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Disaster Management Community



Community Update

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From the Resource Team

Dear Friends,

Greetings from the Disaster Management Community!

The Disaster Management Community is right now making an effort to reach out to all its members to facilitate a discussion on Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation issues. The discussion query "Enhancing Community Resilience for Disaster and Climate Change" has so far received insightful inputs and guidance from 21 members. The resource team along with Mr. Vinod Chandra Menon would like to thank the members who have responded and is happy to note that the sharing of knowledge and information is reaching to our 3000 plus members.

The second query focusing on "Developing Indicators to Measure Community Resilience for Disasters and Climate Change" was posted on 13 May 2014 and we plan to close it by 27 May 2014. Once again we look forward to receiving from the members insights on the topic.

As usual, in order to make the DM community active and robust, we request you all to share critical issues on policies, programs and implementation bottle necks related to Disaster Management, Disaster Risk Reduction programs, which can be deliberated among practitioners to seek and to find possible and workable solutions.

We request members to send us information for community updates (workshops, conferences, trainings, job vacancies, research papers; topics for thematic newsletter etc.). Thanking you in anticipation of your continued support in making the community vibrant.

With warm regards,

G. Padmanabhan and Mahendra R,
Resource Team,
Disaster Management Community, UN Solution Exchange.

Members Postings

Workshops and Conferences

Recently Held

From [Reshmi Theckethil](#), UNDP, New Delhi

Training Needs Assessment Workshop in Shimla (TNA), 25 April, 2014, Uttaranchal

The Training Needs Assessment Workshop in Shimla was organized by Himachal Institute for Public Administration and the workshop was attended by nearly 50-60 people from various Governments departments, Academic institutions, NGOs, International agencies, etc. [Sharing Tool Kit](#) and a Report on [Training Need Assessment](#) on Climate Change in Himachal Pradesh prepared by Swiss Development Corporation is shared for information.

Upcoming

From [G. Padmanabhan](#), UNDP, New Delhi.

International Conference 24-26 November 2014

UNESCO is organising an International Conference entitled “**From Exclusion to Empowerment: The Role of Information and Communication Technologies for Persons with Disabilities**” in New Delhi, India, from 24 to 27 November 2014. For more information [click here](#).

Call for Papers

From [Mahendra. Rajaram](#), UNDP, New Delhi

Designing Water Disaster Management Policies: Theory and Empirics

The Journal on Natural Resources Policy Research has called for research papers under five broad categories for in-depth study - risk management; vulnerability assessment; capacity building and resilience; disaster risk reduction-development linkage; and institutional design. For more details, click [here](#).

Recommended Website/Portals

From [Mahendra. Rajaram](#), UNDP, New Delhi.

Resilience to violent ideologies

This website provides information on how communities and the Australian Government are doing to build resilient communities that take action against violent extremism. The Australian Government is resolute in its commitment to protecting its people and its interests from this threat of violent extremism. For more information click [here](#)

Job Opportunities

From [Mahendra Rajaram](#), UNDP, New Delhi

Vacancy: **Technical Specialist- Disaster Risk Management**

Organization: Child Fund India

Location: New Delhi

Closing: 23 May 2014

Please view details [here](#)

Community News

Open Queries

Developing Indicators for Enhancing Community Resilience to Disasters and Climate Change. Examples; Referrals.

Reply by 27 May 2014. Click [here](#) to respond.

From Our Partners

UN News – Monthly Newsletter of the UN Information Centre, April, New Delhi. Focusing on Health issues. Click [here](#) to read (Size: 43.67 KB)

National Institute for Disaster Management, New Delhi is organizing National Level Essay Writing Competition for Students on Safeguarding Environment for Disaster Risk Reduction. The details of the competition can be viewed at [here](#)

Testimonials

We request members to share their testimonials, wherein knowledge sharing has made difference to their work.

Update your Profile!

Members who wish to update their profile are requested to send us an [email](#) with relevant information. Please refer your colleagues and friends to join the community.

For Queries!

We request members to send in queries on issues relevant to Disaster Management, Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change and State specific issues related to DRR & CCA to the [resource team](#).

Vacancy: **Disaster Management Specialist**
Organisation: United Nations Development Program
Location: Shimla, Himachal Pradesh
Closing: 25 May 2014
Please view details [here](#)

From [Murali Thangam](#), UNDP, New Delhi
Vacancy: **Policy Adviser (FTA-P5)**
Organisation: United Nations Development Program
Location: New York, USA
Closing: 3 June 2014
Please view details [here](#)

Vacancy : **Policy Specialist, Knowledge Management and Communication (FTA-P4)**
Organisation: United Nations Development Program
Location: New York, USA
Closing: 3 June 2014
Please view details [here](#)

Training Opportunities

From [Prasad Babu](#), UNDP, New Delhi

Setting up Academic Department of Regional Water Studies

TERI University has joined hands with The Coca-Cola Foundation to launch the 'Coca-Cola Department of Regional Water Studies'. Dr. Leena Srivastava, Vice-Chancellor of TERI University and Asim Parekh, Vice President, Technical and Supply Chain, Coca-Cola India and South West Asia launched the program at the TERI University Campus, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi. For more details read [here](#)

From [G. Padmanabhan](#), UNDP, New Delhi

Training program for Scientists and Technologists

The training to Scientists and Technologists is organised by Center for Disaster Management of Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy for Administration. The objectives of the training are: to expose the participants to Science and Technology Policies; Persuade them into thinking about the values that underpin the framing and implementation of public policy. The brochure of the training can be read [here](#).

Recommended Readings

From [G. Padmanabhan](#), UNDP, New Delhi

Africa-Asia Drought Risk Management Peer Assistance Network (AADP) newsletter

AADP builds on the successful experiences of African Drought Risk and Development Network (ADDN), which was established jointly by the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN-ISDR) and the UNDP Dry lands Development Centre in 2005. It intends to scale up the ADDN's drought peer-learning/-assistance efforts from Africa regional to Africa-Asia inter-regional level. The May 2014 issue can be download [here](#).

All the previous issues of the AADP e-newsletter are available for download [here](#).

Adaptation in Retrospect - Perspectives from successful communities based on Adaptation Interventions.

Climate change has left communities and countries vulnerable to various kinds of hazards on an unprecedented scale. The Southasiadisasters.net 110 issue (April 2014) focus on Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN) and other issues. To view the issue [click here](#).

Strengthening Climate Resilience through Disaster Risk Reduction – Approach in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, experiences and lessons. The book is a publication of Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Indo German Environment Partnership (IGEP), (New Delhi Office) and National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), (Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India),

New Delhi. To read the book [click here](#).

From [Guru](#), Urban Research Center, Bengaluru.

[Article on Copenhagen: from a Cloudburst Management Plan to Green Climate Adaptation](#)

The city of Copenhagen has just finished its work on the Cloudburst Management Plan. The plan is an innovative way to adapt urban open spaces like streets and places to heavy storm water events and thereby prevent flooding. This interesting article on green climate adaptation work in Copenhagen can be read [here](#)

Many thanks to all who contributed to this issue!

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