

Dear Colleagues,

Please find below periodic thematic digest on 'Mountain livelihood and technology', Issue 18 (10 December 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. ADB and AusAID Strengthen GMS Transport and Trade Facilitation**

08 December 2010

A \$5.7 million technical assistance grant from ADB will help to improve transport and trade facilitation between countries in the Greater Mekong Sub region.

Source: <http://bit.ly/eH9aZZ>

**2. Too Many Nets, Too Little Fish**

03 December 2010

At one time, fisheries were Pakistan's third largest export industry, but today it may be "somewhere standing at the 30th position," estimates Khan. He cites the example of shark, which sit atop the marine food chain. From 350,000 sharks caught in 1999, this has fallen to 5,000 in recent times.

Source: <http://bit.ly/gHBo5t>

**3. Rajasthan opens farm gates**

15 November 2010

In an unprecedented step, Rajasthan has entered into memorandums of understanding (MoUs) with seven biotech seed firms, two of them among the largest in the world, to tone up its agriculture. It signals a fundamental shift in the way farming operates in India by giving private companies access to the state's research facilities to test and market their hybrid seeds and other technologies.

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

#### **4. Indian sloth bears evacuated on fears of Maoist threat**

12 November 2010

Fearing Maoists attacks, Indian forest officials have moved 22 sloth bears from West Bengal to the south. It took four days for the 12 male and ten female bears to be brought from Purulia to the Bennerghatta national park, near Bangalore, some 2000km away.

Source: <http://bbc.in/hhM8VF>

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**Global News**  
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#### **1. New Lao PDR Hydro Project to Spur Development, Improve Lives**

09 December 2010

Nam Theun 2, the Lao People's Democratic Republic's largest hydropower facility, was officially inaugurated today, signaling a new era for growth, development and poverty reduction in the landlocked Southeast Asian country.

Source: <http://bit.ly/hfOOu9>

#### **2. S.Korea: Farmers use LED lights to fight climate change**

07 December 2010

Bell peppers are now growing under red and blue florescent lights.

These are LED lights used as a substitute for sunlight. "We are desperately lacking sunlight because of the recent climate change. So we installed LED lights as a substitute and we've been seeing great results." For the past eight months this farm has been experimenting with using LED lights to grow bell peppers.

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

#### **3. World Bank-backed Dam Powers Ahead, Despite Social Cost**

07 December 2010

As the World Bank returns to the big dam business with the inauguration of Laos' largest hydropower project, it is coming under the scrutiny of familiar adversaries: green groups and grassroots activists. The Bank's decision to endorse the 1.5 billion U.S. dollar private sector project in Laos, one of South-east Asia's poorest countries, marked its return to the big dam industry following a lengthy hiatus. This break came in the wake of criticism that the Washington D.C.-based development funder received in the 2000 World Commission on Dams report, which said that its push for building large dams across the developing world has left a trail of social and environmental woes.

Source: <http://bit.ly/i8dhPb>

#### **4. Students Turn Trash into Tuition**

06 December 2010

Most people would not think twice about throwing out old plastic bags, empty soda cans, scrap metal and used shampoo bottles. But for the students of Cavite Institute in the Philippines, trash like these has become their ticket out of poverty. One of the schools in Philippine capital of Manila, has a scholarship programme that allows its 852 students to pay school fees with recyclables instead of cash.

Source: <http://bit.ly/exe4c5>

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**Events**  
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**1. 23-24, February 2011**

**Sustainable Development 2011: 1st Annual European Postgraduate Symposium, Dublin, IRELAND**

This is the first of a series of annual events which aims to bring together young researchers from a broad spectrum of disciplinary backgrounds interested in the major challenges posed by achieving Sustainable Development. We would like to invite you to share your perspective on this highly important topic with us, over two days in Dublin.

Deadline: 10 December 2010

Contact: Judith Kochmann, [info@sdsymposium.org](mailto:info@sdsymposium.org),

Event website: <http://bit.ly/gS6jhz>

**2. 01-03, March 2011**

**Fourth Annual Poverty and Social Protection Conference; Bangkok, THAILAND**

This Conference aims to identify and develop responses to vulnerability that gives greater agency and voice to the vulnerable and the poor, and engages policymakers and practitioners.

Deadline: 01 February 2011

Contact: Vladimir Mladjenovic, [contact@tomorrowpeople.org](mailto:contact@tomorrowpeople.org)

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

**3. 13-17, June 2011**

**The 17th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM), call for papers, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, MALAYSIA**

China Environmental Protection Foundation - "Green Pedestrian Crossing"

The China Environmental Protection Foundation developed an outdoor campaign, displayed on the street, to creatively promote this message. They decided to leverage a busy pedestrian crossing; a place where both pedestrians and drivers meet.

Deadline: 15 February 2011

Contact: Fadzilah Majid Cooke, [issrm2011@ums.edu](mailto:issrm2011@ums.edu).

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

**4. 18-22, May 2011**

**Ecclesiology and Exclusion: Boundaries of being and Belonging; Call for abstracts, Dayton, Ohio, USA**

It is a conference to explore exclusion and exclusivism, being and belonging in our times from a range of interdisciplinary perspectives.

Deadline: 15 February 2011

Contact: Professor Dennis Doyle, PhD Religious Studies, [dennis.doyle@notes.udayton.edu](mailto:dennis.doyle@notes.udayton.edu)

Event website: <http://bit.ly/fC7Ai7>

**5. 21-23, November 2011**

**Managing Alpine Future II, call for proposals, Innsbruck, Tyrol, AUSTRIA**

'Managing Alpine Future II' addresses Climate Change adaptation technologies and strategies in mountain regions in an interdisciplinary perspective.

Deadline: 31 December 2010  
Contact: Hans Stötter,  
Event website: <http://bit.ly/hLS4Qk>

**6. 23-26, March 2011**

**International Conference on Tropical Island Ecosystems: issues related to Livelihood, Sustainable Development and Climate Change; call for participation, Port Blair, Andaman Nicobar, INDIA**

This Conference has the following goals: Exchanging up-to-date information on the climate change adaptation plans, island-centric resource planning for livelihood and nutritional security, strengthening international cooperation.

Deadline: Rolling for participation, closed for paper

Contact name: Dr. S.K. Verma, [ramesh\\_cari@yahoo.co.in](mailto:ramesh_cari@yahoo.co.in)

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

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**Opportunities**  
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**1. Sustainable Development and Climate Change Adaptation Training Online**

These courses begin by introducing program design and climate change concepts, and develop as participants identify local community vulnerabilities, investigate appropriate solutions, develop full projects, launch and manage them. Participants from 81 countries and 150 institutions are using CSDi online courses to develop new, community-centered, sustainable development projects that are impacting over 70,000 beneficiaries.

Contact: [Online.Learning@csd-i.org](mailto:Online.Learning@csd-i.org)

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

**2. Vacancy: Climate change and natural resources adviser at DFID-Nepal**

DFID require an experienced adviser, primarily to support the government and its development partners to develop and implement a strategic plan for addressing climate change issues and improve management of natural resources for the benefit of the poor.

Deadline: 24 December 2010

Contact: [recruitment-nepal@dfid.gov.uk](mailto:recruitment-nepal@dfid.gov.uk)

More at: <http://bit.ly/eQC3Ct>

**3. The Right Livelihood Award for outstanding vision and work on behalf of our planet and people**

The Right Livelihood Award exists to honor and support those groups of people and individuals around the globe who valiantly uphold the principles of right livelihood. "Right Livelihood" embodies the principle that each person should follow an honest occupation, which fully respects other people and the natural world. It means being responsible for the consequences of our actions and taking only a fair share of the earth's resources.

Deadline: 01 March 2011

Contact: Ole von Uexkull, [info@rightlivelihood.org](mailto:info@rightlivelihood.org),

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

**4. Persephone Miel Fellowship for Crisis Reporting for Non-Native English Speakers outside of USA**

The Persephone Miel Fellowship for Crisis Reporting is intended to give non-native English speaking media professionals the opportunity to reach audiences beyond their home countries on critical under-reported issues.

Deadline: 01 February 2011

Contact: [mielfellowship@pulitzercenter.org](mailto:mielfellowship@pulitzercenter.org)

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

**5. 2011 Fellowship Award on Population, Environment, and Human Security**

The Compton Foundation is offering fellowships through the Population Reference Bureau (PRB) for for capstone/internship work and dissertation research on topics that examine the interactions linking family planning and reproductive health with environmental/sustainability and/or human security issues. This Fellowship provides highly motivated individuals with a unique opportunity to explore these very important interactions.

Deadline: 24 January 2011

Contact: Dr. Ashley Frost, [afrost@prb.org](mailto:afrost@prb.org)

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

**6. The Journal of Environmental Investing Scholarship Program**

Developing and deploying market-based solutions to our most pressing environmental problems requires rigorous interdisciplinary scholarship. It is critical that we encourage and support young scholars to participate in and contribute to this process. The Journal of Environmental Investing Scholarship Program is meant to reward graduate students who write an original, rigorous, and interdisciplinary work of scholarship in a critical area of environmental investing.

Deadline: 28 January 2011

Contact: [info@jeisp.org](mailto:info@jeisp.org)

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

**7. Open Society Foundations Faculty Development Fellowship**

In July 2011, grantees are required to participate in a four-week pre-academic summer program held in Istanbul, Turkey. The program consists of classes in academic writing in English and curriculum development, as well as social science and humanities-based seminars. The Faculty Development Fellowship is being offered to applicants in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Mongolia, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan.

Deadline: 10 February 2011

Contact: The contacts for different countries are different

([http://www.soros.org/initiatives/scholarship/focus\\_areas/coordinators](http://www.soros.org/initiatives/scholarship/focus_areas/coordinators)). Arman Turdaliyev, [aturdaliyev@gmail.com](mailto:aturdaliyev@gmail.com) (Uzbekistan)

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

**8. 2011 Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy Awards for those working for the Asian Pacific Islander community**

The Asian Pacific Community Fund (APCF), in partnership with Asian Americans/ Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy (AAPIP), will be recognizing a young generation of community leaders committed to the betterment of the Asian Pacific Islander (API) community

Deadline: 14 January 2011

Contact: Lauren Tokushige, Marketing Associate, [Ltokushige@apcf.org](mailto:Ltokushige@apcf.org)

More at: <http://bit.ly/f3k8hN>

**9. Call for Contributions to Book 'Global Migration and Remittances during the Financial Crisis and Beyond'**

This book aims to explore and examine near-term and long-term impacts of the global financial crisis on global migration and remittance flows. This volume aims to fill this gap by providing a comprehensive account of remittance practices and flows across the globe through case studies and detailed analyses focusing on different countries, regions and communities.

Deadline: 31 December 2010

Contact: Ibrahim Sirkeci, [sirkeci@migrationletters.com](mailto:sirkeci@migrationletters.com)

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

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**Organisations working in Mountain livelihood and technology**

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**1. Mulanje Mountain Conservation Trust, Malawi**

Mulanje Mountain Conservation Trust (MMCT) is an environmental endowment trust funded by the World Bank through the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) and aims at providing long-term reliable support for biodiversity research and conservation of biological diversity and sustainable utilization of natural resources of the Mulanje Mountain Forest Reserve.

URL: <http://bit.ly/dIN93W>

**2. Governance and Social Development Resource Centre**

The Governance and Social Development Resource Centre (GSDRC) provides cutting-edge knowledge services on demand and online. It aims to help reduce poverty by informing policy and practice in relation to governance, conflict and social development. The GSDRC is funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID) and the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID).

URL: <http://bit.ly/hUFAO9>

**3. Livelihood Development International**

LDI's mission is to provide comprehensive health care, training, and tools to support livelihood development, human rights, peace, and social protection of marginalised people.

URL: <http://bit.ly/es5GJl>

**4. PRADAN**

It is one of the pioneers in the promotion of Self-Help Groups (SHG) in India, having formed its first SHG in Alwar, Rajasthan, in 1987. Women and also works in works mostly with indigenous and poor people who live near forests for which forests and trees have, traditionally, been an important source of livelihood.

URL: <http://bit.ly/fjd52k>

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**Resources**

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1. **Arnall, A. ;( 2010) Adaptive Social Protection: Mapping the Evidence and Policy Context in the Agriculture Sector in South Asia**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/gPdZQK>
2. **Modelling public support for wildland fire policy**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/hlyFiT>
3. **Conservation agriculture towards achieving food security in North East India**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/eA2p6M>
4. **Green Manure/Cover Crops and Crop Rotation in Conservation Agriculture on Small Farms**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/eq5dli>
5. **Conservation Agriculture Network for South East Asia (CANESA)**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/ghSeMI>
- FAO and Emergencies - Disaster risk reduction**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/hoso4O>
6. **Integrated Crop Management Vol.10-2010 - Conservation Agriculture and Sustainable Crop Intensification in Lesotho**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/f7CDSW>
7. **China wins Global Green Awards Grand Prix 2010: China Environmental Protection Foundation - "Green Pedestrian Crossing"**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/h9qbug>
8. **Seed Bill II: Big business zindabad!**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/filQse>
9. **International Mountain Day**  
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