

First Announcement

# Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum **2011**



MAINSTREAMING ADAPTATION INTO DEVELOPMENT:  
**ADAPTATION in ACTION**

27-28 October 2011  
United Nations  
Conference Center  
Bangkok, Thailand



*The Adaptation Forum 2011 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 2011 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 side events, market place, photo & poster exhibitions and film festival. Sessions will be facilitated by eminent climate scientists, adaptation experts and development planners from the region.*



## The Adaptation Forum 2011 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 Adaptation Forum 2011 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 Adaptation Forum 2011 is organized by the **Regional Climate Change Adaptation Knowledge Platform for Asia** (*Adaptation Knowledge Platform*) and the **Asia Pacific Adaptation Network** (*APAN*).

# ADAPTATION FORUM 2011 AGENDA

## Day 1

09:00-10:20

### OPENING PLENARY 1 – Adaptation in Action

The opening plenary outlines the need for and challenges to action on adaptation. It discusses and 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.

#### Panel 1 International agreements and initiatives

How are international agreements and initiatives supporting adaptation actions?

#### 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?

#### Panel 3 Local government planning

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

#### Panel 4 Private sector strategies

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?

#### 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?

#### Panel 6 Integrating adaptation and mitigation actions

What are cost-effective ways of integrating adaptation and mitigation?

12:30 - 13:30

Lunch

13:30-15:00

### PLENARY 2 – Insights from practice

This second plenary will focus on what has been learnt from practice. It is therefore intended to be a pragmatic and initial response to the first plenary's outline of the issues and challenges in taking adaptation ideas into practice. After an initial keynote speech (15 minutes) a panel will reflect and respond to issues raised in the keynote. A facilitator will encourage exchange among panelists who will be asked to keep each intervention to less than 2-3 minutes.

15:00-15:40

Tea Break

15:40 - 17:00

### PARALLEL SESSION II Practice Roundtables

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.

**Panel 7** **Managing water for food and agriculture**  
How does improved management of water for food and agriculture support adaptation?

**Panel 8** **Disaster management and climate change adaptation**  
How does effective disaster management support adaptation to climate change, and vice versa?

**Panel 9** **Community-based adaptation**  
How do community-based actions support adaptation?

**Panel 10** **Youth and adaptation**  
How have youth-led, -driven or -oriented activities contributed to adaptation actions?

**Panel 11** **Transport and communication infrastructure**  
How are governments taking into account adaptation to climate change in the design and construction of transport and communication infrastructure?

**Panel 12** **Ecosystem management and ecosystem-based adaptation**  
How do well managed ecosystems support adaptation?

17:00 - 18:00 LAUNCHES and SIDE EVENTS

Meet the media – organized appointments with key speakers and journalists

Community voices – informal gathering of community representatives working on adaptation

Speed-dating – a match-making services for donors and individual or organizations with project ideas

In reception area

18:00 -19:30 Reception

**Day 2**

09:00-10:20 **PLENARY 3 - Governance of adaptation**

The third plenary will focus on the governance of adaptation addressing issues like how decisions should be made, who should pay, and what is fair. After an initial keynote speech (20 minutes) a panel will reflect and respond to issues raised in the keynote. A facilitator will encourage exchange among panelists who will be asked to keep each intervention to less than 2-3 minutes.

10:20-11:00 Tea Break

11:00 - 12:30 **PARALLEL SESSION III Panel debates**

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.

**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?

**Panel 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?

Panel 15 **Business responsibilities and contributions**

What roles and responsibilities should businesses have in adaptation to climate change?

Panel 16 **Financing adaptation**

Who should pay for adaptation? How should such decisions be made?

Panel 17 **Options for small island states**

What can small island states do? Who should help?

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?

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

13:30 - 15:00 **PARALLEL SESSION IV**

The following panel sessions assess various efforts and initiatives to link knowledge and action in adaptation to climate change.

Panel 19 **Experiences in the IPCC**

What do the experiences of the IPCC tell us about barriers and opportunities to effectively linking knowledge and action on adaptation?

Panel 20 **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.

Panel 21 **Knowledge management**

How do different knowledge management approaches and tools support adaptation actions?

Panel 22 **Community-based adaptation toolkits**

How do community-based adaptation toolkits work? How can they be further improved?

Panel 23 **Local, experience-based knowledge**

How is local, indigenous and experience-based knowledge important to adaptation action?

Panel 24 **Downscaling climate projections**

What methods and capacity building activities are needed to make better use of downscaled climate change projections for adaptation planning?

Panel 25 **Mainstream and alternative media**

Has mainstream media or alternative media contributed enough to adaptation actions on climate change?

15:00 - 15:30 Tea Break

15:30-17:00 **PLENARY 4 - Linking knowledge and action**

Linking knowledge to adaptation actions: What are effective ways of better linking knowledge and action for adaptation to climate change?

17:00 - 17:30 **CLOSING CEREMONY**

## To engage with the Adaptation Forum 2011:

- Panel sessions at this years' forum will contain a mixture of invited speakers and a selection from other responding 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 August 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 Adaptation Forum 2011 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 Adaptation Forum 2011 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.

The Market Place will be free of charge; however the Adaptation Forum 2011 Secretariat and partners will keep the right of decision on the appropriateness of the requested space basing on the applications received.

In order to showcase in the Market Place, please send an online request by filling up the registration form to the **Adaptation Forum 2011 Secretariat**. The registration deadline is 15 September 2011.

## Adaptation Forum 2011 Website

<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/adaptationforum2011/>

## Adaptation Forum 2011 Venue

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The regional Climate Change Adaptation Platform for Asia (Adaptation Knowledge Platform) and Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) work together in Asia 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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