Poverty and Livelihood Analysis and Impact Assessment in Dry Areas"-MP5

URL: <http://bit.ly/dirQVu>

7. Roy, R; Schmidt-Vogt D; and Myrholt, O.; (2009) *Humla Development Initiatives for Better Livelihoods in the Face of Isolation and Conflict*; Mountain Research and Development August 2009 : Vol. 29, Issue 3, pg(s) 211-219

URL: <http://bit.ly/bmRytN>

8 Choe, K; Pradhan, P; (2010) *Unleashing Economic Growth: Region-Based Urban Development Strategy for Nepal*; ADB

URL: <http://bit.ly/9TsJWD>

9. Amede, T; German, L; Rao, S.; Opondo, C; Stroud, A; (2004) *Integrated Natural Resource Management in Practice: Enabling Communities to Improve Mountain Livelihoods and Landscapes*; Proceedings of the African Highlands Initiative Conference 12-15 October, Nairobi, Kenya

URL: <http://bit.ly/cuVBJC>

10. Xuechun, Z; Zhong, X; Minggao, S; Enjiang, C; (2010) *Rural Finance in Poverty-Stricken Areas in the People's Republic of China: Balancing Government and Market*; ADB

URL: <http://bit.ly/9fchA1>

11. Gender Perspectives in Mountain Development: New challenges and innovative approaches, Summer 57 (2010)

URL: <http://bit.ly/bYuloU>

12. Understanding Mountain Poverty: Exploring the specificities of poverty in the mountain areas: #3/10 (2010)

URL: <http://bit.ly/9tretl>

13. Poverty in Mountain Areas of the Hindu Kush-Himalayas: Some Basic Issues in Measurement, Diagnosis and Alleviation (2002)

URL: <http://bit.ly/cnxwHn>

14. Equity and Rights in the Hindu Kush-Himalayan Region: Summer (No. 44) (2004)

URL: <http://bit.ly/9ctbRS>

15. Godavari: ICIMOD Demonstration and Training Centre (2008)

URL: <http://bit.ly/cMOtdg>

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