

Dear Colleagues,

Please find below periodic thematic digest on 'Mountain Livelihood and Technology', Issue 21 (03 May 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. Pakistan: Earth Day Marked to Ensure A Sustainable Future**

02 May 2011

The World Wide Fund for Nature-Pakistan (WWF) and the US Embassy marked the 41st Earth Day with activities to clean the Trail-5 at the Margalla Hills in the federal capital on Friday. Over 50 youngsters, including students from the embassy's English-language ACCESS

Micro-scholarship programme, picked up trash and rehabilitated trees along the trail as a part of the celebrations.

Source: <http://bit.ly/jN7Tko>

**2. India: Renewable Energies as Big Business Opportunities?**

29 April 2011

Biomass and biogas are the cheap, decentralised renewable energies to choose for India. But the ministry of renewable energies -- and the technocrats and entrepreneurs surrounding it -- appear to favour hi-tech solutions such as grid solar power, with only a few exceptions such as the project to produce power from rice husk in 10,000 villages in eastern India.

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

**3. Bangladesh: Rohingya Refugees in 'Silent Crisis' In Bangladesh**

21 April 2011

Rights group Refugees International reports that hundreds of thousands of Rohingyas remain stateless and face abuses and malnutrition in refugee camps and outside. The Bangladesh government is delaying a policy on better treatment of the refugees, the report also notes.

Source: <http://reut.rs/mcWdEi>

**4. Afghanistan: Opium Cultivation in Afghanistan Expected to Fall Despite High Prices – UN**

18 April 2011

Poppy cultivation in Afghanistan is expected to decline slightly this year despite the prevailing high prices of opium, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) reported today, saying that Government effort to discourage production could yield further reduction.

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

**5. China: Climate Action Has Been Selected as a Primary Partner for the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) in Asia**

13 April 2011

Climate Action is very pleased to announce that it has been selected as an accredited and approved Consultancy Partner for the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP). Appointed as a Gold Consulting partner, the CDP recognises the importance of Climate Action's role in supporting companies with managing, measuring and reporting accurate data and for providing clients with innovative and bespoke marketing and communication tools used to implement strategies for employee and consumer engagement on tackling climate change.

Source: <http://bit.ly/llah8O>

**6. India: An Illiterate Farmer Designs a Water Mill to Generate Electricity**

08 April 2011

Siddappa, an illiterate farmer from Somapur village in Gadag district of Karnataka, has designed a water mill to generate electricity. Right from conceptualizing to materialisation, the farmer has done everything on his own. He operates the water mill in the canal near his house.

Source: <http://bit.ly/IG3vOc>

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**Global News**  
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**1. UAE: Shell and Knowledge and Human Development Authority Emphasise On Public Private Cooperation to Promote Environment Sustainability**

01 May 2011

The cooperation between Shell and Knowledge and Human Development Authority (KHDA) underlines the importance of partnership between the private and public sectors to support sustainable development goals within the UAE's education sector. Of the 27 schools taking part in this year's award, the projects of 17 private and government schools were showcased at the recent exhibition.

Source: <http://bit.ly/kS7RGH>

**2. Philippines: Window of Opportunity for Asia to Improve Gender Equality at Work - ADB, ILO**

29 April 2011

Asian countries have a window of opportunity to tackle gender inequality in their labor markets and support sustainable crisis recovery, according to a new report published today by ADB and the International Labour Organization.

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

**3. Indonesia: Business Now Pushing Governments on Sustainability**

29 April 2011

Agribusinesses, energy providers and clean-tech companies are among the industry players pushing today's sustainability agenda, according to panellists speaking on the final day of the Business for the Environment Summit (B4E) in Jakarta.

Source: <http://bit.ly/j3KwLI>

**4. UK: Aviva Tops European Green Companies' List**

27 April 2011

Aviva has emerged as the "greenest" of Europe's 300 largest companies, according to the Environmental Investment Organisation (EIO). Having just launched the Europe 300, the body says it will be rolling out further regional rankings in the coming months, with the ET North America 300, Asia-Pacific 300 and BRICS 100 all under development.

Source: <http://bit.ly/itNr4K>

**5. USA: William & Marry Recognized for Being a Green School**

20 April 2011

The College of William & Mary has improved its standing as one of the most environmentally responsible colleges in the nation in The Princeton Review's Guide to 311 Green Colleges: 2011 Edition. William & Mary received a "Green Rating" of 93 on a scale of 60-99. That's up three points from the college's ranking last year. The Review gave 703 colleges a green rating of which 311 received scores of 80 or better.

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

**6. South Asia: Investing in Agriculture Key to Ending Extreme Rural Poverty in South Asia – UN**

19 April 2011

The study by the UN International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), entitled Agriculture – Pathways to Prosperity in Asia and the Pacific, shows that rural poverty rates have dropped only slightly in the last decade in South Asia, which now has the largest number of poor rural people – about half a billion – of any region in the world. Four-fifths of all extremely poor people in South Asia live in rural areas.

Source: <http://bit.ly/k9R162>

**7. Australia: World's First Biodegradable and Compostable Non-Woven Retail Bag**

12 April 2011

With several years of research behind this revolutionary product, the Botanic Bag™ is designed to meet and match the properties of the Polypropylene Bag in strength and durability. Best yet, whilst a Polypropylene Bag will take longer than a traditional plastic bag to break down, the Botanic Bag™ can be disposed of at an industrial composting facility, where it will break down into Water, CO<sub>2</sub> and Humus in and around 45 days.

Source: <http://bit.ly/mwl4B3>

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**Events**  
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**1. 06 May 2011**

**National Conference on Emerging Technologies-NACET 2011; Call for Participation, Tamil Nadu**

NACET-2011 is a national forum for the presentation of technological and research findings. The conference aims at providing a platform for students, researchers and professionals to share their knowledge.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: [nacet11@gmail.com](mailto:nacet11@gmail.com),

Event website: <http://bit.ly/iDlf4Q>

**2. 09-29, May 2011**

**South and Central Asia Regional Virtual Consultation on Youth Perspectives on Rio +20**

The South and Central Asia regional virtual consultation on youth perspectives on Rio +20 is being organised by ICIMOD's Asia Pacific Mountain Network (APMN) together with the Small Earth Nepal (SEN) and the Environmental Challenge Organisation, also known as ECO Singapore.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: [youthmedia@icimod.org](mailto:youthmedia@icimod.org), Tek Jung Mahat

Event website: <http://bit.ly/k41wfy>

**3. 03-05, June 2011**

**First Annual International Conference on Society, Technology and Sustainable Development; Call for Participation, Kerala**

The focal theme of the conference is Indigenous Practices, Technology and Policies. The conference will debate up on the crucial interfaces and dynamics of sustainable development with respect to indigenous practices and technology.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: [renjithpillai@am.amrita.edu](mailto:renjithpillai@am.amrita.edu), Dr. Sunil D Santha

Event website: <http://bit.ly/iBz3hh>

**4. 27-28, June 2011**

**Crop World India 2011; Call for Participation, Mumbai**

The event will focus on the agrochemicals industry, and will discuss a wide range of issues including market trends, regulatory factors affecting crop production, agrochemicals, safe packaging, fertilizers, biotechnology, new technologies and new trends regarding formulas.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: [venkiteswaran.r@ubm.com](mailto:venkiteswaran.r@ubm.com), Venkat Rajan

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

**5. 11-12, July 2011**

**Green Data Centre Conference; Call for Participation, Kuala Lumpur**

The Green Data Center Conference is looking forward to deliver an extensive programme that assembles many of the critical technical, operational, and commercial topics that confront day-to-day management of data center. Hence, it is hoped to provide opportunity and an exclusive platform to bring together world class top C-level, D-level executives and policy makers from data center solutions providers, global corporations, government bodies and government linked industries worldwide.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: [michelle.sebastian@comfori.com](mailto:michelle.sebastian@comfori.com), Michelle Sebastian

Event website: <http://bit.ly/mcOOa6>

**6. 29-31, July 2011**

**2011 International Conference on Environmental and Agriculture Engineering (ICEAE 2011);  
Call for Participation, Chengdu**

The aim of the ICEAE conference series is to provide a forum for laying the foundations of a new principled approach to Environmental and Agriculture Engineering. To this end, the meeting aims to attract participants with different backgrounds, to foster cross-pollination between different research fields, and to expose and discuss innovative theories, frameworks, methodologies, tools, and applications.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: Conference Secretary, [iceae@vip.163.com](mailto:iceae@vip.163.com)

Event website: <http://bit.ly/kS4Krh>

**7. 15-16, September 2011**

**GreenBiz 2011 – European Green Business Solutions for Vietnam; Call for Participation, Ho Chi Minh City**

The largest comprehensive event on Green Business Solutions in Vietnam will gather together key European and Vietnamese figures from both public bodies and private businesses, Government, academia and other institutions. GreenBiz 2011 will provide the different stakeholders with the ability to discuss partnering, licensing and funding needs, create new business opportunities and expand the network.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: [greenbiz@eurochamvn.org](mailto:greenbiz@eurochamvn.org), Paula Fernández

Event website: <http://bit.ly/k72Jd7>

**8. 20-21, September 2011**

**2011 Peace, Environment and Tourism Conference; Call for Papers, Bandipur**

The conference focuses on the inter-relationships among peace, environment & tourism. Research and working papers in these broad themes are invited from researchers, practitioners, policy makers, development workers, civil society.

Deadline: 31 May 2011

Contact: [petcon2011@gmail.com](mailto:petcon2011@gmail.com), Dr. Kishor Rajbhandari

Event website: <http://bit.ly/jBPR8N>

**9. 28-30, October 2011**

**The 2011 International Conference on Sustainable Development (CSD); Call for Participation, Shanghai**

The aim objective of CSD 2011 is to provide a platform for researchers, engineers and academicians from all over the world to present their research results and development activities in Conference on Sustainable Development. This conference provides opportunities for the delegates to exchange new ideas and application experiences face to face, to establish business or research relations and to find global partners for future collaboration.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: [cet@engii.org](mailto:cet@engii.org), Tina

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

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**Opportunities**  
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**1. India Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2011**

After an extremely successful 2010 Awards, The Jubilant Bhartia Foundation, in collaboration with the Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship, is inviting applications for the India Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2011. The Award aims to identify and celebrate visionary social entrepreneurs who have demonstrated large-scale, systems-change models and are at the stage of scaling/replicating their ideas across India and in other countries.

Deadline: 30 May 2011

Contact: [seyawards@startup-india.org](mailto:seyawards@startup-india.org), Sahil Vasudeva

More at: <http://bit.ly/krx9W1>

**2. UNIL Master's Grants, Switzerland**

To facilitate access to Master's degrees by students with qualifications from foreign universities, the University of Lausanne makes available around ten Master's grants which are awarded on a competitive basis.

Deadline: 15 December 2011

Contact: [info.sasc@unil.ch](mailto:info.sasc@unil.ch), Lausanne

More at: <http://bit.ly/iw2ev0>

**3. Italy: Master Scholarships University College of Turin 2011-2012**

The International University College of Turin (IUC) is now taking applications for the 2011-2012 Academic Year. All students accepted have the possibility of receiving partial and in most cases full scholarships to attend our program (including accommodation, monthly living stipend, travel expenses and more).

Deadline: 15 May 2011

Contact: [application@iuctorino.it](mailto:application@iuctorino.it)

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

**4. Denmark: PhD Scholarships in Nanotechnology at DTU**

A number of PhD scholarships are available at the Department of Micro- and Nanotechnology, DTU Nanotech, starting in the summer/fall of 2011. The subject of the PhD project must be within one of the main research areas of the department:

Deadline: 13 May 2011

Contact: [anne.line.mikkelsen@40nanotech.dtu.dk](mailto:anne.line.mikkelsen@40nanotech.dtu.dk)

More at: <http://bit.ly/kmF3aB>

**5. Fundraising Training for NGOs - in TISS, (06-07, May 2011) Mumbai**

CEO's Social Workers and Fund raising Staff on NGOs Working in Social Settings, Health Settings, Educational Settings and Religious Organizations can be benefited by the training. Course fee is Rs.3000/-per participant (Fee includes a Directory of Funding & Resource Agencies 2009, Two Project Proposals in CD (Worth Rs.3000), course materials, lunch & refreshment).

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: [nicefoundation@yahoo.com](mailto:nicefoundation@yahoo.com), Mr. N. Natrajan

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

**6. Vacancy: Regional Co-ordinator - Asia, UCP-SARnet**

Candidates should have at least graduation in development sector preferably BSW/MSW. University students are most welcome especially who are doing M.Phil or Ph.D

We will pay \$1000-5000/ Annum based on experience and performance. This amount is not salary but it is grant.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: [asia@ucpsarnet.org](mailto:asia@ucpsarnet.org)

More at: <http://bit.ly/llduw4>

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**Organisations**  
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**1. Institute for Environment and Sustainability, Ispra**

The Institute for Environment and Sustainability (IES) is one of the seven scientific institutes of the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC). Its mission is to provide scientific and technical support to EU policies for the protection of the European and global environment.

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

**2. Institute for Trade, Standards and Sustainable Development, New Jersey**

The Institute for Trade, Standards and Sustainable Development (ITSSD) is an American non-profit and non-partisan think tank based in Princeton, New Jersey. ITSSD states that its goal is to emphasize the importance of economic growth, free markets, the rule of law, strong intellectual property rights, scientific discovery, technological innovation, and the establishment of balanced, science-based and cost-effective national regulatory and standards systems.

URL: <http://bit.ly/j3Rx1A>

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

IIED is one of a small group of not-for-profit organisations which has provided core concepts and methods for thinking about sustainability and social change. It is entirely independent, aiming to "...help shape a future that ends global poverty and delivers and sustains efficient and equitable management of the world's natural resources" (website, 2006).

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

**4. International Organization for Sustainable Development, Brussels**

The International Organization for Sustainable Development (IOSD) is an international non-governmental organization dedicated to promoting an understanding of Sustainable Development anchored in the needs and realities of developing countries. The organization was established in 1995 by a group of private and public agents interested in implementing practical programs and promoting reflection on the theme of Sustainable Development outside the developed Western world.

URL: <http://bit.ly/k4o0in>

**5. The Rural Support Programmes Network, Islamabad**

RSPN was registered in 2001 under Pakistan's Companies Ordinance (1984) as a non-profit company by the Rural Support Programmes (RSPs) of Pakistan. RSPN is a network of ten RSPs (AJKRSP, AKRSP, BRSP, GBTI, NRSP, PRSP, SRSO, SGA, SRSP and TRDP), and N-IRM.

URL: <http://bit.ly/mDV03u>

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## Resources

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- 1. A new measure of poverty - just eight Indian states have more poor people than the 26 poorest African countries combined! Article by Darryl D'Monte**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/iTmzX>
- 2. Community initiative to rejuvenate drought-hit farms in North India**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/miSfRv>
- 3. 100 Heroes Project - The 100 Heroes Project is this Indian girl's quest for Inspiration**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/k8Krqs>
- 4. 'Polluter pay' principle must be practised: Western Ghat expert Panel**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/kGSXN3>
- 5. Making sanitation as popular as cricket**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/mgFQgF>
- 6. Opinion Development is not about trees — Opinion by Eram Aftab Pakistan**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/kvDgEq>
- 7. Managing sustainable global supply chains By Network for Business Sustainability**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/INfryl>
- 8. Corporate sustainability: a progress report By KPMG**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/IQigXM>
- 9. Guide to Corporate Ecosystem Valuation By World Business Council for Sustainable Development**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/jrwwhu>
- 10. Smart grids technology roadmap – IEA By International Energy Agency**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/kEPZuM>
- 11. The Birth of a New Global Environmental and Sustainability Standards Setting Body**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/jcAyvw>
- 12. Pakistan: 'Efficient resource allocation a must for sustainable development'**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/jTGbkU>
- 13. International Development News Today, Nepal**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/INunWI>
- 14. Community Forest Monitoring for the Carbon Market: Opportunities Under REDD**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/ILofuL>

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