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Please find below periodic thematic digest on 'Mountain livelihood and technology', Issue 17 (05 November 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)**

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#### **1. World's biggest census begins in China**

04 November 2010

As part of the country's sixth national census, which began on Monday, 100,000 census takers are knocking on doors in Beijing. They have 10 days to complete their task. The exercise will involve 6 million door-to-door census takers visiting 400 million households, including foreigners and people from Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Macao who live on the mainland.

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

#### **2. Nepal betters in health, education: HDI report**

04 November 2010

Making impressive progress in the non-income dimensions of Human Development Index (HDI), especially in health and education, in the last 40 years, Nepal has gained a position of one of the 'top 10 movers' in human development all the world over.

Source: <http://bit.ly/9R2IGk>

#### **3. Pakistan: "Remarkable" citrus season expected**

03 November 2010

Pakistan produced 2.1 million tones of citrus last year whereas crop for the ensuing season is estimated to be 10-15 percent less, though the fruit size is expected to be bigger and crop healthier. Crop condition is good due to favorable weather and decline of 10 to 15 percent as compared to last year would be offset by the good quality of the fruit as per the spokesman of Harvest Tradings.

Source: <http://bit.ly/9JGI6k>

**4. High yield of vegetables in Joypurhat, Bangladesh**

03 November 2010

Joypurhat farmers are cultivating good winter vegetables this season. The city and village hats are the full of the winter vegetables. A good variety of vegetables like bottle-gourd, cauliflower, radish, brinjal, country-bean, cabbage, green chilly etc. has been grown in abundance in 5 upazilas of the district.

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

**5. China unleashes tourism in latest invasion of Tibet**

03 November 2010

The surge of tourists to the Himalayan region has seen visitor numbers jump during the first nine months of 2010 to 5.8 million, up 23 per cent on the same period a year earlier.

Source: <http://ind.pn/dtjD1b>

**6. China inflation won't top 3.5 pct average**

03 November 2010

The government is targetting 3.0 percent average inflation this year, but price pressures have built up in recent months. The consumer price index rose 3.6 percent in the year to September and is expected to have edged higher in October.

Source: <http://reut.rs/98G8hf>

**7. Nepal's gene bank gets going**

02 November 2010

Nepal's newly inaugurated gene bank is expected to help conserve the Himalayan country's rich biodiversity and enhance food security. Inaugurated last month (3 October), the gene bank, set up by the Nepal Agricultural Research Council (NARC) at Lalitpur, already has the capacity to store the seeds of about 50 plant species for up to 100 years.

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

**8. 2,000-year-old irrigation system renovated in Xinjiang**

30 October 2010

The first stage of the renovation of an ancient subterranean irrigation system in Northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region has been completed, local authorities said Saturday. The karez irrigation system was built 2,000 years ago. Conveying water from deep underground to the surface, the karez wells are considered -- along with the Great Wall and the Grand Canal -- one of the China's greatest surviving antique man-made structures.

Source: <http://bit.ly/ctNoS2>

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**Global News**

**1. Organic farms win at potato pest control**

03 November 2010

A study suggesting that organic agriculture gives better pest control and larger plants than conventional farming is sure to reignite longstanding debates about the merits of organic versus conventional agriculture. It also highlights an often-neglected aspect of biodiversity.

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

## 2. Turkmenistan and Pakistan Join CAREC as Central Asia Partnership Looks to 2020

02 November 2010

Ministers at the 9th Ministerial Conference of the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program welcomed the accession of two new members - Turkmenistan and Pakistan. This is a special event, consolidating the CAREC partnership and its work in transport, trade facilitation, and trade policy.

Source: <http://bit.ly/980zDK>

## 3. Crime-Fighting Trees

02 November 2010

Researchers from the US Forest Service's Pacific Northwest (PNW) and Southern Research Stations have published a study on this issue in the journal Environment and Behavior. Their theory is that certain types of trees can reduce crime in a given area. Their study focused on the neighborhoods of Portland, Oregon.

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

## 4. Grasses Have Potential as Alternate Ethanol Crop, Illinois Study Finds

01 November 2010

Researchers at the University of Illinois have completed the first extensive geographic yield and economic analysis of potential bioenergy grass crops in the Midwestern United States. Large grasses, such as switchgrass and miscanthus, could provide biomass with the added benefits of better nitrogen fixation and carbon capture, higher ethanol volumes per acre and lower water requirements than corn.

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

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## Events

### 1. 11-12, November 2010

#### **Wind Summit Turkey, Call for Participation, TURKEY**

Senior officials, industry leaders, suppliers and investors around the world are gathering at this summit to discuss new governmental support policies, technical advances, financing procedures as well as provide a detailed overview of the most up-to-date project developments across Turkey.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: Catriona Scanlon, [catrionas@noppen.com.cn](mailto:catrionas@noppen.com.cn), T: +8621 6085 1026, F: +8621 6192 1905

Event Website: <http://bit.ly/9gkAgo>

### 2. 13-15, January 2011

#### **Global Development Network (GDN) 12th Annual Global Development Conference; Call for Participation, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, COLUMBIA**

The central theme of the conference is "Financing Development in a Post-Crisis World: The Need for a Fresh Look."

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: Ms. Niharika Verma, GDN Conference Assistant, [nverma@gdnet.org](mailto:nverma@gdnet.org)

More at: <http://bit.ly/9m4yul>

### **3. 08-10, May 2011**

#### **International Sustainable Development Research Conference, Call for Papers Earth Institute, Columbia University, USA.**

Conference will explore what it would take to master the challenge of sustainable development in a future with increasing constraints assuming that developing countries will continue to strive for improvements in their standard of living.

Deadline: 15 December 2010

Contact: Lauren Barredo, [isdrc17@ei.columbia.edu](mailto:isdrc17@ei.columbia.edu)

Event Website: <http://bit.ly/bC8Ztv>

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## **Opportunities**

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### **1. DFID's Systematic Review Programme, Call for proposals**

The UK Department for International Development has joined with AusAid, the Australian aid agency, and the International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) to launch a call for proposals for systematic reviews of key policy questions.

Deadline: 29 November 2010

Contact: [sr3@3ieimpact.org](mailto:sr3@3ieimpact.org)

More at: <http://bit.ly/ayF1YT>

### **2. Vacancy for a fruit specialist Source Technologist**

This exciting opportunity has arisen for a fruit specialist to travel worldwide to audit and oversee the packing of fruit at the supply base as Source Technologist. The role will be grower facing, adhering to the customers quality standards and implementing them at source, while developing and improving product quality.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: TM Resources, [lb@tmresources.co.uk](mailto:lb@tmresources.co.uk)

More at: <http://bit.ly/aVP4nF>

### **3. Erasmus Mundus - MSc EF Scholarships**

The focus of the MSc EF is on the international dimensions of forest resource management and utilisation, supported by a sound understanding of ecological conditions and their dynamics in Europe. In addition to study places and Erasmus Mundus student scholarships, MSc EF offers opportunities for talented academics from all over the world to apply for scholar mobility grants.

Deadline: 31 December 2010

Contact: Dr. Marjoriitta Möttönen, [secretariat@europeanforestry.net](mailto:secretariat@europeanforestry.net), Tel. +358 13 251 3643,

Fax: +358 13 251 4422

More at: <http://bit.ly/c5Gc8l>

### **4. International Training Course on Participatory Integrated Watershed Management**

The training aims to enhance the conceptual and practical knowledge of participants in participatory integrated watershed management. In addition, participants will understand the role and importance of local governance, payment for ecosystem services, and an enabling

framework for achieving positive development outcomes through participatory integrated watershed management.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: [wsmtraining@icimod.org](mailto:wsmtraining@icimod.org)

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

**5. Vacancy: Global Rice Breeding Leader (Senior Scientist/Principal Scientist) at International Rice Research Institute, Metro Manila Philippines**

The successful candidate will have a PhD in plant breeding, genetics, molecular biology, or a related crop science field; at least 15 years of post-PhD research experience, with a strong background in plant breeding and/or molecular biology and a proven record of outstanding scientific contributions; strong experience in managing interdisciplinary teams and research programs; and excellent written and spoken English.

Deadline: 15 November 2010

Contact: [s.ocampo@cgiar.org](mailto:s.ocampo@cgiar.org)

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

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### Organisations working on Mountain Livelihood and Technology

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**1. Center for Rural Empowerment and the Environment**

CREE is a livelihoods focused non-profit organization that seeks practical solutions to bridging the gap between sustainable development and environmental conservation based at USA.

URL: <http://bit.ly/9tQBt6>

**2. The Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR)**

The Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR) aims to improve agricultural research for development by connecting agricultural research and innovation systems with farmers and societies.

URL: <http://bit.ly/a2yjQr>

**3. Centre for Sustainable Technology**

Based at Karnatak India, the Centre's focus is on promoting Sustainable Technologies tailored to suit local conditions of resource availability and habitation.

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

**4. Namsaling Community Development Center (NCDC)**

NCDC, Ilam is a not for profit, apolitical, social, non-governmental organization. It came in existence in 1984 AD, legally registered in District Administration Office Ilam in 1987 AD. It has been affiliated to Social Welfare Council since 1988. It is now one of the leading NGOs in eastern region of Nepal.

URL: <http://bit.ly/a1gVSc>

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### Resources

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1. **Watson, N; (2010) Harvest Tradings, Pakistan: "Remarkable" citrus season expected**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/9JGI6k>
2. **Gorkhali, HG; (IMPROVING LIVELIHOOD OF RURAL MOUNTAIN PEOPLE THROUGH PROMOTION OF PICO-HYDRO TECHNOLOGIES: A CASE OF NEPAL**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/ac1dqE>
3. **Managing Fragile Ecosystems: Sustainable Mountain Development**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/acnhKK>
4. **Sloping Agriculture Land Technology Solves Soil Erosion Issues**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/clmxt7>
5. **Donovan, GH; Prestemon, JP; (2010), The Effect of Trees on Crime in Portland, Oregon**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/cwSNpK>
6. **Candlish, J; (2010) Highlands prepared for 'very worst winter brings' , The Press and Journal**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/c8Pu9R>
7. **Khoo, S; (2010) Hazardous highland farms, The Star Online**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/c8zMqp>
8. **An Initiative towards Sustainable Development in Himalayan Mountains - Harvesting WATER from Air, the Climate Himalaya Initiative**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/dsarkr>
9. **Growth, Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Resource Management in the Mountain Areas of South Asia (2000)**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/bPPgRA>
10. **Roll of Honour - An overview of all Right Livelihood Award Laureates from 1980 to 2007**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/d3f8gp>
11. **Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/bvCRfj>
12. **Access to Global Online Research in Agriculture**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/d4E6Td>
13. **FAOSTAT- This website, by the Food and Agriculture Organization, provides a comprehensive database of statistics on food, agriculture and hunger in 200 countries.**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/dLLdq1>
14. **Understanding Mountain Poverty: Exploring the specificities of poverty in the mountain areas: #3/10 (2010)**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/9tretl>

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