

Dear Colleagues,

Please find below periodic thematic digest on 'Mountain livelihood and technology', Issue 13 (05 August 2010), prepared for members of Mountain Forum and Mountain Partnership network.

Regards,
Asia Pacific Mountain Network (APMN) team

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News

1. India elephant blessings 'to stop' due to health risk

04 August 2010

Forest officials in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu have asked temple custodians to stop their elephants from blessing Hindu pilgrims. Officials say the practice could be putting the animals at risk of tuberculosis. They say the constant exposure to as many as 500 pilgrims a day may be putting the elephants at risk of contracting diseases, including tuberculosis.

More at: <http://bit.ly/bZ9fw8>

2. APN Takes Action for Sustainable Forestry

04 August 2010

The Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN) will highlight a number of APN forestry-related activities in the region at the International Union of Forest Research Organisation (IUFRO) 23rd World Congress 2010 – "Forests for the Future: Sustaining Society and the Environment" that will take place in Seoul, Republic of Korea, 22-28 August 2010.

Source: <http://bit.ly/9Ap3Gt>

3. Millions of Japanese trapped in 'hidden poverty'

04 August 2010

Consumer gluttony, astronomic real-estate prices and jobs for life were once normal in Japan but today the country also has millions of poor people desperately struggling to make ends meet. Nearly one in six Japanese lives below the poverty line -- meaning they earn less than half the median household income, or less than 1,830 dollars for a four-person family in a country that prides itself on its egalitarianism.

More at: <http://bit.ly/9fw9A8>

4. Natural mineral oil extraction in Tarai districts (Nepal) a pipe dream

03 August 2010

The issue of natural mineral oil in the Tarai districts has heated up once again after environmentalists claimed that the project will degrade the ecosystem of Tarai and the Churia. "The exploration and extraction work may hamper the biodiversity and the whole ecosystem of the Churia and Tarai may be affected," said Santosh Mani Nepal, a Natural Resource expert. Environmentalists are demanding rigorous environmental study before the extraction.

More at: <http://bit.ly/97fRs7>

5. Deadly flooding spreads to Pakistan's heartland

03 August 2010

Floodwaters spread into Pakistan's heartland Tuesday, submerging dozens of villages along bloated rivers whose torrents already have killed at least 1,200 people. Fresh rains in the hardest-hit northwest threatened to overwhelm a major dam and unleash a new deluge.

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

6. Chinese environmental crusaders win 'Asia's Nobel'

02 August 2010

Three Chinese environmental campaigners were on Monday named among the winners of this year's Ramon Magsaysay Awards, regarded as Asia's version of the Nobel Prize. The mayor of the Japanese city of Hiroshima, a Filipino couple who work to educate the poor and a Bangladeshi advocate for the disabled were also honoured by the Ramon Magsaysay Awards Foundation, based in the Philippine capital.

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

7. GM bananas could cut blindness, anaemia in East Africa

30 July 2010

Bio-fortified bananas that could reduce blindness, diarrhoea and anaemia are a step closer, according to the preliminary results of a joint research project between Ugandan and Australian scientists.

Genetically modified (GM) bananas containing genes to boost their vitamin A and iron content have been planted in Australia and Uganda over the past two years (2009–2010). The first harvest from Australia shows promising results, according to the researchers from the National Agricultural Research Organisation (NARO) in Uganda and Australia's Queensland University of Technology.

Source: <http://bit.ly/dkSCT7>

8. India Digs under Top of the World to Match Rival

31 July 2010

The name of this white-knuckle pass, one of the highest in the world, means "pile of corpses" in the Tibetan language. Every year a few dozen people die trying to cross these spiky Himalayan peaks. What India is belatedly seeking to do in this place is to improve its defenses by upgrading its logistics. In the mean time China is in a position to rapidly move additional forces to the border to potentially strike at India at a time of its choosing.

More at: <http://nyti.ms/b1rd0n>

9. Afghan and Pakistani scientists to collaborate

29 July 2010

The Global Knowledge Initiative (GKI), a global alliance of universities, foundations and businesses, has launched the collaboration, in which the two countries will identify areas in which they both want to

build research and training capacity. Shared issues might include research on drought-tolerant crops, agro-industrial processing, low-cost energy production, and information and communication technologies.

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

10. ADB aid of \$ 20 m to upgrade Kathmandu's public transportation

25 July 2010

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has announced to provide up to \$20 million for the Kathmandu Sustainable Urban Transport Project. The proposed fund will be mobilised to help improve the urban transport system, reduce congestion and pollution in the capital.

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

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Events

1. 29 Sep - 01 Oct, 2010

STEM Annual Summit on Technology Transfer; call for Participation; New Delhi, INDIA

Organised by STEM, the event will bring together more than 200 leading IP and technology transfer practitioners, IP managers, researchers, policymakers, from the private and public sector in India, and abroad.

Deadline: 29 September 2010

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

2. 07-09, January 2010

2011 International Conference on Environmental Science and Development (ICESD 2011); Call for Paper, Mumbai; INDIA

The aim of the ICESD conference series is to provide a forum for laying the foundations of a new principled approach to Environmental Science and Development. To this end, the meeting aims to attract participants with different backgrounds, to foster cross-pollination between different research fields, and to expose and discuss innovative theories, frameworks, methodologies, tools, and applications.

Deadline 15 September 2010

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

3. 24-27, October 2010

The International Conference on Trends for Scientific Information Professionals; Call for Participation; Vienna, AUSTRIA

The conference lasts for two and a half days and features approximately 24 formal presentations, panels on topical matters, all interspersed with short new product information presentations. All sessions are plenary.

Deadline: Rolling

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

4. 19-21, September 2010

2010 Resource Planning Summit; Call for participation; San Diego, CA

The Summit aims at developing leadership skills for product developers/ pm leaders, Resource Planning and Portfolio Management, leadership skills for product developers/ pm leaders and so on.

Deadline: Not available

More at: <http://bit.ly/cTmc3Q>

5. 12-14, December 2010

International Conference on Biodiversity, Livelihood and Climate Change in the Himalayas; Call for Papers; Kathmandu, Nepal

The conference will be organized in collaboration with the International Center for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), WWF Nepal, National Trust for Nature Conservation (NTNC), and University of Bergen (Norway), and supported by Nepal Academy of Science & Technology (NAST), Nepal Agricultural Research Council (NARC), University Grants Commission (UGC) Nepal, and Norwegian Research Council (NRC).

Deadline: 31 August 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/dcjje7>

6. 09-11, January 2011

Conference: Innovation and sustainability Transitions in Asia; Call for Papers; University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, MALAYSIA

Papers are invited that address relevant aspects of the above two themes preferably addressing one or more of the topics identified above. We invite historical and empirical studies, as well as theoretical contributions and policy and practice-oriented cases. Papers that address the themes of the conference but cover experiences from geographical regions outside of Asia will also be considered.

Deadline: 30 September 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/ck5kle>

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Opportunities

1. Apply to be a 2011 GYSD International Regional Partner

15 August 2010

Youth Service America (YSA) is accepting applications from organizations around the world to serve as Regional Partners for Global Youth Service Day (April 15-17, 2011). YSA will select and support 1-2 Regional Partners in each of the following regions with a \$5,000 planning grant:

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

2. Programme Management Officer for UNFCCC

The Sustainable Development Mechanisms (SDM) Programme supports the implementation of the Kyoto mechanisms. The Services and Management Support (SMS) unit provides general oversight, administrative support and guidance to SDM.

Deadline: 19 August 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/cF4g58>

3. Associate Programme Officer, Regional Distribution and DNA Support for UNFCCC

The Sustainable Development Mechanisms (SDM) Programme supports the implementation of the Kyoto mechanisms, the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) and Joint implementation (JI). The Process Management Unit coordinates the implementation of work programmes of constituted bodies and their panels and working groups and SDM inputs to, and support of, intergovernmental bodies.

Deadline: 26 August 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/cF4g58>

4. Associate Programme Officer, Skills Development for UNFCCC

The Sustainable Development Mechanisms (SDM) Programme supports the implementation of the Kyoto mechanisms. The Services and Management Support (SMS) unit provides general oversight, administrative support and guidance to SDM.

Deadline: 17 August 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/cF4g58>

5. Director of Programme Operations at ICIMOD

ICIMOD has taken the new challenges as an opportunity to strengthen substantially its programme implementation capacity. The DPO reports to the Director General. S/he supervises all staff assigned to the Strategic Programmes, Gender/Governance and Economic Analysis Divisions.

Deadline: 31 August 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/bHW7J2>

6. Call for case studies on mountain biodiversity initiatives in the Hindu Kush-Himalayas - especially success stories-ICIMOD

The case studies collected from the region, including lessons learned, will be published in book form to draw the attention of policymakers to the Hindu Kush-Himalayan experience at the Tenth Meeting of the Conference of Parties (COP-10) in Nagoya, Japan, later this year.

Deadline: 20 August 2010

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

7. Gender and Conflict transformation: 11 Oct - 5 Nov 2010

This four-week online course brings together existing expertise on the relationship between gender and conflict transformation. The aim of the course is to empower women to become key agents in conflict transformation. The course will use a variety of interactive methods that illicit thinking and exchange. Specific aims of the course are the following: develop strategies to overcome gender specific barriers in conflict transformation, provide inspiring examples, and share experiences and to connect the local and international level.

Deadline: Rolling

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

8. Vacancy: EDCTP Partnership Board members (position starting date 1 January 2011)

The mission of EDCTP is to accelerate the development of new or improved tools to fight HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis in sub-Saharan Africa and to generally improve the quality of health research. The position starting date is 1 January 2011. Members shall be appointed for an initial term of up to two years, followed by conditional renewable terms of one year each for a maximum period of five years.

Deadline: 15 October 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/c6U1wv>

9. Internships Awards for the year 2011

The main goal of the Internship Awards is to provide exposure to research for international development through a program of training in research management and grant administration under the guidance of IDRC program staff. Internships are designed to provide hands-on learning experiences in research program management - in the creation, dissemination and utilization of knowledge from an international perspective.

Deadline: 12 September 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/9YQQ4E>

10. IFS Research Grants: Call for applications

Applications for IFS Research Grants are welcome from young scientists in developing countries to do research on the sustainable management, use or conservation of biological or water resources.

Deadline: 30 December 2010

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

11. MS/PhD scholarships at SEARCA

Launched in November 2005, the SEARCA PhD Research Scholarship provides financial support to a limited number of qualified PhD students whose researches are relevant to the priority thrusts of SEARCA.

Deadline: 01 September 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/c2GUMY>

12. Resource Efficiency in Mountains; Call for papers for MRD vol 31 no 2 (May 2011)

Efficient use of natural resources is crucial for fostering sustainable consumption and production patterns (SCPP), as well as—ultimately—for sustainable development. “Resources efficiency is about ensuring that natural resource use and pollution associated with the production and use of goods and services is reduced over the full life cycle.

Deadline: 15 October 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/asNj5q>

13. Sato International Scholarship Foundation - Scholarships

The Sato International Scholarship Foundation grants two types of scholarship for self-supporting students from ASEAN countries as well as Southwest Asian countries enrolled in a Japanese undergraduate or graduate institution.

Deadline: Not available

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

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Organisations working on Mountains Development

1. World Mountain Peoples Association, France

URL: <http://bit.ly/dnx7dE>

2. Regional Centre for Development Cooperation, India

URL: <http://bit.ly/c3bGm1>

3. Mountain Institute, Pakistan

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

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Resources

1. New Report: A Global Crisis of Development: Responses and Responsibilities

URL: <http://bit.ly/d0SfMd>

2. The Pelican Web's Journal of Sustainable Development

URL: <http://bit.ly/bTo8WO>

3. Mary Mwaura; Agricultural Production and Mountainous Areas: The Mount Kenya Forest Experience in Meru Central District, Kenya

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

4. Price, M; Wachs, T; Byers E; (1999); Mountains of the world: Tourism and sustainable mountain development; Mountain Agenda; Institute of Geography, University of Berne, Switzerland

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

5. Sanwal, M; (1989); What We Know about Mountain Development: Common Property, Investment Priorities, and Institutional; Mountain Research and Development, Vol. 9, No. 1 (Feb. 1989,), pp. 3-14; International Mountain Society

URL: <http://bit.ly/aoHRN9>

6. Zaizhi, Z; Haishui, Z; (2004); Development of socio-economic and ecological alternatives for sustainable management of mountain secondary forest in tropical China; International Journal of Sustainable Development & World Ecology, Volume 11, Issue 1 March 2004, pages 63 - 68

URL: <http://bit.ly/cTW5PC>

7. Earthprint.com – The world's Environmental and Agricultural Bookstore

URL: <http://bit.ly/8Xo0yt>

8. Ramakrishnan P. S.; Sustainable mountain development: The Himalayan tragedy

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

9. Melting Himalayas: Regional challenges and local impacts of climate change on mountain ecosystems and livelihoods

URL: <http://bit.ly/bVnAs7>

10. Mountain Areas Development Programme - IFAD

URL: <http://bit.ly/a9rPo4>

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