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Dear Colleagues,

Please find below periodic thematic digest on 'Mountain livelihood and technology', Issue 15 (07 September 2010), prepared for members of Mountain Forum and Mountain Partnership network.

Regards,
Asia Pacific Mountain Network (APMN) team

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News from Regional Member Countries (RMC)

1. 30 feared killed as bus plunges in river

07 September 2010

At least five persons were killed and more than 25 went missing after a commuter bus en route to Barhabise from Baseri skidded off the road and plunged into the Bhote-koshi River at the Baseri road section along the Araniko Highway (East Nepal).

Sources: <http://bit.ly/cWmYBB>

2. Pakistan: Malteser International prepares rehabilitation of social infrastructure / Special focus on water treatment

06 September 2010

Cologne/Islamabad. Malteser International, the worldwide relief service of the Order of Malta for humanitarian aid, is preparing first measures for reconstruction and rehabilitation in the districts of Swat, Kohistan and Punjab. The rehabilitation and reinforcement of the social infrastructure will be one major objective next to the emergency relief for the flood affected that are hurt, ill and threatened by contaminated water.

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

3. 246 stranded tourists evacuated from east China Island

02 September 2010

All 246 tourists were evacuated Wednesday after being stranded for more than two days on an island in east China's Zhejiang Province due to approaching tropical storms. The tourists, including six Russians and more than 30 students, boarded three speed boats Wednesday and arrived at a mainland harbor in the afternoon.

Source: <http://bit.ly/9Unie7>

4. Myanmar set to build hydropower plants targeting B'desh- Cross-border power trade envisaged

02 September 2010

Azizur Rahman, Myanmar has agreed to build two hydropower plants aimed at exporting around 575 megawatts (mw) of electricity to energy-starved Bangladesh, top officials said Tuesday. (The Financial Express BD). The government has targeted to produce additional 10,000mw electricity by 2014.

Source: <http://bit.ly/9mP8QX>

5. More foreign dairy products found unsafe

02 September 2010

The amount of unsafe foreign dairy products seized during importation is on the rise in recent months amid the unalleviated public concern over unsafe milk formula in the country. A report on substandard imported food and cosmetics released by the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) over the past weekend said a total of 402 tons of unsafe dairy products were returned or destroyed in June.

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

6. 30,000 Bhutanese refugees resettled in US

01 September 2010

The United States has so far resettled 30,000 Bhutanese refugees, with 5,000 others elsewhere during the on-going large scale resettlement of Bhutanese refugees to several countries around the world, the US Embassy in Kathmandu said on Wednesday.

Source: <http://bit.ly/9FgHB3>

7. Gruber recipient funds rehabilitation centre for women

01 September 2010

Sapana Pradhan Malla, the Gruber Foundation Women's Right Prize winner, who had won Rs. 15,000,000 for advocating for the rights of Nepali women has donated Rs 65 lakhs for a rehabilitation centre in her home district Nawalparasi.

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

8. Rautes attracted to new occupation

01 September 2010

People from the Raute community, who have been earning for livelihood by manufacturing and selling wooden things, have shifted their occupation to goat keeping in recent days. They have started rearing goats for livelihood since forest resources are being massively exploited and Gunabandar—a species of monkey they have been using as a food source is disappearing.

Source: <http://bit.ly/aWcjg8>

9. Pre-info system combats flood impact

01 September 2010

In a bid to minimise the impact of floods and inundation, pre-information system has been brought into implementation in Kailai (Far west Nepal). The system has been implemented at the initiation of Nepal Red Cross Society, District Development Committee and local office of Department of Metrology and Hydrology with the collaboration of Mercy Crops Nepal.

Source: <http://bit.ly/bTLLR9>

10. Dhaka set to become an uninhabitable city

01 September 2010

Since the enactment of the open space and wetland conservation act in 2000, the rate of decreasing the wetland has not dropped. Dhaka, the country's ever expanding capital city, would soon become uninhabitable, if encroachment of rivers, canals and wetland in and around the city continues at the present pace, a top urban planner has warned.(The New Age BD)

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

11. Fourteen fresh anthrax infection cases detected in Bangladesh

01 September 2010

At least 14 people have contracted anthrax in the latest outbreak in a village of Bangladesh's central Tangail district, an official said Wednesday. The Health Ministry official who asked to be unnamed told Xinhua that the new cases were detected on Tuesday after at least 127 people have been infected by the disease in Tangail's neighboring two districts -- Sirajganj and Pabna -- late last month.

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

12. India growth rate rises to 8.8%

31 August 2010

India's economy grew at its fastest rate for more than two years in the last quarter, according to official data. Being 11th biggest economy in the world, India is the second fastest-growing, behind China. Strong industrial and mining output helped boost the growth rate, India's statistics agency said.

Source: <http://bbc.in/c5YDtI>

13. Children in Pakistan hit by flood illnesses

31 August 2010

Children in Pakistan are bearing the brunt of water-borne illnesses spreading because of the floods, says the World Health Organization. Its officials say the young have been especially affected by a rise in acute cases of diarrhoea and malaria from stagnant water. The flood waters are beginning to drain away to the Arabian Sea but inundations continue in parts of Sindh province. Few of the eight million people displaced have clean drinking water.

Source: <http://bbc.in/cyNhRR>

14. NABARD gives Rs 248.49 lakh to Sikkim

31 August 2010

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned Rs 248.49 lakh against a total project cost of Rs 272.53 lakh to Sikkim for implementation of two infrastructure projects under RIDF-XVI. The projects sanctioned relate to one rural road and one rural market infrastructure in East district.

Source: <http://bit.ly/cCBjr0>

15. Government to take up Tk 37.4 crore project for reclamation of 600 square kilometers land in Bangladesh

31 August 2010

The government will finance the project in two phases. In the first phase, a total of Tk 25 crore will be provided to start the project and the rest of the allocation will be provided in the second phase to complete implementation of the project.

Source: <http://bit.ly/duAUZ1>

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Global News

1. North Korea requests rice aid from rival South

07 September 2010

Destitute North Korea has asked its wealthy neighbour for rice aid following severe flooding this year, the South's Unification Ministry said on Tuesday, signalling an easing of tensions on the peninsula. The request came after Seoul

last week offered to provide 10 billion won (\$8.5 million) in emergency aid including food, relief materials and first aid kits.

Source: <http://bit.ly/d95Jg1>

2. Problem drinking shows up north-south England divisions

31 August 2010

Data collected by the North West Public Health Observatory shows almost 16,000 people died in England last year as a result of alcohol-related harm.

Source: <http://bbc.in/dkkzv5>

3. Maize disease threatens to devastate East Africa

31 August 2010

A new maize disease, not previously reported in Africa, will threaten food security and the livelihoods of millions of people on the continent, scientists have said. Rough dwarf maize disease was identified early this year in Masindi district and Namulonge in western and central Uganda, according to Godfrey Asea, head plant breeder for the cereals research programme at Uganda's National Crops Resources Research Institute (NACRRI).

Source: <http://bit.ly/d2KRa1>

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Events

1. 14-15, September 2010

CSR Asia Summit 2010; Strategic Solution for Sustainability; Call for participation; Victoria Harbour, HONGKONG

CSR Asia is the leading provider of information, training, research and consultancy services on sustainable business practices in Asia. We provide independent and cutting edge services and expert insight into the CSR issues facing companies in Asia. We also build capacity and promote awareness of CSR in order to advance sustainable development across the region.

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Deadline: Rolling

Event website: <http://bit.ly/az4IBc>

2. 11-14, January 2010

13th Biennial Conference of IASC: call for Registration; Hydrabad, INDIA

The Conference will contribute rich lessons and principles for managing local, complex, as well as Global Commons such as international arrangements to respond to climate change.

Contact Details: Jagdeesh Puppala

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Deadline: 30 September 2010

Event Website: <http://bit.ly/bXFYWr>

3. 21-23 January 2011

2011 International Conference on Advanced Material Research (ICAMR 2011); Calls for Proposals Round II; Chongqing, CHINA

CAMR 2011 aims to bring together researchers, scientists, engineers, and scholar students to exchange and share their experiences, new ideas, and research results about all aspects of Advanced Material Research, and discuss the practical challenges encountered and the solutions adopted.

Contact Details: Ms. Julie, Editor

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E-mail: icfit@vip.163.com

Deadline: 15 September 2010

Event website: <http://bit.ly/bzDgee>

4. 19 September 2010

Seminar on Project Management for Chief Functionaries, Directors, Secretaries, Reverends, Pastors and Senior Level Staff; Andrapradesh, INDIA

On Seminar: Proposal Writing, Leadership, Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (Fcra), Registration Funding Consultancy

Contact Details: Mrs.Geethanjali, CLL: 07569458884,

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Deadline: Rolling

Event website: <http://bit.ly/cdpwuB>

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Opportunities

1. Erasmus Mundus - MESPOM Scholarships (2011-2013)

MESPOM is an Erasmus Mundus Masters course in Environmental Sciences, Policy and Management operated by four leading European and two North American Universities and supported by the European Commission. MESPOM prepares students for identifying and implementing solutions to complex environmental challenges, especially in an international context.

Email: info@mespom.org

Deadline: 11 January 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/dx3QpU>

2. The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Grant

AFSP research grants support studies that aim to increase understanding of the causes of suicide and factors related to suicide risk, or to test treatments and other interventions designed to prevent suicide. Investigators from all academic disciplines are eligible to apply, and both basic science and applied research projects will be considered, providing the study has an essential focus on suicide or suicide prevention.

Email: grantsmanager@afsp.org

Deadline: 01 December 2010

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

3. NASSCOM Social Innovation Honours 2011, Calls for entries to the 3rd edition of the biggest industry recognition for social innovation

NGOs, NPOs, Corporate, Students, Government/PSUs, Individuals /Groups, can now apply

Email: gouri@nasscomfoundation.org,

Deadline: 01 October 2010

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

4. M.Sc/ PhD Scholarships at University of Canterbury

The University of Canterbury (UC) offers a number of scholarships for study towards a PhD degree or for the thesis year of a Masters degree. There is strong competition for these scholarships and application must have gained at least a first class honours degree, or the equivalent, for it to be worth applying.

Email: international@canterbury.ac.nz

Deadline: 15 October 2010

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

5. ISID Grant, SSI/ISID Fellowships, Scientific Exchange Fellowships

ISID is committed to improving the care of patients with infectious diseases, the training of clinicians and researchers in infectious diseases and microbiology, and the control of infectious diseases around the world.

Email: info@isid.org

Deadline: 01 October 2010

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

6. Asian Graduate Student Fellowships

The Asia Research Institute of NUS invites applications from citizens of Asian countries enrolled for a fulltime advanced degree at a university in an Asian country (except Singapore) for consideration for the award of Asian Graduate Student Fellowships.

Email: arikk@nus.edu.sg

Deadline: Rolling

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

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Organisations working in Sustainable Livelihood

1. Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs, DEFRA

Defra is the UK government department responsible for policy and regulations on the environment, food and rural affairs.

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

2. Grain: Food crisis

GRAIN is a nongovernmental organisation that promotes sustainable management of agricultural biodiversity.

URL: <http://bit.ly/ay9Xa7>

3. SUSTAIN

SUSTAIN is a nonprofit organisation that aims to improve nutrition in developing countries through innovative applications of food science and technology.

URL: <http://bit.ly/aLw0js>

4. Action Group on Erosion, Technology and Concentration

An international non-governmental organisation run from Canada (formerly known as RAFI — the Rural Advancement Foundation International).

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

5. Centre for Biodiversity and Indigenous Knowledge

CBIK promotes socially equitable and environmentally sound development in mountainous areas of southwest China that is inhabited by ethnic minorities.

URL: <http://bit.ly/cmt0CU>

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Resources

1. Mountain Research and Development (MRD) vol 30, no 3, on “(Agro) biodiversity in Mountains”: available online and open access

URL: <http://bit.ly/a59OVf>

2. **Daconto, G; and Sherpa, LN; (2010); Applying Scenario Planning to Park and Tourism Management in Sagarmatha National Park, Khumbu, Nepal; Mountain Research and Development 30(2):103-112. 2010**
URL: <http://bit.ly/cFF3Q5>
3. **Forest Products Annual Market Review, 2009-2010; UNECE**
URL: <http://bit.ly/ayqQC5>
4. **Rural Poverty Portal**
This website from the International Fund for Agricultural Research shares information on strategies to eradicate rural poverty.
URL: <http://bit.ly/bGMeyl>
5. **Food Security Network**
The website includes regular updates and news stories, which are often pro-biotechnology.
URL: <http://bit.ly/aojPII>
6. **GE Food Alert**
The website, maintained by the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy in Minneapolis, includes news, information and resources on genetically modified crops, food safety and security and intellectual property rights.
URL: <http://bit.ly/bo6EKa>

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