

Dear Colleagues,

Please find below periodic thematic digest on 'Mountain Livelihood and Technology', Issue 22 (02 June 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. India: State negotiating for \$200mn ADB loan

01 June 2011

The Government of Assam is negotiating a 200 million US Dollar loan with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for taking up a series of development schemes including water supply and sewerage in the eastern part of Guwahati city and drainage and solid waste management schemes in Dibrugarh town.

Source: <http://bit.ly/iQ4pRz>

2. China: Lhasa, roof of the world, gets first five-star hotel

31 May 2011

For decades, the hardy travellers that braved the icy roads and 1,200 mile drive to Lhasa from Sichuan have been greeted with austere monasteries filled with crimson-robed monks and the terrible taste of butter tea. Now the guests arriving at Lhasa airport are now whisked away in a Mercedes-Benz limousine to one of the hotel's 150 suites or 12 private villas.

Source: <http://bit.ly/mz0Mdy>

3. Myanmar: Development ideas emerge in Nay Pyi Taw

30 May 2011

A workshop on rural development and poverty alleviation in Myanmar, held in Nay Pyi Taw from May 20 to 22, highlighted ways to improve the lives of farmers, who comprise nearly 70 percent of the country's population.

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

4. Pakistan: NEC approves new growth strategy

29 May 2011

The National Economic Council (NEC) on Saturday approved a new strategy for growth prepared by Planning Commission of Pakistan. The new strategy will focus on both the governments and markets.

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

5. India: Newborn care units fight infant mortality in Bihar

24 May 2011

A neonatal care model has helped reduce infant mortality in the Indian state of Bihar. These sick new born care units operate round the clock to save the lives of over 90,000 babies born with complications each year.

Source: <http://bit.ly/mt85BG>

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Global News

1. Papua New Guinea: PNG's Nationwide Microbank Signs Up 100,000th Customer

31 May 2011

Papua New Guinea's Nationwide Microbank has signed up its 100,000th customer, highlighting the ongoing demand for quality and accessible banking services in the country.

Source: <http://bit.ly/kRxr51>

2. USA: Exceptional New Zealand organic apple season

31 May 2011

Top fruit imports are in full swing at one of the biggest organic fruit importers in the US, Awe Sum Organics. While pears from Argentina are still coming in, apples are now arriving from Chile, Argentina and of course from New Zealand, where Awe Sum Organics is responsible for over 75% of the organic apple imports into the US.

Source: <http://bit.ly/kA2uwl>

3. Malaysia: A Success in Developing Rural Sector, Reducing Poverty

30 May 2011

Malaysia has steadily enjoyed the substantial success in developing the rural sector and in reducing incidences of poverty, in both urban and rural areas. The level of poverty in Malaysia as reported by the World Bank stood at well over 50 percent.

Source: <http://bit.ly/lklJv2>

4. Africa: Broken Landscapes - the Failure of Development

30 May 2011

Earlier this month the Fourth Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC-IV) met in Turkey, where more than 2000 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) called for a new approach to development. Their conclusions are inescapable. In the last three decades, only three countries have graduated from LDC status. In fact the number of LDCs has grown from 24 in 1971 to 48 today.

Source: <http://bit.ly/mS6odB>

5. USA: Red Lake Band receives \$200,000 grant to track timber wolves

29 May 2011

The Red Lake Band of Chippewa has received a \$200,000 federal grant to launch a satellite tracking study of timber wolves on tribal lands. According to Jay Huseby, wildlife director for the Red Lake Band of Chippewa, the grant will allow the tribe to purchase 10 GPS collars to track timber wolves on tribal lands and learn more about the types of habitat they prefer.

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

6. Switzerland: C3D+ Partners Advance Global Network to Support Tool and Capacity Development to Address Climate Change

25 May 2011

How can capacities of research and training institutions in developing countries be strengthened to support climate change adaptation and mitigation action? This question was at the heart of the meeting of Partners of the UNITAR-coordinated project Capacity Development for Adaptation to Climate Change & GHG Mitigation in Non-Annex I Countries (C3D+), 18-20 May 2011 in Geneva, Switzerland.

Source: <http://bit.ly/m4NNUx>

7. Global: Developing 8 to have a stronger voice in upcoming 5 years

29 May 2011

The D-8 is an arrangement for development cooperation among the following countries: Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan and Turkey. Recalling that the D-8 is still a young organization with a history of 14 years, Pratikto says the organization needs time to increase public awareness and influence in the global arena. According to the secretary-general, the coming five years will witness remarkable achievements for the D-8.

Source: <http://bit.ly/jll2jm>

8. Global: World Bank Launches New Training Manual to Support Countries Estimate the Opportunity Costs of REDD+

13 April 2011

The manual addresses the calculation of costs and benefits of the various land use alternatives in relation to their carbon stocks. It shares hands-on experiences from field programs and presents the essential practical and theoretical steps, methods and tools to estimate the opportunity costs of REDD+ at the national level.

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

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Events

1. 23-24 June 2011

Call for Participation

Present and Future Role of Forest Resources in the Socio-Economic Development of Rural Areas

Rome, Italy

An event to describe, analyze and discuss the role played by the forest sector in the rural development of European Countries, the two-day proposed congress aims at analysing,

describing and getting acquainted with the actions provided for forests and for the forest sector by Rural Development, identifying strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats and proposing ideas and suggestions for the present and future Common Program.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: info.romaforest2011@inea.it

Event website: <http://bit.ly/g21JdZ>

2. 08-09 September 2011

Call for Participation

5th International Conference on Globalization The Scale of Globalization: Global, Local, Individual Ostrava Czech Republic

All academic and non-academic participants from a wide range of disciplines including many branches of geography, sociology, anthropology, political sciences, economics, international relations, cultural studies, regional studies, local and regional development and others are cordially welcomed to participate.

Deadline: 15 June 2011

Contact: Jana Hasalová, globalization2011osucz

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

3. 13-15, December 2011

Call for Papers

Third International Conference on Management of Natural Resources, Sustainable Development and Ecological Hazards

Malaysia

The conference will discuss the objective of reaching sustainability in the framework of all different disciplines in order to arrive at optimal solutions. Hence this meeting is essentially trans-disciplinary in order to find appropriate sustainable solutions, i.e. those involving collaboration across a wide range of disciplines. Like the first two, the aim of this conference is to take stock of our situation and try to facilitate constructive principles and policies for a way forward.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: Beverley Copland, bcopland@wessex.ac.uk

Event website: <http://bit.ly/fC082V>

4. 30 March 2012 -01 April 2012

Call for Papers

Poverty and Empowerment in Africa

Austin, TX

This year's theme is Women, Gender, and Sexualities in Africa, and it is our 10th annual African conference at the University of Texas at Austin. This year, we are extremely excited about the conference because of the large number of participants it has attracted and it is hoped that it will live up to the success of the previous nine conferences.

Deadline: 30 November 2011

Contact: Sylvester Gundona, africaconference2@gmail.com

Event website: <http://bit.ly/iRXL4S>

5. 24-28 July 2012

Call for Abstracts and Referees

**Paris International Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences Research
Paris, France**

The congress will bring together all types of humanities and social sciences research-related professionals and practitioners from all over the world. Proposals are in the form of abstracts.

Languages of the congress: English and French

Deadline: 30 October 2011

Contact: Anne Le Gunehec, Paris-Conference@analytrics.org

Event website: <http://bit.ly/kWtT5G>

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Opportunities

1. Admission notice for the MBA batch of 2011-2013, Amity school of Rural Management

Amity School of Rural Management, one of the leading institutions of Amity University Uttar Pradesh distinguishes itself as a management institute with a mandate of developing rural management professionals. The school is working towards providing a high profile rural education through a two years MBA programme in Rural Management, Ph.D in Rural Management and Post Graduate Diploma in Rural Marketing.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: Amity School of Rural Management, Floor IV, C- Block, csabharwal@amity.edu

More at: <http://bit.ly/k836lr>

2. Open position - Project Manager with Alcindia.org

The candidate will be on the payrolls of ALC India. The current vacancy is at Hunnarshala Foundation, Bhuj, Kachchh. He/ She will be deputed in Hunnarshala Foundation, Bhuj, Kachchh for period of 1 year. The performance of the candidate will be monitored from ALC India, head quarter in Hyderabad.

Deadline:

Contact: hrm@alcindia.org

More at: <http://bit.ly/mSw1rT>

3. WASH Formal Course Announcement

The Institute is launching the two job oriented one year courses in present academic year. PG diploma in Environmental Sanitation Science (Sanitary Inspectors course) eligible for students passing from BSc. Chemistry and BSc. Food technology and Certificate course on Capacity Building of Health Workers for students completed plus 2.

The courses are affiliated to Madurai Kamraj University and the last date to apply for the courses is on 10-July-2011. For more information we request you to visit the Institute web site at www.washinstitute.org.

Deadline: 10 July 2011

Contact: K.Y.Babu

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

4. Vacancy at ICIMOD: Programme Coordinator HICAP

Under the direct supervision of the Director Programme Operations, ICIMOD, the Programme Coordinator will lead the HICAP Programme Management Unit and coordinate the overall

programme in close cooperation with the promoters; and will initiate, support, and monitor the overall activities of HICAP within and outside the HKH.

Deadline: 26 June 2011

Contact: hrd@icimod.org

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

5. Call for Papers, Management of Natural Resources and International Trade , Geneva Switzerland

The five-day programme will encompass participants' paper presentations, guest lectures, professional development roundtables and social events. Participants also have the opportunity to apply their insights and skills in a practitioner day. Fellow students and the following internationally well-reputed researchers will give feedback.

Deadline: 15 June 2011

Contact: Johannes Schwarzer, johannes.schwarzer@dont-want-spam.oikosinternational.org

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

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Organisations

1. Access Livelihood Consulting (ALC) India, Andhra Pradesh

It is a Management Consulting Organization run by experienced and passionate professionals from diverse fields, all with one single goal-to enable the creation and proliferation of sustainable livelihoods at the grassroots.

URL: <http://bit.ly/iEE9Gw>

2. Applied Socio-economic Research (ASR) Resource Centre, Pakistan

Applied Socio-economic Research (ASR) Resource Centre provides trainings and conducts research on socio-economic issues in Pakistan. ASR acts as a catalyst, a network and a resource centre for several women's groups, social actions bodies, theatre and other communication groups, trade unions and peasant organisations.

URL: <http://bit.ly/kLYfW7>

3. Community Development Organisation, Kathmandu

Community Development Organization (CDO) is a right based non-governmental organization, engaged on issues of social/environmental justice and ecological democracy. Local people's - marginalized social groups in particular - access, right, control over natural resources especially " Jal, Jungle and Jamin " (water, forest and land) to ensure livelihood security has been CDO's key area of work. CDO is a pioneer pro poor NGO working on rights issues concerning protected areas in Nepal. CDO has been advocating for 'community conserved areas' and participatory management of protected areas.

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

4. The Mountain Institute, USA

TMI was established in 1972 in West Virginia, where its work focused on experiential and leadership education for West Virginia's youth. This work was based at a 400-acre nature preserve on the slopes of West Virginia's highest mountain, Spruce Knob. TMI formally expanded into an international organization in 1987, when it assisted in the establishment of

two new protected areas in Nepal and the Tibet Autonomous Region of China. Regional TMI offices were established in Nepal and Peru a few years later.

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

5. Department for International Development DFID, Nepal

DFID works in Nepal with priorities in Supporting the peace process, strengthening governance and improving security and access to justice, Helping poor and excluded people benefit from growth, Delivering better health and education

Helping people adapt to climate change, Reducing risk from disasters, including earthquakes,

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

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Resources

1. **Choudhary, D., Pandit, B H; Kinhal, G.A.; Kollmair, M. (2011). Pro-Poor Value Chain Development for High Value Products in Mountain Regions: Indian Bay Leaf (2011)**
URL: <http://bit.ly/l1KTK>
2. **2-days workshop on Tailoring e.tourism for Silk Road destinations at Samarkand Uzbekistan**
URL: <http://bit.ly/kPltk5>
3. **Biohappiness key to future, says Swaminathan**
URL: <http://bit.ly/iUJ8F8>
4. **Include indigenous communities in genomics research**
URL: <http://bit.ly/iGTq3c>
5. **Asia's shaky water, energy balancing act an article by Michael Richardson**
URL: <http://bit.ly/lx50IF>
6. **The First Interagency "Forum on Green Jobs: Local Strategies and Actions By Patricia O'Donovan**
URL: <http://bit.ly/mNbzoM>
7. **New Training Manual and Workshops Estimating the Opportunity Costs of REDD+**
URL: <http://bit.ly/lVlhr7>
8. **Global Sustainability Requires Technology Advances for Tomorrow, Behavior Changes Today: An experts view**
URL: <http://prn.to/kyXJ8o>
9. **Kennedy, J. (31 May 2011) Sustainable cities will be growth centres of the global economy, The Green Economy**
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10. **Gladle, C., (31 May 2011) the Evolution of Sustainability, Environmental Leader Environmental and Energy Management News**

URL: <http://bit.ly/mk3Ope>

11. Possible explanation for earth tremors in Sri Lanka

URL: <http://bit.ly/kbT84G>

**12. Are Women the Key to Sustainable Development? Stevens, C., (No. 3, April 2010)
Sustainable Development Insights**

URL: <http://bit.ly/il0300>

13. Sustainable mountain development Report of the Secretary-General 23 August 200

URL: <http://bit.ly/jV7Ib0>

14. Galay, K., Bhutanese Context of Civil Society, Civil Society

URL: <http://bit.ly/ku9fEc>

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