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Please find below the periodic thematic digest on 'Mountain Livelihood and Technology', Issue 24 (7 September 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: New Irrigation Projects Sprung up in Jhapa**

6 September 2011

According to RSS, the project with its origin in Shikharkateri of Chulachuli-9 of Ilam has been providing irrigation service in 200 hectares of land in Damak-5. The project, which has been managed and run by local users for the past couple of decades, has the canal with the length of six-kilometer.

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

#### **2. Pakistan: 6,000 Villages Inundated in Khairpur**

6 September 2011

Monsoon rains in Pakistan have killed 136 people in a month and destroyed crops and houses in the flood-prone south of the country, provincial government officials said on Monday. Some 2.2 million people have been affected and 300,000 displaced, said Sajjad Haider Shah, an official at the disaster management authority in Sindh.

Source: <http://bit.ly/o4GMHg>

#### **3. India: City hosts Summer School on Sustainable Development**

5 September 2011

Around 32 PhD students from multi-disciplinary background from Germany, South East Asia and India will participate in a three-week long summer school on sustainable habitats in Bharati Vidyapeeth Institute of Environment Education and Research (BVIEER) Pune, from September 5 to 23.

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

**4. Nepal: 600 Destitute Chepang Families to Get Homes**

4 September 2011

The disappearing Chepang people are set to shift to the cemented buildings from coming Dashain, according to RSS. Their cherished dream to live in equipped home has come true after the Nepal government provided with financial assistance to Chepangs through its citizens' residence programme.

Source: <http://bit.ly/rjzyQ0>

**5. China: Land grabbing by Chinese Migrants Puts Tibetan Lives in Danger in Quake-hit Kyegudo**

28 August 2011

Native Tibetans living in Kyegudo in eastern Tibet's Kham Province, who were devastated by a powerful earthquake in April last year, are losing their land to a large number of Chinese migrants.

Source: <http://bit.ly/pDc0id>

**6. Bhutan: Bhutan Makes Good Progress on UN Health Goals**

14 August 2011

Although progress in South Asia as a region may be sluggish and insufficient to meet the projected target of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), but Bhutan continues to make good strides in poverty reduction and improving child and maternal health.

Source: <http://bit.ly/ogn7D2>

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**Global News**  
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**1. Philippines: Agrilink 2011 to Feature Sustainable Grain-drying Tech**

4 September 2011

Grain drying technologies are important for many agriculture sub-sectors. The renewed emphasis to sustainability, eco-friendliness and integration in grain farming has led towards considerable progress in the development of these technologies to help farmers and stakeholders enhance product quality and reduce costs. Regional manager Jeffrey Tu of Taiwan-based Suncue International Marketing said: "By recognizing the significance of integrating this technology to the production chain, grain farmers can generate more income while improving their competitiveness in the market."

Source: <http://bit.ly/nKDO6w>

**2. Germany: Volkswagen Investing One Billion Euros in Wind Energy**

1 September 2011

Leon Kaye, GreenGoPost.com

In an attempt to hedge against future rising energy prices, Volkswagen announced last week that it will invest up to one billion Euros (US\$1.45 billion) in renewable energy. The announcement follows the company's decisions earlier this year to invest in other clean energy projects as well as to launch new electric vehicles.

Source: <http://bit.ly/oK0ILZ>

### **3. Cambodia: Cut Price Latrine on Design award shortlist**

1 September 2011

A toilet kit and a self-cleaning water filter are among the innovations shortlisted for a major award that recognises the importance of design in improving lives. The Easy Latrine and Tulip Siphon Water Filter, both being rolled out in Cambodia, have reached the final round of the Denmark-based INDEX awards which have a top prize of €500,000 (US\$711,000), and will be awarded later today.

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

### **4. Uzbekistan: ADB \$500 Million Loan to Help Uzbekistan Improve Rural Housing**

31 August 2011

ADB is extending loans of up to \$500 million to help Uzbekistan access housing finance for moderate to low-income rural households, to support improved living standards and accelerate development in rural communities nationwide, where 70% of the poor reside.

Source: <http://bit.ly/q2GD6U>

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**Events**  
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#### **1. 21-23 October 2011**

##### **International Conference on Leadership, Technology, and Innovation Management**

**Antalya, Turkey**

##### **Call for Papers**

The main objective of the international conference is to bring together researchers, managers, scientists, engineers, and doctoral students to exchange ideas and discuss practical solutions to problems of leadership with a specific focus on the management of technology and innovation.

Contact: Tanses Gulsoy, [icltim@beykent.edu.tr](mailto:icltim@beykent.edu.tr)

Deadline: 5 October 2011

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

#### **2. 25-28 October 2011**

##### **International Workshop in Resource Mobilisation, IWRM Asia 2011**

**Bangkok, Thailand**

##### **Call for Participation**

The International Workshop on Resource Mobilisation (IWRM) is widely recognised as the leading workshop for building the fundraising capacity of non-profit organisations in the emerging economies. The IWRM Asia addresses the major challenges faced by Asian non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in the areas of resource mobilisation and sustainability. The aim of the event is to enhance the ability of Asian NGOs to mobilise resources for their causes.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: [iwrmasia@resource-alliance.org](mailto:iwrmasia@resource-alliance.org)

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

#### **3. 17-18 November 2011**

##### **International Conference on Glocal Communication - 2011 and International Communication Fest (ICF) ANKURA 2011**

**Banglore University, Banglore**

### **Call for Abstract**

ICGC-2011, is being organized by PRCI and Bangalore University. The conference deals with the purpose of the identifying the various ways that the mass media can contribute towards building glocalization with emphasis on human development.

Deadline: 10 September 2011

Contact: Mr. Prakash Umadi- Coordinator, prakashumadi@gmail.com

Event website: <http://bit.ly/p9ApDf>

#### **4. 21-22 November 2011**

### **The Millennium Development Goals and Beyond: Reflection on an international development policy agenda after 2015**

**Bonn, Germany**

#### **Call for participation**

The emphasis of the workshop is not so much on evaluating progress toward the achievement of the current MDGs, but instead on critically assessing what worked and what did not and use it to look into the future. Our aim is to bring together academics from different disciplines and practitioners from development cooperation so that expert knowledge informs the development of new policies.

Contact: Markus Loewe, Markus.Loewe@die-gdi.de

Deadline:

Event website: <http://bit.ly/rgLa7j>

#### **5. 5-7 December 2011**

### **International Conference on Sustainable Development**

**Putrajaya, Malaysia**

#### **Call for Papers**

The conference aims to exchange and share all stakeholders' experiences and research results about all aspects of sustainable human and social development, and discuss the practical challenges encountered and the solutions adopted. This congress provides opportunities for the delegates to exchange new ideas and apply experiences face to face, to establish business or research relations and to find global partners for future collaboration.

Contact: N. Hewage, H. Pallard, oida@ontariointernational.org

Deadline: 30 October 2011

Event website: <http://bit.ly/nH2UBP>

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**Opportunities**  
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#### **1. ADB Vacancy: Associate Results Management Officer Office of the Director General, South Asia Department**

##### **Call for Applications**

Job purpose is to support enhanced development effectiveness, perform quality assurance functions, and carry out qualitative reviews of project documents originating in the department. In addition, the position is responsible for monitoring, coordinating, and technically supporting the department's evaluation program that includes project completion reports (PCRs), technical assistance completion reports (TCRs), impact evaluations (IEs), and other evaluation studies.

Deadline: 16 September 2011

More at: <http://bit.ly/rsojT8>

**2. Wantra Preneur: Business Plan Competition for Social Entrepreneurs  
India**

**Call for Application**

Wantrapreneur is the annual social business plan competition organized as a part of Unconvention, the premier conference addressing the Innovation & Social Entrepreneurship eco-system. The idea of Wantrapreneur is to identify enterprises with market ready solutions in the start-up and early growth categories across agriculture & other sectors that can impact rural lives.

Deadline: 30 September 2011

Contact: Michelle Abraham, Senior Associate – Innovation Eco-System, [michelle@villgro.org](mailto:michelle@villgro.org)

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

**3. South – South Research Scholarship 2012  
Food Security Center (FSC), the University of Hohenheim, Stuttgart, Germany**

**Call for Application**

Research Scholarships for visiting postdoctoral researchers from developing countries to conduct research at a national or international research institute in a developing country is open. FSC seeks up to three visiting postdoctoral researchers from developing countries for a period of four months in 2012.

Deadline: 30 September 2011

Contact: Mrs Elke Breitmayer, [fsc-scholarships@uni-hohenheim.de](mailto:fsc-scholarships@uni-hohenheim.de).

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

**4. DFID's Global Poverty Action Fund: Impact Window funding opportunity for NGOs  
Civil Society Department, Policy and Research Division, DFID UK**

**Call for proposals**

The UK Department for International Development (DFID) is now accepting proposals for the Impact Window funding under the Global Poverty Action Fund (GPAF) from locally registered civil society organizations for poverty reduction projects linked to the Millennium Development Goals (MDG). Projects focused on service delivery; empowerment and accountability; and conflict, security and justice.

Deadline: 19 September 2011

Contact: Civil Society Department, Policy and Research Division, [GPAFenquiries@tripleline.com](mailto:GPAFenquiries@tripleline.com)

More at: <http://bit.ly/nqYr5m>

**5. Asian Rural Women's Coalition seeks nominations for the special award Honoring 100 women to mark 100 years of International Women's Day**

**Malaysia**

**Call for Nominations**

The Asian Rural Women's Coalition (ARWC) since 2008 has been engaged in putting forward the struggle for rights and interests of rural women in Asia, through supporting initiatives of Asian women within their countries. In context of 100 years celebration of International Women's Day in March 2011, ARWC invites nominations for its special award Honouring 100 women to mark 100 years of Women's Resistance in 2011.

Deadline: 10 September 2011

Contact: The Asian Rural Women's Coalition (ARWC), [secretariat@asianruralwomen.net](mailto:secretariat@asianruralwomen.net)

More at: <http://bit.ly/pRF57y>

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## Organisations

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### 1. Overseas Development Institute, UK

ODI is Britain's leading independent think tank on international development and humanitarian issues, established with the mission to inspire and inform policy and practice which lead to the reduction of poverty, the alleviation of suffering and the achievement of sustainable livelihoods in developing countries.

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

### 2. Centre for Youth and Social Development, Orissa

CYSD (Centre for Youth and Social Development) is a 29 year-old non-government, non-profit organization, established in 1982, works for the development of deprived and marginalised people in the remotest areas of Orissa. With a vision of facilitating a society where communities are able to make their own choices, meet their survival needs and lead a self-reliant and sustainable life with dignity.

URL: <http://bit.ly/pOPh2t>

### 3. Centre for Rural Technology, Nepal

Centre for Rural Technology, Nepal (CRT/N) is a professional non-governmental organization involved in developing and promoting appropriate / rural and renewable energy technologies effective in improving livelihood of the rural mass.

<http://bit.ly/n1qsAY>

### 4. The Rural Technology Initiative, USA

RTI (Rural Technology Initiative) was established in January 2000 by a federal grant as a pilot project to accelerate the implementation of new technologies in rural forest resource-based communities.

URL: <http://bit.ly/nz7dAF>

### 5. Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development, Thailand

APWLD is the region's leading network of feminist organisations and women. Our 183 members represent groups of diverse women from 25 countries in the region. We have been active for nearly 25 years.

URL: <http://bit.ly/nW27XM>

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## Resources

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1. **infoDev is a global partnership program within the World Bank Group which works at the intersection of innovation, technology, and entrepreneurship to create opportunities for inclusive growth, job creation and poverty reduction.**

URL: <http://bit.ly/p1NEcq>

2. **Study/Toolkit/Handbook/Knowledge Maps: Information and Communication Technologies, Poverty and Development**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/pN2lBt>
3. **Transport And Sustainable Rural Livelihoods P. Fouracre, TRL Limited**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/qAMeEd>
4. **Currents: October 2003 (Issues in International rural development published by the Swedish University of agriculture science)**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/qSruZM>
5. **Ellis, F. (1999) Rural Livelihood Diversity in Developing Countries: Evidence and Policy Implications. Natural Resource Perspectives, Overseas Development Institute, UK Number 40**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/rmSRAp>
6. **Hiremath, B.N. (2007) The Changing faces of Rural livelihood in India, Theme Paper National Civil Society Conference Dec 4-7, 2007 Institute of Rural Management, Anand**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/naAuZZ>
7. **Going easy on planet earth : Article by Anusha Parthasarathy**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/opWO9f>
8. **Book Review: Work is life**  
**Ela Bhatt's narrative of SEWA's efforts to bring justice to the lives of poor women reasserts the place of work in human existence. By Neeta Deshpande**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/qMUQGf>
9. **Unctad Current Studies On Science, Technology And Innovation Renewable Energy Technologies for Rural Development. United Nations New York and Geneva, 2010**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/nHSHa>
10. **Sife, A.S., Kiondo, E., Lyimo-Macha, J.G. (2010) Contribution Of Mobile Phones To Rural Livelihoods And Poverty Reduction In Morogoro Region, Tanzania Ejisdc 2010) 42, 3, 1-15**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/okyfuf>
11. **Maltsoglou, I., Taniguchi, Kiyoshi Poverty, (2004) Livestock and Household Typologies in Nepal, Pro-poor Livestock Policy Initiative, PPLPI Working Paper No.13**  
URL: <http://bit.ly/oUm5La>

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