

Dear Colleagues,

Please find below periodic thematic digest on 'Mountain livelihood and technology', Issue 16 (30 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 (RMCs)

1. Step to get hills' voice heard at UNFCCC

28 September 2010

With two months to go for the COP 16 climate change conference in Cancun, Mexico, Nepal has launched an initiative to 'introduce' the mountain agenda into the UNFCCC negotiation process. Last week experts from 17 mountain nations across the globe gathered at Kathmandu to prepare a common platform and chalk out an agenda to protect mountains from affects of climate change.

Source: <http://bit.ly/aBXZq8>

2. Health awareness programme in Garo Hills

28 September 2010

A community participation programme is being organized in Garo Hills districts under the Information, Education and Communication (IEC) scheme of the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). This is an awareness programme about the benefits of the health schemes indented for the rural people.

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

3. Major Telescopes Added to Highest Observatory

28 September 2010

The 2.5-meter Kunlun Dark Universe Telescope, or KDUST, would survey the optical and near-infrared bands for planets beyond our solar system and plumb the mysteries of dark matter and dark energy.

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

4. China extends plateau railway to Tibet's second largest city

27 September 2010

The 253-km extension from Tibet's capital Lhasa to Xigaze will pass through five counties and over the 90-km long Yarlung Zangbo Grand Canyon.

Source: <http://bit.ly/b4hPuO>

5. China plans to build 4th Antarctic research station

26 September 2010

China is planning to build a new station in the South Pole for scientific research in five to 15 years, which will be the country's fourth, the State Oceanic Administration said Sunday. The design work of the vessel had started and construction was expected to start in 2011 and be completed by 2013, he added.

Source: <http://bit.ly/cUbr6B>

6. Bangladesh: Human chain formed across the country demanding constitutional recognition of IPs

25 September 2010

Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples Forum (BIPF) and other Indigenous Peoples Organisations (IPOs) organized Human Chain in Dhaka, Rajshahi, Sylhet, Chittagong, Chittagong Hill Tracts and other parts of the country where indigenous peoples live in.

Source: <http://bit.ly/aCrqe3>

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Global News

1. 'Slavery' uncovered on trawlers fishing for Europe

30 September 2010

Shocking evidence of conditions akin to slavery on trawlers that provide fish for European dinner tables has been found in an investigation off the coast of west Africa. Forced labour and human rights abuses involving African crews have been uncovered on trawlers fishing illegally for the European market by investigators for an environmental campaign group.

Source: <http://bit.ly/9H5EL5>

2. Tourism vibrant in Viet Nam

30 September 2010

Viet Nam tourism has great potential for sustainable development, and the country could become one of the most-visited countries in Asia by 2020, according to experts who spoke at an ASEAN Tourism Investment Forum held yesterday in HCM City.

Source: <http://bit.ly/d3wpvy>

3. ADB: Asia priority should be long-term growth

28 September 2010

Asia's developing economies should make long-term growth their top priority, the Asian Development Bank said Tuesday as it lifted its 2010 growth forecast for the region. The economies would expand by 8.2 percent in 2010, up from the bank's 7.5 percent forecast earlier

this year, as the trade-driven region "recovered from the global (financial) crisis with remarkable speed and vigour," the ADB said in its twice-yearly economic forecast.
Source: <http://bit.ly/b6sOLQ>

4. Clamour to amplify mountain agenda

27 September 2010

Ahead of the first ministerial level meeting of the mountain countries due to be held here in March next year, experts have called on the mountain countries to nominate a focal institution and person in their respective countries.

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

5. Farmers eligible for USDA conservation loans

21 September 2010

USDA Farm Service Agency State Executive Director Bill Wehry announced the launch of a Conservation Loan Program that will provide farm owners and farm-related business operator's access to credit to implement conservation techniques that will conserve natural resources.

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

6. Spirit Mountain Opens Year-Round Alpine Coaster Ride

13 September 2010

The Timber Twister made its debut this summer and has been an instant hit with visitors to the Duluth area, according to Spirit Mountain Executive Director, Renee Mattson.

Source: <http://bit.ly/ay1r3L>

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Events

1. 19 – 21, November 2010

2010 Pilot International Conference on Global Sustainable Development, Theme: Climate Change, A Challenge to Businesses in the 21st Century; Call for Participation; Kampala, UGANDA

The workshop aims to expose to the conference participants the business opportunities of climate change. Participants will see real examples of low carbon businesses, and learn about the policies and programs that are necessary for successful scale up. We will look ahead to international policy outcomes for Copenhagen, and focus as well on actions urgently needed now to sustain our own organizations and communities.

Contact: PO Box 22500, Kampala Uganda.

Email: info@pilotinternationalconferences.org

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

2. 29 November - 3 December 2010

Health and Disaster Risk Reduction: Strengthening Health Systems for Resilient Communities: Call for Participation; Cavite 4118, PHILIPPINES

This five-day course is designed for health practitioners (doctors, nurses, midwives, and other professionals that deal with health issues in the community) and representatives of development organizations, non-government and government, engaged in promoting health and strengthening health systems to build resilient communities.

Deadline: Rolling
Email: Education.Training@iirr.org
More at: <http://bit.ly/9x3KiQ>

3. 30 November-01 December, 2010

2nd Large Scale Farm Forum; Call for Registration; Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf & Spa Resort, COMBODIA

CMT's 2nd Global Large Scale Farm Forum coming to S.E. Asia at the world heritage city of Siem Reap, Cambodia offers you a comprehensive forum with invaluable insight from our panel of leading international experts, investors and officials.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: Centre for Management Technology; Singapore and Malaysia

Email: Boardsangelia@cmtsp.com.sg

Event website: <http://bit.ly/c5YwJQ>

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Opportunities

1. SAARC Youth Award 2010

SAARC invites applications from the youth of the region to participate in the "SAARC Youth Award – 2010". The aim of the Scheme is to provide suitable recognition to extra-ordinary young talents and encourage the overall development of the youth in the region.

Deadline: 30 September 2010

Contact: saarc@saarc-sec.org

More at: <http://bit.ly/aA4dW2>

2. Vacancy: Senior Scientist, Household Livelihoods

CIFOR is looking for a visionary Senior Scientist, Household Livelihoods. Under the leadership of the Programme Director, the Senior Scientist will develop, facilitate and manage research projects at various sites globally.

Deadline: 31 October 2010

Contact: cifor-hr@cgiar.org

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

3. 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

Contact: IFS Secreteriat, Tel.: +46 8 545 818 00 Stockholm, Sweden

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

4. World's leading green energy awards call for entries for 2011

The Ashden Awards for Sustainable Energy are seeking entries from inspirational and innovative local sustainable energy programmes from Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Deadline: 19 October 2010

Contact: info@ashdenawards.org

More at: <http://bit.ly/9zvy0l>

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Organisations working on Mountain Livelihood and Technology

1. Grain: Food crisis

GRAIN is a nongovernmental organisation that promotes sustainable management of agricultural biodiversity. The food crisis section of this website links to publications and websites about the global food crisis and its impact on small-scale farmers in the developing world.

URL: <http://bit.ly/ay9Xaa>

2. Gobabeb Training and Research Centre

The centre is attached to the Southern Africa Development Community, the intergovernmental organisation representing countries in southern Africa. It is also associated with the Desert Research Foundation of Namibia.

URL: <http://bit.ly/aa1oec>

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/aLw0ju>

4. Honey Bee Network

The Honey Bee Network collects knowledge and practices at a grassroots level and brings together creative and innovative farmers, mechanics, fishermen, women, etc

URL: <http://bit.ly/c2MtpB>

5. CropLife International

CropLife International is a federation of multinational companies and national and regional associations working in plant science. It publishes information on agri-biotechnology, pesticides and sustainable agriculture.

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

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Resources

1. Hesse, S.; Asia is surely gaining an unquenchable thirst; 26 September 2010

URL: <http://bit.ly/akQ0N6>

2. Rural Poverty Portal

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

3. Hance, J.; Could industrial interests ruin payments for environmental services? 27 Sept 2010

URL: <http://bit.ly/aGDW6k>

4. Verma, R.; North – eastern India: a linguistic scenario

URL: <http://bit.ly/bnV9kJ>

5. Dossier: Global Food Crisis in Depth

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

6. Fishing for Sustainable Development: Applying Innovative Methods of Ensuring Food Security and Protecting Biodiversity.

URL: <http://bit.ly/bS8yAr>

7. Shetty, P.; BioMed Analysis: How to meet the MDGs; 24 September 2010

URL: <http://bit.ly/a2B7Bw>

8. India's 'brain drain' tactics can work elsewhere

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

9. Dickson, D.; Water security and climate change: how science can help

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

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