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2nd Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum

MAINSTREAMING ADAPTATION INTO DEVELOPMENT:
ADAPTATION in ACTION

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United Nations Conference Center
Bangkok, Thailand



The 2nd Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum will provide a unique opportunity to share frontline findings and innovations, opportunities and challenges in mainstreaming Climate Change adaptation into development. Building on from Adaptation Forum 2010, the Forum this year aims to focus on “Adaptation in Action” signifying a shift from deliberations to decisions, plans to policies and policies to practices.

The interactive Adaptation Forum will gather adaptation practitioners at global, regional, national, and sub-national levels. These could include government representatives from various line ministries, researchers, practitioners, NGOs, international organizations, regional intergovernmental bodies, youth, media and the private sector.

The format will be a diverse range of plenary and keynote sessions, panel discussions, roundtables, thematic events, market place and film festival. Sessions will be facilitated by eminent climate scientists, adaptation experts and development planners from the region.





The Adaptation Forum will,

- Showcase knowledge, practices and experiences;
- Provide “an interactive space” to promote networking to maximize synergy, stimulate actions and facilitate experiential learning that supports the process of adapting to climate change;
- Link local level adaptation initiatives with those at national and regional level.

Thematic Focus

The 2nd Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum will be organized around,

1. Linking knowledge to adaptation actions;
2. The governance of adaptation decision-making;
3. Insights from practices – Learning from experiences on the ground.

Some sessions will focus on key sectors or areas vulnerable to the impacts of Climate Change impacts whereas others will deal with issues that cut across sectors and places. These broad themes will be discussed in the context of sustainable development, and with an objective of stimulating concrete and practical actions that will impact the most vulnerable ecosystems and societies.

Core Organizers

The 2nd Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum is organized by the **Regional Climate Change Adaptation Knowledge Platform for Asia** (*Adaptation Knowledge Platform*), the **Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN)** and the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**.

2nd ADAPTATION FORUM AGENDA



08:00-09:00 DAY ONE Registration

09:00-10:20 Opening Plenary 1 - Adaptation in Action

ESCAP Hall The opening plenary outlines the need for and challenges to action on adaptation. It discusses and Second Floor illustrates the key issues in shifting from deliberations to decisions, plans to policies, and policies to practices

10:20-11:00 Tea Break

11:00-12:30 **PARALLEL SESSION I Policies, programs and plans**

The following panel sessions explore examples of adaptation in action with a focus on policies, programs and plans. Panels consider different levels and both the public and private sphere. Speakers will be given 7-10 minutes for opening remarks. After that facilitators will encourage exchange of view among panelists and responses to questions from the audience.

*ESCAP Hall,
Second Floor* **Panel 1 International agreements and initiatives**

How are international agreements and initiatives supporting adaptation actions? How is funding and development assistance being organized and made available?

*Meeting Room A,
First Floor* **Panel 2 National policies, strategies and programs**

How has adaptation been effectively mainstreamed in national policies, strategies or programs? What, for example, has been learned from initial projects enabled by NAPA activities? How has horizontal coordination or cross-sectoral integration issues been handled? How have adaptation efforts been impacted by conventional development policies and practices, and vice-versa?

*Meeting Room G,
First Floor* **Panel 3 Local government planning**

How are local governments taking adaptation to climate change into account in their plans and planning procedures?

*Meeting Room F,
First Floor* **Panel 4 Private sector strategies, responsibilities and contributions**

How are private firms including adaptation to climate change in their core business strategies? How are their approaches similar and different from governments? How are they attempting to influence and contribute to public policy?

*Meeting Room H,
First Floor* **Panel 5 Multi-level coordination**

How have countries tackled the challenge of coordinating policy, plans and programs on adaptation across administrative levels through to local residents?

<i>Theater, Ground Floor</i>	Panel 6 Integrating adaptation and mitigation actions What are effective ways of integrating adaptation and mitigation? What are the experiences with integration, for example, in designing energy systems, coastal management or agro-forestry?
<i>Public Foyer, Ground Floor</i>	Panel 6b Building climate resilient cities How are city and regional planners and authorities making cities more resilient to climate change?
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:00	PLENARY 2 - Insights from practice
15:00-15:40	Tea Break
15:40-17:00	PARALLEL SESSION II Practice Roundtables
<p>The following roundtable sessions focus on practice in taking adaptation actions at different levels in diverse sectors, geographical zones and key stakeholder groups. There is expected to be 3-6 roundtables in each panel session with 8-20 participants per table. All conference participants are welcome to join. Each session will start with a short introduction from the session coordinators setting scope and expected outcomes for roundtable deliberations. Facilitators will be assigned to all tables. The session will conclude with short summaries of each table back to other participants in the panel session.</p>	
<i>Meeting Room A, First Floor</i>	Panel 7 Managing water for food and agriculture How does improved management of water for food and agriculture support rural livelihoods and adaptation?
<i>Meeting Room G, First Floor</i>	Panel 8 Disaster management and climate change adaptation How does effective disaster management support adaptation to climate change, and vice versa?
<i>Meeting Room H, First Floor</i>	Panel 9 Community-based adaptation How do community-based actions support livelihoods and adaptation?
<i>Meeting Room H, First Floor</i>	Panel 9b (14) Gender and adaptation mainstreaming How does gender matter for adaptation? Are women involved in making adaptation decisions? Are women's actions important for adaptation?
<i>Public Foyer, Ground Floor</i>	Panel 10 Ecosystem management and ecosystem-based adaptation How do well managed ecosystems support adaptation? How has improved management of forests, wetlands and coastal ecosystems contributed to adaptation?
<i>ESCAP Hall, Second Floor</i>	Panel 12 Mainstream and Alternate media Has mainstream media or alternative media contributed enough to adaptation actions on climate change?
17:00-18:00	2011 Adaptation Film Festival - ESCAP Hall, Second Floor
18:30-19:30	Reception

Day Two	
09:00-09:15	Opening Plenary 3 - Governance of adaptation
10:20-11:00	Tea Break
11:00-12:30	PARALLEL SESSION III Panel debates
<p>The following sessions are organized as on-stage panel debates with 4-6 pre-identified speakers in each session arranged roughly into two opposing panels by session conveners who will also provide judges or facilitators for each session. Conference participants will also be given a chance to make queries and offer comments and vote on outcome of debates.</p>	
<i>SCAP Hall, Second Floor</i>	<p>Panel 13 Decision-making, public participation and fairness How are decisions being made on how to adapt? Are the typical processes by which adaptation is governed fair? Is participation and representation of vulnerable groups sufficient? Are rights to adaptation being respected and access to justice provided to all social groups?</p>
<i>Meeting Room A, First Floor</i>	<p>Panel 14 (11): Climate proofing infrastructure How are governments taking into account adaptation to climate change in the design and construction of transport and communication infrastructure?</p>
<i>Meeting Room G, First Floor</i>	<p>Panel 15 Public health and adaptation to climate change What are the public health priorities and implications of adaptation to climate change?</p>
<i>Meeting Room F, First Floor</i>	<p>Panel 16 Financing adaptation Who should pay for adaptation? How should such decisions be made? What roles should insurance play in adaptation? Are there any other options for risk transfer?</p>
<i>Meeting Room H, First Floor</i>	<p>Panel 17 Options for small island states What can small island states do? Who should help?</p>
<i>Theater, Ground Floor</i>	<p>Panel 18 Climate induced migration and livelihood security What is the real significance of climate induced migration for efforts to adapt to climate change? How can the livelihoods of poor and vulnerable groups be best secured if migration happens or is necessary?</p>
12:30-13:30	Lunch

13:30-15:00	PARALLEL SESSION IV
<i>ESCAP Hall, Second Floor</i>	Panel 19 Experiences in the IPCC What are the challenges and opportunities that the IPCC process (in particular the ongoing AR5 process) represent?
<i>Meeting Room A, First Floor</i>	Panel 20 South - South Learning across world regions What can different regions of the world learn from each other about linking knowledge and action for climate change adaptation? Critical reflections on the workshop from perspective of those living and working outside the region.
<i>Meeting Room G, First Floor</i>	Panel 21 Local and experience-based Knowledge How do different knowledge management approaches and tools support adaptation actions? How is local, indigenous and experience-based knowledge important to adaptation action?
<i>Meeting Room F, First Floor</i>	Panel 22 Synergies between adaptation toolkits and methods in practice What has been learnt from using adaptation toolkits in practice? How can they be combined or further improved for greater effectiveness?
<i>Meeting Room H, First Floor</i>	Panel 23: Provision and application of climate information What climate data and information are needed to enable informed adaptation planning? What are the current practices in the provision, dissemination and application of climate data and information? What are the challenges of and emerging opportunities for applying relevant climate information to support adaptation?
<i>Theater, Ground Floor</i>	Panel 24 Youth and Adaptation How have youth-led, -driven or -oriented activities contributed to adaptation actions? How has the education system served youth's needs for climate change adaptation knowledge?
15:00-15:30	Tea Break
15:30-16:45	PLENARY 4 - Linking knowledge and action
16:45-17:30	CLOSING CEREMONY

To engage with the 2nd Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum

- Panel sessions at this years' forum will contain a mixture of invited speakers and a selection from others responding to this open invitation to participate. Individuals interested in speaking in a specific panel are invited to submit a "briefing note" (see below) summarizing their proposed contribution by the 1 September 2011.
- In the lead-up to and immediately following the forum we will be convening an electronic discussion board on the forum website. Everyone is welcome to join in.

Briefing notes

- All participants to the 2nd Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum regardless of whether or not they making a formal presentation are strongly encouraged to submit 1 or 2 briefing notes about their work related to Climate Change Adaptation.
- Briefing notes should be no longer than 2 pages and may include a figure, a table and citations. These submissions will be compiled into a CD for distribution at the event. This is a great way to let many others know what you are working on.



Market Place

The market place is also organized within the venue of the 2nd Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum for participants to showcase their products, services, information and knowledge on climate change adaptation. This will provide a unique opportunity for the exhibitors during the event to display their work, meet with other participants, network and review their publications and products across the region and beyond.

There is no charge for a place in the Market, but the Secretariat and Partners reserve the right to decide if a proposed use is appropriate or not for the 2nd Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum.

In order to showcase in the Market Place, do send an online request by filling up the registration form to the 2nd Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum Secretariat.

Refresher Workshop: What Everyone Needs to Know about Climate Change Adaptation, 26 October 2011, Siam City Hotel, Bangkok

The workshop is an official activity of the Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum 2011. It is organized and supported by the Adaptataion Forum 2011 organizers.

The one-day workshop is tailored to make the Adaptation Forum 2011 more rewarding and comprehensible for participants less familiar with, or puzzled by common jargon about, climate change adaptation. The workshop will introduce, review and clarify key terms, concepts and arguments related to climate change and adaptation. The interactive format will ensure that it not only serves as a primer for first-timers to the Adaptation Forum 2011, but also enrich the experience for veterans and practitioners.

Since there are a limited number of seats available, confirm attendance to info@climateadapt.asia as soon as possible.

Please note that though the workshop is complimentary, the participants are requested to cover their boarding and lodging for 26 October 2011.



ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE MEDIA COMMUNITY

A Competition for the Best Reports on Adaptation to Climate Change: Open to all Journalists from the Asia-Pacific region

If you've been telling the exciting story of adaptation to climate change, here is your chance to win an award, and rub shoulders with the movers and shakers in this field.

The Adaptation Forum 2011 organizers and the Third Pole Project are organizing a competition for the best media reports on Adaptation to Climate Change. **The winners will be invited to cover the 2nd Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum.**

The competition is open to all journalists in the Asia-Pacific region. The reports can be in any medium, be it print, web, video or audio. They can be in any language, but non-English entries should be accompanied by a written summary in English. The entries should have been published or broadcast

between 1 September 2010 and 31 August 2011. The deadline for submitting entries is 15 September 2011.

Shortlisted entries will be featured on the websites of the 2nd Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum and the Third Pole Project (<http://www.thethirdpole.net>) from 20-30 September and every visitor to the Third Pole Project website will have an opportunity to vote for the favorite report. The votes will be taken into account while choosing the winning entries.

2011 Climate Change Adaptation Film Festival

If you've shot a film/video that aptly captures a response to climate change by communities, individuals or organizations, this is the chance to not only share it with others in the field, but also win a prize.

The 2nd Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum organizers in cooperation with the Media Alliance are organizing the 2011 Climate Change Adaptation Film Festival.

- The Film Festival is open to individuals and agencies.
- There is no entry fee.
- Entries should capture practices in adaptation, adaptation strategies and capacities.
- The video/film must have been produced before 30 September 2011.
- The total run time of the video/film should not exceed 10 minutes.
- Other specifications: file size-100 MB to 600 MB, provide media file extension (.avi, .flv, .mp4, .wmv) and resolution formats (640 * 480).
- Any video/film in a language other than English must have English subtitles.
- Multiple submissions are acceptable, but the same film should not be submitted separately by multiple entrants.
- Deadline: Entries must be uploaded by 11:59 PM (PST) on Friday, 30 September, 2011. Late entries will not be accepted.

Visit Adaptation Forum Website

<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/adaptationforum2012/>

Email: info@climateadapt.asia

- for regular updates;
- for the online registration process;
- to submit briefing notes;
- to join the market place;
- to join the refresher workshop;
- to submit entries for the media reporting;
- to submit entries for the 2011 Adaptation Film Festival;
- for back to back activities during the 2nd Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum.

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(Adaptation Knowledge Platform) and
Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN)
work together in Asia and the Pacific to build
climate resilience of vulnerable communities,
ecosystems and economies. They foster generation
and exchange of knowledge and practices on Climate
Change Adaptation, increase adaptive capacities,
and facilitate the integration of knowledge into
decision making processes and adaptation actions.
By bringing together policy makers, researchers,
development practitioners, private sectors and
communities, they build a bridge between
knowledge providers and users and
promote partnerships for
transformative actions.

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