

Dear Colleagues,

Please find below periodic thematic digest on 'Mountain Livelihood and Technology', Issue 20 (18 March 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)**  
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**1. Nepal: ADB supports US\$ 20.1 m for economic development of farmers**

17 March 2011

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has on Wednesday agreed to provide a grant assistance of US\$ 20.1 million (about Rs. 1447 million) to Nepal for the economic development of small and medium farmers of Mid-Western and Far-Western Development Regions.

Source: <http://bit.ly/e4gzry>

**2. China: Kunlun Energy starts work on natural gas plant in Qinghai**

16 March 2011

Kunlun Energy's (00135.HK) Qinghai subsidiary has begun construction of a natural gas plant in Golmud city in Northwest China's Qinghai province, according to a report by China Oil News, a CNPC-run newspaper.

Source: <http://bit.ly/gokayd?r=bb>

**3. Bangladesh: Chittagong Hill Tracts: Minority Groups Recognized in Constitutional Amendment**

15 March 2011

The parliamentary special committee for constitutional amendment on Tuesday [March 15, 2011] agreed to recognise the ethnic minority groups (Khudro Jonogosthi) in the constitution, although no minority community will be recognised as indigenous (Adibashi) people.

Source: <http://bit.ly/dGsaqh?r=bb>

**4. Nepal: ICIMOD - Nepal Day highlights opportunities in Climate Change Adaptation**

12 March 2011

Dr. Andreas Schild, Director General of ICIMOD on third ICIMOD Open House, welcomed participants, stressing the need for a long term perspective when addressing climate change adaptation and resilience building as well as the need to bridge the persistent knowledge gap in the field of climate change research in the Himalayan region.

Source: <http://bit.ly/fjmo8A>

**5. India: \$300 Million Loan for Roads to Spur Growth in India's Madhya Pradesh**

10 March 2011

ADB is extending a \$300 million loan for road improvements that will lead to new economic opportunities and improve access to essential services in Madhya Pradesh, one of India's poorest states.

Source: <http://bit.ly/eRv2bX>

**6. Bhutan: ADB, Japan Support Economic Opportunities for Women in Bhutan**

21 February 2011

ADB and the Government of Japan are providing assistance of \$1.95 million to Bhutan to support increased economic opportunities for women.

Source: <http://bit.ly/hfEP9T>

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**Global News**  
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**1. USA: Tribes have separate fishing rules**

15 March 2011

The Department of Natural Resources reminds the public that certain fishing opportunities for tribal members of tribal governments located within the 1836 Treaty of Washington and 1842 Treaty of La Point are different than those allowed for state-licensed recreational anglers under Michigan law, and that these activities may be observed this spring.

Source: <http://bit.ly/hbC1bL>

**2. UAE: UPC Highlights Abu Dhabi's Sustainable Developments at Global City 2011**

15 March 2011

Global City 2011 is a unique international forum where public and private leaders exchange best practices and share sustainable urban strategies. Delegates at this international event were briefed on various sustainability-themed development projects, plans and initiatives being undertaken in the Emirate, with Estidama - the UPC's managed programme that underpins Abu Dhabi Government's commitment towards developing a truly sustainable environment for generations to come - being orchestrated as the driving component for such efforts.

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

**3. Turkmenistan: First ADB Loan for Regional Rail Link**

15 March 2011

ADB is providing \$125 million in its first ever loan to Turkmenistan for a rail link that will expand economic opportunities at home and support increased trade in Central Asia and beyond.

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

**4. USA: Clean Agency joins Sustainability Consortium**

14 March 2011

Clean Agency, a research-based consulting firm that provides consumer product companies with life cycle assessment, carbon footprint and product packaging solutions, has become a member of the Sustainability Consortium. Clean joins a diverse group of retailers, manufacturers, government, academic and public interest groups working to reduce the environmental and social impacts associated with global consumption.

Source: <http://bit.ly/h9hCCI>

**5. Philippines: ADB Sets Up Trust Fund for Developing Countries for Aid Effectiveness Forum**

07 March 2011

ADB has set up a new multi-donor trust fund to support participation of developing countries at the next global forum on aid effectiveness.

Source: <http://bit.ly/gRv7he>

**6. Cambodia: Cambodia's Rural Poor to Get Livelihood Support Linked to Road Upgrade**

21 February 2011

The Government of Japan and ADB are extending a \$1.9 million grant to help rural entrepreneurs in Kampong Thom, Cambodia develop micro and small enterprises.

Source: <http://bit.ly/gr20cS>

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**Events**  
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**1. 25-26, May 2011**

**Population Footprints, Call for Participation; London, UK**

A University College London: Leverhulme Trust symposium on the theme of human population growth and global carrying capacity.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: [info@ichevents.com](mailto:info@ichevents.com) Telephone: ++44 (0)207 905 2675 or ++44 (0)207 905 2232

Event website: <http://bit.ly/hdyy2H>

**2. 30 June– 02 July, 2011**

**CEPA 2011 Colloquium: Current Imperatives in Understanding Poverty, Call for Participation, SRILANKA**

The Centre for Poverty Analysis (CEPA) is organizing a 10th Anniversary research colloquium entitled "Current Imperatives in Understanding Poverty". While huge strides have been made in reducing the incidence of poverty in Sri Lanka and the South Asian Region, many issues that can contribute to well being are left out of the discourse, or are as yet insufficiently explored or understood.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: Zoe Pellatt, [colloquium@cepa.lk](mailto:colloquium@cepa.lk)

Event website: <http://bit.ly/ih0BFa>

**3. 19-21, July 2011**

**Indigenous Peoples, Marginalized Populations and Climate Change Vulnerability, Adaptation and Traditional Knowledge, Call for Abstracts; Mexico City, USA**

The aim of the workshops is to identify, compile and analyse relevant indigenous and local observations, knowledge and practices related to understanding climate change impacts, adaptation and mitigation.

Deadline: 18 March 2011

Contact: [colloquium@cepa.lk](mailto:colloquium@cepa.lk)

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

**4. 18 July -12 August, 2011**

**Summer course in historical demography, Call for Application; University of Michigan, USA**

The Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) is pleased to announce the fourth offering of the Longitudinal Analysis of Historical Demographic Data Workshop This is supported by an NICHD Science Education Partnership Award and the ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research.

Deadline: 02 May 2011

Event website: <http://bit.ly/e3SI77>

**5. 06-08, November 2011**

**International Conference Sustainable Consumption: Towards Action and Impact, Call for Papers; Hamburg, GERMANY**

The conference aims at promoting the interdisciplinary academic discourse on issues concerning sustainable consumption. The focus is on consumer behavior, its social and cultural embeddedness, and its interdependencies with economic, physical and political frameworks.

Deadline: 10 May 2011

Contact: University of Bern, [soefkonsum@ikaoe.unibe.ch](mailto:soefkonsum@ikaoe.unibe.ch)

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

**6. 26-30, August 2012**

**32nd International Geographical Congress, IGC Cologne 2012 "Down to Earth", Cologne, GERMANY**

The 32nd International Geographical Congress in Cologne focuses scientific attention on the core themes of humanity. Geographers bring the wide-ranging perspectives and methodology of their subject to bear on four major thematic complexes and contribute to the solution of urgent scientific and socio-political issues – bringing research down to earth.

Contact: University of Cologne, [info@igc2012.org](mailto:info@igc2012.org)

Event website: <http://bit.ly/gabT9W>

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**Opportunities**  
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**1. Climate Change Communicator of the Year award**

Voting is open for the Climate Change Communicator of the Year award for activities in 2010.

The nominees include our Climate Change Media Partnership programme (set up by the International Institute for Environment and Development, Internews and Panos).

Deadline: 15 April 2011

Contact: Center for Climate Change Communication George Mason University,

Contact: [climate@gmu.edu](mailto:climate@gmu.edu)

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

**2. IUCN TILCEPA Specialist Group on Mountain conservation social policy**

The Joint CEESP-WCPA Theme on Indigenous Peoples, Local Communities, Equity and Protected Areas (TILCEPA) is looking for experts / specialists / mountain community constituency members interested in joining the new TILCEPA Mountain Social Policy Specialist Group.

Nigel Crawhall, [nigel.tilcepa@gmail.com](mailto:nigel.tilcepa@gmail.com)

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

**3. DAAD Scholarships for Postgraduate Courses with Special Relevance to Developing Countries**

These degree courses, which consist of one to two years of concentrated study, provide academically-trained young professionals in leading positions from developing countries with the opportunity to engage in postgraduate education and training in their particular field or profession.

Deadline: 31 July 2011

Contact: Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst German Academic Exchange Service

Contact: [info-ast@daad.de](mailto:info-ast@daad.de)

More at: <http://bit.ly/hSQL0e>

**4. Ted Hollis Scholarship in Wetland Hydrology and Conservation**

The UCL Department of Geography seeks applicants for the Ted Hollis Scholarship in Wetland Hydrology and Conservation. Applicants for the Hollis Scholarship should be committed to furthering the scientific understanding of wetland functioning and the cause of wetland conservation

Deadline: 20 April 2011

Contact: Dr Julian Thompson, [j.thompson@geog.ucl.ac.uk](mailto:j.thompson@geog.ucl.ac.uk)

More at: <http://bit.ly/fd7ZbO>

**5. Global Sustainability Summer School: Technology for Sustainability**

2011 Global Sustainability Summer School is organized jointly by IBM and University Brunei Darussalam (UBD). As a part of their twenty-fifth anniversary celebrations, UBD is hosting this program at their campus in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei.

Deadline: 08 April 2011

Contact: call Jecinta, [info@sustainability2011.org](mailto:info@sustainability2011.org) Tel- +91 80 280 36 895

More at: <http://bit.ly/i8BFgO>

**6. Community-Based Adaptation to Climate Change—Online Courses**

The course begin by introducing basic climate change concepts, and develop as participants identify local community vulnerabilities, identify climate change risks and hazards, investigate appropriate solutions, design M&E plans, develop full projects, launch and manage them.

Contact: Tim Magee, Executive Director, CSD, [Online.Learning@csd-i.org](mailto:Online.Learning@csd-i.org)

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

**7. Essay contest - Women and Climate Change Call for Papers**

Because this subject is at the very core of our preoccupations as members of the Green Party, we need to have better information and understanding on this subject.

Deadline: 01 June 2011

Contact: [Greens.essaycontest@europarl.europa.eu](mailto:Greens.essaycontest@europarl.europa.eu)

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

**8. Postdoctoral Position in Urban Land Change Modeling, Yale University, USA**

The Urbanization and Global Change Group at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies (<http://urban.yale.edu>) invites applications for a Post-Doctoral Fellow for research related to urban land change modeling, forecasting, and spatial analysis.

Contact: Professor Karen Seto, [karen.seto@yale.edu](mailto:karen.seto@yale.edu)

More at: <http://bit.ly/gKW1ep>

**9. Vacancy: Head of Origination/Senior Technical Advisor - MDG Carbon Facility, UNDP Environment and Energy Group**

UNDP EEG is looking to recruit a head of origination for its MDG Carbon Facility. This is a unique and exciting opportunity for experienced and skilled carbon origination professionals to apply their knowledge of the carbon markets in a dynamic multicultural environment. As the ideal candidate you will manage and direct a small but dedicated team of specialists.

Deadline: 31 March 2011

Contact: Jessica Matthews

More at: <http://bit.ly/hEocw5>

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**Organisations working on Mountain Livelihood and Technology**

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**1. Applied Sustainability Centre, USA**

Its vision is to creating a sustainable global consumer goods economy. It leads organizations in the retail and consumer goods industries toward sustainable practices that support an economy built around people, planet and profit. We accomplish this by solving complex problems, providing expert guidance, brokering problems and solutions, and by sponsoring research.

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

**2. Center for Neighborhood Technology, USA**

CNP helps build prosperous, sustainable communities by linking economic and community development with ecological improvement. CNT is a creative think-and-do tank that combines rigorous research with effective solutions. CNT works across disciplines and issues, including transportation and community development, energy, natural resources, and climate change.

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

**3. International Institute for Environment and Development, UK**

Promotes sustainable patterns of world development through collaborative research, policy studies, consensus building and public information.

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

**4. The International Institute for Sustainable Development, CANADA**

IISD champions sustainable development around the world through innovation, partnerships, research and communications.

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

**5. Practical Action, NEPAL**

Practical Action Nepal Office works to improve the livelihoods of the poor and disadvantaged by implementing sustainable development. We aim to achieve this by building technical skills and undertaking the research, application and dissemination of appropriate technologies.

URL: <http://bit.ly/hi10x1>

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**Resources**  
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1. **Protocols, treaties and action: the 'climate change process' through gender spectacles, United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), 2011**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/dEf5wg>
2. **Improving livelihoods security of socially-excluded communities in Nepal: report**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/eg6HpP>
3. **Climate crisis impacts in the life of women in the Santander region – Colombia, Fundaexpresión, 2011 (full document in Spanish)**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/dTuo61>
4. **Gender and Climate change: Regional Report Executive Summary, Heinrich Böll Foundation, 2011**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/dLYAHx>
5. **Viet Nam's Poverty Reduction, Development A Regional Success Story - ADB**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/hab7KU>
6. **Farmers in a changing climate - does gender matter? FAO, 2010**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/dS4Q6y>
7. **Training Manual on Gender and Climate Change, World Conservation Union, 2009**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/fKwJtP>
8. **Population Environment Research Network**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/hB9alb>
9. **The Foundation for Global Sustainability: It runs the Sustainable Living Program which highlights proactive solutions to current unsustainable living patterns and practices. Emphasis is placed on living through example and making the "tools" of sustainable living accessible to ordinary people.**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/hpBtBn>
10. **International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP)**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/fqubYN>
11. **International Human Dimensions of Global Change Programme (IHDP)**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/fSXORL>

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