

Dear Colleagues,

Please find below periodic thematic digest on **'Mountain Livelihood and Technology', Issue 19 (04 January 2011)**, 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. Nepal: Everest tops CNN destinations for 2011

02 January 2011

CNN has mentioned in its online version, the thrill of high-altitude trekking in Nepal, which was once available only to a gung-ho few, has become more accessible recently. A trekking trip to the Everest Base Camp has topped the list of CNN 10 best trips for 2011.

Source: <http://bit.ly/if6qNv>

2. Nepal: Visitor arrivals reaches "new heights" in 2010 as NTB prepares to organize NTY 2011

02 January 2011

The year 2010 has ended with positive notes both in terms of total visitor arrivals for the month of December and also for the whole year, Nepal Tourism Board (NTB), which spearheads country's tourism promotion and development, said on Sunday.

Source: <http://bit.ly/fZ4uTM>

3. Myanmar: Farmers, fishermen still reeling from October cyclone

28 December 2010

Of the total US\$53 million needed to assist the Giri-affected population, less than half, or \$21 million, has been received thus far. Less than \$500,000 of these funds is earmarked for the restoration of livelihoods, which is half the estimated need. Cash-for-work programmes need to be carried out intensively between January and April 2011 with a focus on immediate job creation, since there are no jobs and there is a "huge" need to repair the embankments, according to FAO.

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

4. Pakistan: Necessity Pushes Pakistani Women into Jobs and Peril

26 December 2010

At work, some women spend more time deflecting abuse from customers than serving them. On the way home, they are heckled in buses and condemned by neighbors. It is so common for brothers to confiscate their uniforms that McDonald's provides women with three sets. More than 100 young women who recently entered service jobs told of continual harassment.

Source: <http://nyti.ms/ez0lQ5>

5. India: Himachal all set to empower rural women

25 December 2010

Himachal Pradesh is all set to empower women at the grassroots level by electing only women to around 13,000 seats in panchayati raj institutions (PRIs), the village-level third tier of governance. Besides reservation for women, there is also a provision of 15 percent reservation each for the Other Backward Classes and the Scheduled Castes. In both the cases, there is also a quota within the quota for women.

Source: <http://bit.ly/h2wAWi>

6. Bangladesh: Farmers to sell sugarcane through SMS

13 December 2010

Bangladesh PM has launched the e-purji system wherein, sugarcane growers shall be issued permits through SMS to sell sugarcane. This will reduce corruption by eliminating middlemen from the process.

Source: <http://bit.ly/fcEDc6>

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Global News

1. Philippines: Death toll from Philippine rains rises to five: rescuers

03 January 2010

The death toll from heavy rains swamping the eastern Philippines has risen to five following a fresh landslide, the government said Monday. Floods and landslides over the weekend forced more than 1,000 families to flee their homes on Leyte and nearby Samar Island, with soldiers mobilised to conduct rescues and clear roads.

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

2. Chile: Tens of thousands flee southern Chile's coast after magnitude 7.1 earthquake

03 January 2011

A magnitude 7.1 earthquake shook southern Chile yesterday, sending thousands fleeing for higher ground in fear of a tsunami like that which ravaged the coastline last year. There were no immediate reports of deaths or damage, and Vicente Nunez, head of the National Emergency Office, said no tsunami alert was issued.

Source: <http://bit.ly/fc8y1v>

3. Australia: 'Biblical' floods hit Queensland and leave tens of thousands homeless

02 January 2011

The northern Australian state of Queensland faces a flood of "biblical proportions" a local official warned yesterday, as rising water levels caused the evacuation of tens of thousands of people.

The floods have already struck a vast swath of territory the size of France and Germany combined. Worst rains for 50 years leave Queensland homes and businesses facing invasion of snakes and killer crocodiles.

Source: <http://bit.ly/gkgr3L>

4. **Sweden Adds To Fund Fighting HIV/AIDS in Asia and the Pacific**

27 December 2010

The Government of Sweden is extending an additional SEK35, 000,000 (about \$5 million equivalent) to an ADB-administered trust fund which is helping combat the spread of HIV/AIDS in Asia and the Pacific.

Source: <http://bit.ly/gEb!Tj>

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Events

1. **16-20 May 2011**

WASH conference: Call for abstracts, Brisbane, Australia

In 2011 practitioners and professionals from governments, donors and NGOs, students and academics, will come together at the WASH 2011 conference to discuss one of the greatest challenges to the water, sanitation and hygiene sector: sustainability. The WASH conference and training program will focus on WASH services provision in developing countries.

Deadline: 09 February 2011

Contact: Jessica@40waterforum.org.au, Tel- 61 7 3123 7766 ext 203Â

Event website: <http://bit.ly/fs5S5k>

2. **21 - 23 June 2011**

First International Conference on Food and Environment - The Quest for a Sustainable Future, New Forest, UK

Food-related problems, in spite of their importance, have not been sufficiently well discussed in relation to their possible consequences. This conference aims to better understand the challenges faced by the society in this regard. Papers are invited on the topics outlined and others falling within the scope of the meeting. Abstracts of no more than 300 words should be submitted as soon as possible. Abstracts should clearly state the purpose, results and conclusions of the work to be described in the final paper.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: bcopland@wessex.ac.uk, Tel: 44 (0) 238 0293223 Fax: 44 (0) 238 0292853

Event website: <http://bit.ly/dHCZ95>

3. **03-08, April 2011**

EGU 2011 session on 'Incorporating spatio-temporal variability into risk management', Call for abstracts, Vienna, Austria

The EGU General Assembly 2011 will bring together geoscientists from all over the world into one meeting covering all disciplines of the Earth, Planetary and Space Sciences. Especially for young scientists the EGU appeals to provide a forum to present their work and discuss their ideas with experts in all fields of geosciences. The EGU is looking forward to cordially welcome you in Vienna!

Deadline: 10 January 2011

Contact: Christoph, christoph.aubrecht@ait.ac.at

Event website: <http://bit.ly/fF2WQZ>

4. 22-24, November 2011

First International Conference on Emerging Research Paradigms in Business and Social Sciences, Middlesex University Dubai, UAE

The theme of the conference is particularly apt for UAE and Dubai at many different levels. The UAE is seen as one of the top ten emerging nations in the world. Starting from its humble beginnings, the country has burst on to the world stage as a dynamic economy boasting of ultra-modern cities such as Abu Dhabi and Dubai, cities capable of being compared favourably in terms of social and physical infrastructure with some of the great cities of the world.

Deadline: 15 February 2011

Contact: Professor Ajit Karnik, erpbss@mdx.ac, Conference Chair Research and Conferences Tel: +9714 367 8100 Fax: +9714 360 4772

Event website: <http://bit.ly/fkOG59>

5. 29-30, January 2010

The Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Jersey's (NOFA-NJ) annual winter conference, Call for participation, NJ, USA

The two-day event, this year's conference, "Sowing New Seeds," will offer over 40 workshops on a wide range of food, gardening, and farming-related subjects. There will be workshops for livestock producers, vegetable growers and homesteaders, as well as courses on policy issues, beginning farming, composting at home, alpacas, conserving farmland, vertical gardening, backyard chickens, community-supported agriculture, and lawn alternatives.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: Dr. Titusville, dee@solecap.com, Tel- 908-371-1111, ext. 5.

Event website: <http://bit.ly/i6HH8y>

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Opportunities

1. Call for Papers -Disaster Management

It invites you to submit an article and become part of a growing, professionally diverse community and global readership network working to build the Global Earth Observation System of System.

Deadline: 06 March 2011

Contact: Paul E. Racette, editor@earthzine.org

More at: <http://bit.ly/gKf7Vy>

2. Summer courses in Bhutan, Call for applications

Students will travel across Bhutan learning about Bhutanese culture, environmental issues, and rural development. Trekking across valleys and ridges and through villages students will gain an intimate knowledge of the local environments and rural livelihoods, and conduct research on Bhutan's priority environmental concerns and conservation strategies.

Deadline: 01 February 2011

Contact: EE (NS) Eastern Himalayan Forests and Rural Livelihoods

More at: <http://bit.ly/e6GrIf>

3. Recruiting - Project Director for BBC World Service Trust, SDP, Bihar Project

The Project Director is a key post in BBC World Service Trust's senior management team and the post holder will contribute to country strategy development and implementation. The SDP project will be the largest project implemented in the India office.

Deadline: 10 January 2011

Contact: director.sdp@thirdsectorpartners.com, Tel: +91 22 43493333

More at: <http://bit.ly/gQS1Wa>

4. Vacancy: Organizational Development Specialist, CHF Nepal

CHF International is seeking a highly skilled and experienced expert in developing the organizational capacity of Nepali civil society organizations, both formal and informal. People with operational experience working in Nepal and/or other conflict and post-conflict environments in South Asia are encouraged to apply.

Deadline: 28 February 2011

Contact: David Weiss, Tel: +1 301.587.4700

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

5. Deputy Director General (Managing Director) IUCN, the International Union for Conservation of Nature; Gland, Switzerland

The Deputy Director General (Managing Director) position supports the Director General in key management aspects of the organization including but not limited to ensuring that the Secretariat serves the membership and Commissions; that the sources of financial support for the activities of the Union are expanded; that the visibility of the Union is promoted and broadened worldwide; and that the conservation and sustainable development agenda is represented in global public policy arenas.

Deadline: 15 January 2011

Contact: IUCN

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

6. Vacancy: Environmental Health Coordinator (WASH Coordinator), position is based in Yangon, Myanmar

The Environmental Health Coordinator will play a key role in the direct technical oversight, supervision and monitoring of program staff in field sites and serves as key technical liaison on environmental health program issues with relevant local authorities and in sector coordination forums.

Deadline: 16 February 2011

Contact: International Rescue Committee (IRC)

More at: <http://bit.ly/ho9Y9d>

7. Vacancy: Shelter/WASH Manager, Pakistan

Danish Refugee Council (DRC) is looking for a very experienced and capable Shelter/WASH Manager to head our new shelter/WASH-related activities in Pakistan. As shelter and WASH manager you will form part of the local team working on the overall aim of providing durable solutions to displacement. You will, however, take a strong but coordinated lead on all activities aiming at provision of shelter, WASH and support to community infrastructure in planning, implementing and monitoring of all relevant interventions in this area.

Deadline: 06 January 2011

Contact: Anne Oxholm, job@drc.dk, Tel- +45 3373 5037

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

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Organisations working on Mountain Livelihood and Technology

1. Center for Rural Empowerment and the Environment (CREE); Chicago, USA

CREE is a livelihoods focused non-profit organization that seeks practical solutions to bridging the gap between sustainable development and environmental conservation. CREE is unique because of its sole focus on poverty, making it a leader in the environmental field in addressing problems traditionally tackled by humanitarian organizations. It runs projects which span Latin America, Asia and Africa at the moment.

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

2. PRAGYA, India

Pragya is a non-profit, development organization, with activities in India, Nepal and the United Kingdom, working for appropriate development of vulnerable communities and sensitive ecosystems of the world.

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

3. The Right Livelihood Award Foundation, Sweden

The Right Livelihood Award Foundation is a charity registered in Sweden. Its office is located in Stockholm. The Foundation is a politically independent and non-ideological platform to make the voices of its Laureates heard. It is sustained by individual donations from different countries. The Foundation has partner organisations in the US, Germany, and Switzerland. Its network of recipients, donors, and other supporters covers five continents.

URL: <http://bit.ly/h7Uipl>

4. CHF International, USA

CHF International's mission is to be a catalyst for long-lasting positive change in low- and moderate-income communities around the world, helping them improve their social, economic, and environmental conditions.

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

5. Prosperity Initiatives, Vietnam

Prosperity Initiative has a mission to create a public interest social enterprise which maximises a bottom line of poverty reduction over the long term. We plan to do this by supporting the development of progressive business and industry.

URL: <http://bit.ly/f3W4dJ>

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Resources

1. Going Organic: Organic Livestock Production

URL: <http://bit.ly/gXy4Tb>

2. Roberts, P (2009) The end of food; Summer Smith at Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

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

3. **Olsen, CS; Larsen, HE (2003) Alpine medicinal plant trade and Himalayan mountain livelihood strategies; Geographical Journal**
URL: <http://bit.ly/fKPzAB>
4. **Roy, R (2010) Mountain Livelihoods in Upper Humla, Nepal: An Appraisal of the Contributions of Non Timber Forest Products; LAP LAMBERT Academic Publishing**
URL: <http://bit.ly/idVaFo>
5. **Mountain Research Initiative Newsletter No. 5, December 2010**
URL: <http://bit.ly/ev6wwl>
6. **Empowering communities the right way- Opinion by R. Balasubramaniam in India Together 12 December 2010**
URL: <http://bit.ly/e1vtvO>
7. **Measurement and Policy Analysis for Poverty Reduction: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COMPLETION REPORT, ADB**
URL: <http://bit.ly/ee99P4>
8. **Social Impact of the Global Financial Crisis in the Philippines, ADB**
URL: <http://bit.ly/eOd9p5>
9. **Rural Livelihoods and Adaptation to Climate Change in the Himalayas (2010)**
URL: <http://bit.ly/eWRDtE>
10. **Kailash Sacred Landscape Conservation Initiative: Target Area Delineation Report (2010)**
URL: <http://bit.ly/grJXeJ>
11. **Agenda 21, Chapter 13; Managing Fragile Ecosystems: Sustainable Mountain Development**
URL: <http://bit.ly/f3hLrJ>
12. **Mahat, T. J. (November 2010), 'Preparing Next Generation Leadership in Sustainable Mountain Development in the Context of a Changing Climate' in the Asia Pacific Mountain Courier's special issue on 'youth and climate change', Vol. 11, No. 1. ICIMOD, Kathmandu, NEPAL.**
URL: <http://bit.ly/dXFd6V>
13. **Centre for International Development and Training, Environment, Livelihoods and Forests**
URL: <http://bit.ly/gf1mug>
14. **Asia-Pacific Network for Sustainable Forest Management and Rehabilitation (APFNet), China**
URL: <http://bit.ly/flkhHx>

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