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Dear Colleagues,

Please find below periodic thematic digest on 'Mountain livelihood and technology', Issue 14 (23 August 2010), prepared for members of Mountain Forum and Mountain Partnership network.

Regards,  
Asia Pacific Mountain Network (APMN) team

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**News**  
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#### 1. Roiled Waters Sweep Funds

19 August 2010

The government of Nepal is planning to construct 400 new bridges at the expense of 50 bridges that are in need of urgent repair. 'Influential' leaders of various political parties have exerted tremendous pressure on the Department of Roads (DoR) under the Ministry of Physical Planning and Works for the construction of 400 new bridges worth around Rs. 16 billion in their respective districts.

Source: <http://bit.ly/c2SHpE>

#### 2. Finland Rated No. 1 - This Time in Food Security

19 August 2010

Still riding high on Newsweek's ranking as the best place to live in the world, Finland has received a less-tangible honour: being rated as having the planet's best food security.

Source: <http://bit.ly/at4Tj4>

#### 3. Hope on a Hillside: Helping Small Farmers Help Themselves

18 August 2010

Shenzhen Hashi Future Parking Equipment Co., Ltd, describes the model like a subway or light-rail train bestriding the road. It is 4-4.5 meter high with two levels: passengers board on the upper level while other vehicles lower than 2 meters (about 7 feet) can go through under. The straddle bus is planned to be mainly installed in China at this time. At present, there are 3 types of public transits in China: subway, light-rail train, and bus.

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

#### **4. Green Globe Launches Updated Sustainability Standard**

17 August 2010

LOS ANGELES, CA - Green Globe Certification has today launched its latest update to the Green Globe Standard for sustainable operation and management. The Green Globe International Advisory Group, which brings together the knowledge of travel and tourism professionals, as well as environmental experts, has overseen the latest review process.

Source: <http://bit.ly/aGI0hx>

#### **5. Hope on a Hillside: Helping Small Farmers Help Themselves**

17 August 2010

An ambitious terracing program is working to reshape Rwanda's landscape, helping farmers limit erosion, improve irrigation, and boost their yields. And, in the process, it will help transform the landscape of rural poverty, empowering smallholder farmers to provide a better life for their loved ones.

Source: <http://huff.to/c0zeTB>

#### **6. BASF 2010, Invested Heavily In China Asia-Pacific Strategy to Plastic – BASF, The Asia-Pacific Strategy, Plastics – Chemical Industry**

17 August 2010

HC Chemical Network News, BASF in March 23, 2010 disclosure of its Asia-Pacific Development: Exploring the sustainable development model, development of new chemical industry, efforts to achieve the 2020 Asia-Pacific

Source: <http://bit.ly/d1tB90>

#### **7. Iran to Build Nuke Plants Inside Mountains**

17 August 2010

Iran has announced plans to build 10 new uranium enrichment plants on top of its existing two, with construction to begin by March next year.

Source: <http://bit.ly/cPVKg7>

#### **8. GPS Expedition Scales Mount Rainier to Measure Height**

16 August 2010

An expedition lead by land surveyors have reported the current published height of the iconic Mount Rainier, the first major peak measured via Global Positioning System (GPS) in 1988, has been re-established via updated GPS technologies as part of a multi-element observational expedition by the Land Surveyor's Association of Washington, July 21-25, 2010.

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

#### **9. Vidarbha Farmers Get Market-Savvy With Hi-Tech Solution**

15 August 2010

The Reuters Innovation Foundation formed a team that looked at the potential test field. Maharashtra, Vidarbha in particular, emerged as a choice because of significant farming population, deeper rural penetration of mobile network, marketable surplus of commodities, and internal assessment.

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

#### **10. Mining and Oil Boom Propel Investment in Colombia**

15 August 2010

Security gains and capitalist-friendly investment rules are spurring an unprecedented mining and oil boom in Colombia, a pro-business outpost on an increasingly leftist continent.

Source: <http://bit.ly/aqc7Nf>

#### **11. Converge Delivers More than 100 Megawatts to Rocky Mountain Power**

12 August 2010

Comverge, Inc. (Nasdaq:COMV), the leading provider of Intelligent Energy Management solutions for Residential and Commercial & Industrial customers, today announced the successful delivery of more than 100 megawatts (MW) of peak demand load reduction to Rocky Mountain Power through a first-of-its-kind Virtual Peaking Capacity(TM) (VPC) intelligent energy management program. The program represents the biggest in the state of Utah and one of the largest outsourced demand response projects in North America.

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

## 12. Night Warming Threatens Rice Output In Asia

10 August 2010

Hotter nights arising from climate change will put a brake on the rise in rice production in Asia over the coming decades, with the effect worsening as the century progresses. The first study to use 'real-world' data from farmer-managed rice farms has shown that, while hotter days may boost productivity, hotter nights more than compensate by reducing it.

Source: <http://bit.ly/d1fWfx>

## 13. Lack of Science Means Jatropha Biofuel 'Could Fail Poor'

09 August 2010

Mass planting of jatropha as a biofuel crop could benefit poor areas as well as combating global warming, but only if a number of scientific and production issues are properly addressed, a review has warned.

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

## 14. A First Renuka Dam to Introduce 'Payment for Eco-Services'

09 August 2010

The Rs 2,700-crore Renuka Dam project will be the first in the country to implement the concept of "payment for eco-services" (PES) with the Forest Department earmarking an amount of Rs 10 crore for the purpose.

Source: <http://bit.ly/bioN1k>

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**Events**  
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### 1. 10-12, November 2010

**Scaling and Governance Conference 2010 -Towards a New Knowledge for Scale Sensitive Governance of Complex Systems; Call for participation; Wageningen, the NETHERLANDS**

The aim of conference is to discuss different perspectives on scaling and governance issues. The starting point is that scaling and governance deserve more attention as a combination, not just in separate studies.

Deadline: Rolling

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

### 2. 10-12, March 2011

**NAM's Conference 2011; Changing Perspective of Management: Revisit the Existing and Explore the Novel Ideas Background. Call for Papers; Kathmandu, NEPAL**

The primary goal of the conference is to provide a unique global platform to the researchers, practitioners, and academic community to facilitate the exchange of leading edge ideas through multi-disciplinary presentation.

Deadline: 15 October 2010

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

### 3. 18-23, October 2010

**Training Programme on "Social Sector Development in Rural Areas: Strategies and Programmes" Call for application, Hyderabad, INDIA**

The National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD) has planned to organise a Training Programme on “Social Sector Development in Rural Areas: Strategies and Programmes” in its campus at Rajendranagar, Hyderabad. The enclosed Course Brochure provides full information about the programme.

Deadline: 12 October 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/c1jFV0>

**4. 17-20, May 2011**

**Colorado Conference on Earth System Governance; Call for Papers; Colorado State University, USA**

This conference is part of a global series organized by the Earth System Governance Project, a ten-year research program under the auspices of the International Human Dimensions Programme on Global Environmental Change (IHDP).

Deadline: 15 September 2010

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

**5. 10-14, January 2011**

**13th Biennial Conference of the International Association; Hyderabad, INDIA**

The Conference provides a unique opportunity to resurface the discussion and debate on Commons and bring experience and evidence from across the world to show that Commons are not a relic of the past, but play a strategic role in maintaining ecological health, reducing poverty, and improving collective action.

Deadline: Not available

More at: <http://bit.ly/ch6zLh>

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**Opportunities**  
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**1. Erasmus Mundus - FUSION-EP Scholarships**

The Joint European Master in Nuclear Fusion Science and Engineering Physics (FUSION-EP) is offered by 5 colleges. The Joint European Masters Programme offers a genuine European opportunity for Master level studies in a field which is of crucial importance to contribute to the solution of the ever more urgent and vital problem of world energy supply.

Deadline: 21 December 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/bMa5RS>

**2. Human Rights Watch Fellowships**

Fellows work full-time for one year with Human Rights Watch in New York, Washington, D.C., or London. (Aryeh Neier fellows work full-time in New York or Washington, DC, and, for an additional year at the ACLU.)

Deadline: 08 October 2010

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

**3. Katholischer Akademischer Auslander-Dienst Scholarships**

The KAAD, by its German name in full known as Katholischer Akademischer Auslander-Dienst (the Catholic Academic Support Service for Foreign Students, Germany) has, since long, provided scholarships for young professionals in need of such support from countries around the world.

Deadline: Rolling

More at: <http://bit.ly/ac6O5d>

**4. Pearson Fellowship for Social Innovation**

"Pearson Fellowship for Social Innovation" To Provide Financial Grants and Mentoring to Young People for Worldwide Social Service Projects

Deadline: rolling

More at: <http://bit.ly/9G69b6>

**5. SCHOLARSHIPS: Food Security Center, University of Hohenheim**

In 2011, the Food Security Center (FSC) at the University of Hohenheim, Stuttgart, Germany will award up to 29 scholarships for postdoctoral researchers and PhD students for a period of 4 to 36 months.

Deadline: 30 September 2010

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

**6. The Global Fund for Women, Grants from USA**

The Global Fund for Women is an international network of women and men committed to a world of equality and social justice. We advocate for and defend women's human rights by making grants to support women's groups around the world.

Deadline: Rolling

More at: <http://bit.ly/9qy6O6>

**7. TIES Innovation Awards**

TIES is pleased to offer the Innovation Leadership Sustainable Tourism Awards as special occasions to recognize the distinguished achievements by those who have made significant contributions to conservation, communities and sustainable travel.

Deadline: 23 August 2010

Source: <http://bit.ly/cYylr7>

**8. UNPFII - Trust Fund**

The Fund will give priority to projects concerning the main areas of the Second Decade: culture, education, health, human Rights, the environment and social and economic development. Indigenous organizations or organizations working for indigenous peoples can apply for small grants from the Trust Fund. Guidelines to applicants for the Fund will be available when the call opens every year.

Deadline: 01 October 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/birR2z>

**9. The Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP); Call for proposals; Washington DC, USA**

The Global Agriculture and Food Security Program aims to improve the income and food security of poor people in developing countries through more and better public and private sector investment in agriculture and rural development that is country-owned and led.

Deadline: 01 October 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/aqSw3N>

**10. Inviting Nominations for 7<sup>th</sup> Manthan Award South Asia 2010; India**

Deadline: 10 September 2010

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

**11. Call for Contributions - next edition of [square brackets]**

[square brackets] is a newsletter produced jointly by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD) and the CBD Alliance .

Deadline: 30 August 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/c9Evww>

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**Organisations working in Mountain Livelihood**  
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**1. The Mountain Institute**

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

2. **Byrraju Foundation, Andhra Pradesh, India**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/dppMxg>
3. **Green globe**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/c8kw60>
4. **Institute of Global Environment and Society (IGES)**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/agLk5l>
5. **Jagori - Women's Resource and Training Centre; Delhi, India**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/9cVEhB>
6. **Naandi Foundation, India**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/drqgLz>
7. **Centre for Sustainable Development Initiatives, Working Towards Sustainable Livelihoods in Africa**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/c58Tvb>
8. **Partners Relief and Development, USA**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/9FLNYd>  
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**Resources**  
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1. **Adaptive Strategies for Sustainable Livelihoods in Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) Project**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/djzZD>
2. **Dunn J; 06 August 2010; Growing poplars for food security**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/cGM3IH>
3. **Gorkhali H.G.; Improving livelihood of rural mountain people through promotion of pico-hydro technologies: a case of Nepal; CRT Nepal**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/ac1dqE>
4. **Integrated Value Chain Development as a Tool for Poverty Alleviation: An analytical and strategic framework (2010)**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/ccQu6S>
5. **Labour Migration for Development in the Western Hindu Kush-Himalayas: Understanding a livelihood strategy in the context of socioeconomic and environmental change (2010)**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/cDHKLc>
6. **Understanding Mountain Poverty : Exploring the specificities of poverty in the mountain areas: #3/10 (2010)**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/9tretl>
7. **Godavari : ICIMOD Demonstration and Training Centre (2008)**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/cMOtdq>
8. **Natural Resource Management – approaches and technologies in Nepal: NEPCAT Fact Sheets (2008)**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/9ejQ9P>

**9. Labour standards remain critical risk for firms manufacturing in China – new Maplecroft report**

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

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