Climate Change-related opportunities

Opportunity to obtain a loan with the UNFCCC CDM Loan Scheme

The UNFCCC CDM Loan Scheme provides interest-free loans to finance (1) the development of a Project Design Document (PDD), (2) the validation of the PDD by the Designated Operational Entity and (3) the monitoring and verification of the first issuance of Certified Emissions Reductions (CERs).

Applications may be submitted on an ongoing basis; but the next deadlines for processing the applications by the Technical Review Committee are 30 September 2012 and 31 December 2012. For more information about the applications timeline, please click here [1]. Further information about the loan eligibility criteria is available here [2]. The full application procedure can be found at: http://www.cdmloanscheme.org/ [3].

Grants for the Climate Summer School "From Climate Reconstructions to Climate Predictions" in Switzerland

The NCCR (National Centre of Competence in Research) Climate, Switzerland's Centre of Excellence in Climate and Climate Impact Research, organizes the 12th International NCCR Climate Summer School 2013 in Grindelwald, Switzerland. The Summer School will focus on the theme "From Climate Reconstructions to Climate Predictions".

The Summer School invites young researchers (PhD students and Post-Docs) from all fields of climate research to join leading climate researchers on the occasion of this Summer School. The courses will cover a broad spectrum of climate and climate impact research issues and will foster cross-disciplinary links. All summer school participants will present a poster of their research and there will be ample opportunity for discussion.

Applications: Participation is highly competitive and will be limited to a maximum of 70. The registration fee includes half board accommodation, excursion and teaching material, but a small number of grants will be available for students from developing countries. The application procedure is available online: http://www.nccr-climate.unibe.ch/summer_school/index_en.html [4].

Deadline: 21 December 2012. Successful applicants will be notified in February 2013.

Opportunity for Under-Represented Regions and Countries to improve their level of participation in the CDM: UNFCCC Help Desk

The UNFCCC Secretariat has launched the Designated National Authority (DNA) Help Desk, which aims to help DNAs in under-represented regions and countries to improve their level of participation in the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM).

The Help Desk is available to DNAs in Africa, least developed countries (LDCs), Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and countries with ten or fewer registered CDM projects as of 31 December 2010. DNAs can also submit requests on behalf of project participants and designated operational entities (DOEs).

The DNA Help Desk is designed to provide DNAs with support, advice or clarifications in three specific areas: standardized baselines; grid emission factors; and additionality of microscale project activities.

Qualifying DNA can make an inquiry by submitting the required form to dna_helpdesk@unfccc.int [5]. The form is available on the DNA Help Desk web page https://cdm.unfccc.int/DNA/helpdesk/ [6].
Opportunity to get support from the ACAD Facility for African carbon projects

The African Carbon Asset Development (ACAD) Facility is the first carbon project development support facility squarely focused on increasing deal-flow in Africa. It is a public-private partnership spearheaded by UNEP and its Risoe Centre in cooperation with Standard Bank, and by the German Federal Environment Ministry. Over a dozen projects in 9 countries have already benefited from ACAD support to achieve CDM registration and/or financial closure. Details on project successes and training modules from ACAD events are provided in the concerned website (http://acadfacility.org/).

Applications are now being solicited from the energy and carbon community for seed funding and technical assistance for innovative, replicable projects in Sub-Saharan Africa. ACAD will accept applications on a rolling basis for its second portfolio.

Please read the project eligibility criteria and grant-making guidelines on ACAD’s website before applying: http://acadfacility.org/apply.php.

Queries on the process may be directed to: info@acadfacility.org.

Call for Expressions of Interest: Understanding Sustainable Energy Solutions in Developing Countries

The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) is launching a call for expressions of interest from organisations, especially those from developing countries, who wish to bid under a major new research call on understanding sustainable energy solutions in developing countries.

Up to £12.5 million will be available under this call, from the UK Research Councils’ Energy programme, the UK Department for International Development (DFID) and the Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC).

Successful applicants will be notified by 15 October 2012 and invited to take part in a short development workshop to refine the priority research challenges around energy in the context of international development and help facilitate collaborative bids. This workshop will be held from 12-14 December in Nairobi, Kenya.

Closing date for expressions of interest: Friday 28 September 2012

More details and application form can be found at:
http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/calls/openvPages/energyandinternationaldevelopment.aspx

Opportunity to enroll on the 1st Competition of the Think Forward Film Festival

The International Center for Climate Governance (ICCG) presents the second edition of the Think Forward Film Festival, which was created with the aim to investigate, discuss and disseminate, through short films and feature films, the theme of climate change and the issues surrounding the use of energy efficiency and renewable energy. The second edition of the Think Forward Film Festival will be held in Venice from November 30th to December 1st, 2012.

This year, the Festival is launching its first film competition. The competition is international and involves short films made using any technique (including animation) that are focused on the themes of climate change and renewable energy. Films must have been produced after 1 January 2010, with a maximum length of 15 minutes.

To read more about eligibility criteria and download the application form, please visit the concerned website:
http://www.thinkforwardfestival.it
Opportunity to submit proposals to the Climate Finance Innovation Facility

The Climate Finance Innovation Facility (CFIF), managed by the Frankfurt School - UNEP Collaborating Centre for Climate & Sustainable Energy Finance, has launched its 3rd Call for Proposals, inviting applications from financial institutions based in developing countries of the Asia-Pacific region.

The CFIF provides support (grants and technical assistance) for the setting up of innovative financial products, programmes or services for the low carbon energy sectors such as renewable energy and energy efficiency. The aim of the facility is to catalyze new investment into the climate mitigation sectors by helping first movers in the finance community to develop new products that have replication potential across markets and geographies. A broad range of business support activities are eligible for support, ranging from feasibility studies, to market assessments and legal reviews.

The selection procedure consists of a two-step application process. In the first step, applicants are requested to submit a concept note using the application form that can be downloaded from [http://climate-finance.org](http://climate-finance.org).[13]

**Deadline:** Applications are to be submitted electronically to cfif@fs.de[14] by **30 September 2012**.

For further clarification, please contact the facility manager at cfif@fs.de[14].

Opportunity to attend a diplomacy online course on adaptation and loss and damage

The UNITAR Multilateral Diplomacy Programme and Germanwatch organize an upcoming on-line course on “Negotiating climate change adaptation and loss and damage: from Cancun and beyond”. It aims to facilitate international negotiations, public sector work, and diplomatic engagement in relation to climate change impacts and adaptation measures through an enhanced understanding of its science, the international policy framework, and the key negotiation issues pertinent to the UNFCCC process.

This course will be held in English from **15 October to 16 November 2012** (5 weeks), each week consisting of a module focusing on a different topic.

**Targeted Audience:** The course targets mid to senior-level government officers in ministries preparing for and/or taking part in conferences in relation to climate change as well as staff of intergovernmental / nongovernmental organizations. It also targets entry-level and mid-career diplomats working in a multilateral setting. Private sector specialists and students whose work or studies are related to this subject are also encouraged to apply.

**How to apply?** Please visit the concerned UNITAR webpage here[15] and follow the procedure explained after clicking on "How to register". Course fee are 800 USD but some fellowships are available for participants from Least Developed Countries. Please click here[16] for more details on fellowships.

**Deadline:** 8 October 2012

For more information, please visit the website[15] or contact the Multilateral Diplomacy Programme at: mdp-elearning@unitar.org[17] / +41 22 917 87 16.

Opportunity to participate in the 2012 Photo Competition organized by the Adaptation Fund

The Adaptation Fund invites submissions of powerful images depicting the various ways in which individuals and communities in developing countries are adapting to climate change in the food and agricultural sectors. The contest question is the following: “How are people adapting their approaches to growing and supplying food?”. The most compelling and relevant photos will be eligible to receive prizes (details are provided in the contest rules). The Fund will also feature the top photos and photographers on its website and in its publications.

**Deadlines:** All entries must be received by 11:59pm (Washington, DC time) on **October 26, 2012**, via email to
Opportunity to get a Grant for Proposals on Climate Change mitigation, in particular REDD (ENRTP EuropeAid)

The Thematic Programme for Environment and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources including Energy (ENRTP) helps developing countries and partner organizations to address environmental and natural resource management issues. The present call for proposals focuses on themes that fall under 2 Priority areas of the Thematic Strategy ENRTP. In the ENRTP Priority 1 (Climate change and sustainable energy), only one theme is open under this call for proposals (first lot): Climate Change mitigation, in particular REDD.

The types of actions which are eligible under this REDD+ lot are the following:

- Actions that support partnerships between civil society and private sector that prevent or reduce deforestation and forest degradation in investments in large scale agricultural commodities.
- Actions that promote independent monitoring by in-country civil society of REDD+ investments and the application of REDD+ safeguards, based on national best practice where this exists.
- Actions that develop effective links in practice between national FLEGT and REDD+ processes, with regards to stakeholder processes, monitoring, improved governance and law enforcement as well as legal reforms.

Geographical scope: African countries with a forest cover of at least 10 million ha, representing more than 20% of country area, according to FAO statistics, and African countries which have concluded a VPA (Voluntary Partnership Agreement) with the EU (see section 2.1.3 of the guidelines).

Size of EC grant: Minimum € 1 000 000 – Maximum € 3 000 000

Application deadline: 25 September 2012

More information on eligibility criteria and on application modalities here:

IPCC announces call for applications for second round of awards under the IPCC Scholarship Programme

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has opened a call for applications for the second round of awards under the IPCC Scholarship Programme. The IPCC Scholarship Programme aims to build capacity in the understanding and management of climate change in developing countries by providing opportunities for young scientists from developing countries to undertake studies that would not be possible without funding under the programme.

What?

With a value of up to USD 20,000 per year, each award will be given for a period of one year and is renewable once, subject to satisfactory progress during the period of study and term reports signed by the research supervisor. Research proposals should focus on one of the following fields of study:

- Socio-economic modeling related to climate change
- Underlying science of climate change
- Climate change and water

Applications will undergo a two-level selection process. The candidates selected for an award will be notified individually during the second quarter of 2013.
**Opportunity to get grants for research on “Population health vulnerabilities to vector-borne diseases – Increasing resilience under climate change conditions in Africa”**

The World Health Organisation’s Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR), with IDRC funding, is launching a call for letters of interest as part of its research initiative on vector-borne diseases and climate change in Africa. This initiative aims to build an evidence base on the connections between vector-borne diseases and the environmental, socio-economic, and socio-political risks and vulnerabilities that increase the impact of climate change. The research will help developing countries create strategies for anticipating, preventing, or reducing these risks.

Grants of up to US$600,000 will be awarded to carry out cutting-edge research in Africa.

**Deadline for applications:** September 10, 2012. For more information, please visit the [TDR](http://www.who.int) website.

**Opportunity to contribute to a special issue on “Climate Change in Africa” in the International Journal of Climate Change Strategies and Management (IJCCSM)**

The International Journal of Climate Change Strategies and Management (IJCCSM) is a leading journal on matters related to the management of climate change and its impacts, with a special emphasis to developing countries.

Consistent with this, IJCCSM invites abstracts for a special issue on “Climate Change in Africa”, which will document and promote the results of research and projects focusing on climate change adaptation in the African continent, one of the most vulnerable regions in the world. Expressions of interest, initially consisting of a 200 words abstract, should outline the nature of the work performed and some of its results.

**Deadline:** Please submit your expression of interest by the 6th August 2012 to: info@iccip.net.

**Opportunity to participate in a UNFCCC contest to highlight the benefits of the Kyoto Protocol’s Clean Development Mechanism**

The UNFCCC launched a contest that aims to select extraordinarily good ways of highlighting the benefits of the Kyoto Protocol’s Clean Development Mechanism (CDM). The three categories of the contest aim to inspire participants to communicate a complex message in a way that might surprise or even awaken people:

- **UNFCCC/CDM Photo Contest 2012**: Striking images on the theme “CDM Changing Lives” are expected to showcase CDM projects or their related benefits – please consult the [CDM Photo Contest Rules](http://www.unfccc.int).
- **UNFCCC/CDM Video Contest 2012**: Impressive videos that tell an interesting CDM story are expected – please consult the [CDM Video Contest Rules](http://www.unfccc.int).
**UNFCCC/CDM Podcast Contest 2012:** Broadcasters, freelancers and amateurs are invited to create a compelling podcast that answers the following question: “How has my community/city/country benefited from the CDM?”. The podcast could be a chat show, an interview or a mini documentary – please consult the CDM Podcast Contest Rules.

The **winning works** will be displayed in a dedicated booth at the UNFCCC Climate Change Conference in Doha in December 2012, while short-listed entries could feature prominently in important print and promotional material, on the UNFCCC website and other platforms.

**Deadline for submission of works:** 20 September 2012.

For further information, please visit the link below: [http://cdm.unfccc.int/contest/12](http://cdm.unfccc.int/contest/12)

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**Opportunity to apply for the CDKN Innovation Fund (round 2 – Africa focus)**

The CDKN Innovation Fund is designed as open and competitive to provide fast-moving support for creative initiatives in the field of climate change and international development.

Round 2 is structured around support for partnership in designing and developing projects on climate compatible development, through an innovation process. Potential outputs from this process could include innovative project proposals, learning materials, best practice tool kits, policy briefs and an implementation road map.

Round 2 will support two innovation process awards of up to £100,000 each. Subsequently CDKN may provide awards of up to £200,000 each to support the implementation of high-quality results from the innovation processes.

**Deadline to apply:** 31 August 2012, 17:00 (GMT+1)

For full information, including guidance documents and details on application processes and eligibility criteria, please visit the CDKN website, or contact the CDKN Innovation Fund Team at innovationfund@cdkn.org.

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**Calls for input launched by the Technology Executive Committee (UNFCCC)**

The Technology Executive Committee (TEC), at its 3rd meeting convened in conjunction with the 36th session of the subsidiary bodies in Bonn on 28-29 May 2012, discussed ways and means to implement several activities specified in its rolling work plan for 2012-2013. The TEC acknowledged the benefit of engaging several relevant stakeholders in furthering the implementation of its work plan.

In this regard, the TEC invites stakeholders (i.e. entities who have a role in the implementation of the functions of the TEC, or who may affect or be affected by the recommendations and actions of the TEC), including UNFCCC accredited observer organizations, to provide their submissions to the UNFCCC secretariat (tec@unfccc.int) on 3 specific areas of its work plan:

1. **Inventory on technology road maps and action plans** - Interested organizations can provide their inputs, including their final products of technology road maps and action plans as well as their experiences and lessons learned from developing and using technology road maps and action plans.
2. **Ways to promote enabling environments and to address barriers to technology development and transfer** - Including on the role that the Technology Executive Committee could possibly play in this area of work.
3. **Actions undertaken by accredited observer organizations relevant to the Technology Executive Committee in performing its functions**

Specific information about these calls for input, including a template for submitting inputs, is available at: [http://unfccc.int/ttclear/jsp/CallforInputs.jsp](http://unfccc.int/ttclear/jsp/CallforInputs.jsp)

**Deadline:** The call for inputs is open from 18 June - 31 July 2012 (24:00 GMT). The inputs from this call will be considered at the fourth meeting of the TEC scheduled to take place in September.
Fellowships Opportunity for an UNITAR online course: “Negotiating Climate Change: from Durban and beyond”


This internet-based course will develop participants’ understanding of the climate change policy framework, by building an appreciation of the science, causes and impacts of climate change, the history of the policy making process and the UNFCCC framework, and will also consider the pertinent challenges currently facing diplomats and international decision makers in making progress with what is currently on the negotiating table.

Whom for?

The course targets mid to senior-level government officers in ministries preparing for and/or taking part in conferences in relation to climate change as well as staff of intergovernmental / nongovernmental organizations. It also targets entry-level and mid-career diplomats working in a multilateral setting. Private sector specialists and students whose work or studies are related to this subject are also encouraged to apply.

Fellowships: Only participants from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) are eligible to apply for a fellowship. Please click here for more details.

Application deadline: 17 September 2012

For more information and registration please visit: http://www.unitar.org/event/negotiating-climate-change-durban-and-beyond-0.

Fellowships Opportunity for an UNITAR online course: “Multilateral Conferences and Diplomacy”


This internet-based course will develop participants’ understanding of the climate change policy framework, by building an appreciation of the science, causes and impacts of climate change, the history of the policy making process and the UNFCCC framework, and will also consider the pertinent challenges currently facing diplomats and international decision makers in making progress with what is currently on the negotiating table.

Whom for?

The course is directed towards all government officials and staff of both international and non-governmental organizations participating in multilateral conferences. The course will provide them with all the necessary skills and strategic tools to enhance their performance as conference delegates.

Fellowships: Only participants from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) are eligible to apply for a fellowship. Please click here for more details.

Application deadline: 9 July 2012 for the 1st round (last places available), 3 September 2012 for the 2nd round.

For more information and registration please visit:

Opportunity to submit Research Proposals to the Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN)

The Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN) is inviting proposals under two separate programmes for funding from April 2013, and is able to provide a limited amount of financial support for research and capacity development activities that fall within its areas of interest, that include Climate Change and Climate Variability (e.g.
Regional scenarios for climate change; Synergies between adapting to current natural climate variability and that of future human-induced climate change; Adaptation measures in the Asia-Pacific region; Mitigation options and their implications for sustainable development; Climate change and climate variability in cryosphere and water and food security; Aerosols, clouds, climate, and human health.

**Deadlines:**

- **Stage 1:** Submission of Summary Proposal: **Sunday 12 August 2012**, midnight (24:00) – Japanese Standard Time
- **Stage 2:** Submission of Full Proposal by the Successful Stage 1 Proponents (by Invitation Only): **Sunday 14 October 2012**, midnight (24:00) – Japanese Standard Time

For further information on these Calls and to view the guidelines for application, please visit the following page on the APN’s website: [http://www.apn-gcr.org/2012/06/07/apns-2012-calls-for-proposals/?utm_source=climate-l&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=calls2012](http://www.apn-gcr.org/2012/06/07/apns-2012-calls-for-proposals/?utm_source=climate-l&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=calls2012)

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**Short Film Scripts Competition for producing a short video clip “The Great Transformation”**

On the occasion of Germanwatch’s international NGO-dialog project “NGO Strategy Dialogue on Energy and Climate, Agriculture and Food Security towards the Great Transformation - NGO SEAT” with an international conference attended by 150 international experts from all over the world (Bonn, 1-4 November 2012), Germanwatch announces a competition for the best script on the topic of the Great Transformation.

The competition is intended for scripts only. Only submissions in English will be accepted. The submitted idea should not exceed 5 minutes in total for the video clip and must focus on the Great Transformation. For more information on the topics, expectations and application modalities, please visit [http://germanwatch.org/de/4674](http://germanwatch.org/de/4674).

The winner will be awarded with prize money of € 2000 to € 4000 which should help to produce the short video clip. Further honor will be handed to the winner by showing the video clip during the opening session of the conference and further sessions. In addition, the video clip will be available on a long-term basis on the Germanwatch website and YouTube Channel. The second prize will be € 500 and the third € 250.

**Deadline:** 10 August 2012

**Contact and information:** Boris Schinke, Schinke@germanwatch.org

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**First “Joint Implementation = Joint Impact” Photo Contest launched by the UNFCCC**

The Joint Implementation Photo Competition is intended to help raise awareness of the benefits brought by the Kyoto Protocol’s Joint Implementation (JI) mechanism.

Photographers are being asked to send in their best shots of a JI project on the theme “JI: Spurring Investment Against Climate Change”. The photos should be striking and tell the story of how JI projects are assisting investment in projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

This is a great opportunity for photographers to gain global exposure and recognition. The winning works will be displayed at the UNFCCC Climate Change Conference in Qatar in December 2012. In addition, submitted works can be selected to feature in display, print and promotional materials and on the UNFCCC JI website.

**Deadline:** The contest closes at 24 H CET, 7 September 2012. Winning photographers will be notified by email before 12 October 2012

More information on the contest, including rules and guidelines for sending in the photographs, can be found on the UNFCCC/JI webpage: [http://ji.unfccc.int/ji_photo/info_sheet.pdf](http://ji.unfccc.int/ji_photo/info_sheet.pdf)

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**Call for projects for the “Momentum for Change”**
The "Momentum for Change" concept was developed as a way to demonstrate the multiple benefits of addressing climate change and to transform misperceptions surrounding taking action on climate change. It focuses on activities which are delivering climate change mitigation and/or adaptation benefits, as well as social benefits.

As part of the 2012 “Momentum for Change” lighthouse activities, a project showcase event will be set up at COP18 in Qatar. The UNFCCC secretariat is now calling for climate change-related projects, programmes or initiatives that have an interest in being presented at the event. To be eligible, they must deliver verifiable social and environmental benefits to a selected community that has been properly engaged in both the development and implementation processes. Participation will allow to gain recognition and will provide opportunities for networking.

**Deadline to apply:** 13 July 2012.

For further information and for the full criteria, terms and conditions for applications, please visit the website: [http://unfccc.int/secretariat/momentum_for_change/items/6628.php](http://unfccc.int/secretariat/momentum_for_change/items/6628.php)

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**Deadline to submit project and programme proposals for funding by the Adaptation Fund**

We would like to inform you that a deadline is approaching for climate stakeholders to send project or programme proposals to the Adaptation Fund Board, that will hold its 19th meeting on July 11, 2012. Should you want your project/programme to be considered for funding by the Adaptation Fund, please submit your proposal before July 11, 2012.

For more information on the application procedure and calendar, please visit the Adaptation Fund website ([http://www.adaptation-fund.org/calendar1](http://www.adaptation-fund.org/calendar1)).

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**CDM African Radio Contest 2012**

The UNFCCC Secretariat has just launched a CDM African Radio contest. The contest is part of a set of activities that aim at promoting the benefits of the CDM in Africa. Hence, the Secretariat invites African broadcasters and freelancers to create a compelling radio story that answers the question: “How can my community/city/country benefit from the CDM?” and to submit the record device.

The stories can fall into two categories:

1. Those that relate to a specific, “registered” CDM project (visit the link below to know how to locate registered projects); and
2. Those that do not relate to a specific registered project, but which explore the potential benefits of CDM for a community/city/country (visit the link below to know how to locate the offices of CDM designated national authorities).

Selected winners will be invited to visit CDM project sites in Africa where they will have an opportunity to learn more about the CDM and produce new radio stories and documentaries.

The **deadline** to submit stories and record devices is **6 August 2012**.

For further information please visit [http://cdm.unfccc.int/about/multimedia/africanradiocontest/2012/](http://cdm.unfccc.int/about/multimedia/africanradiocontest/2012/).

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**The IIASA International Conference: Worlds within reach, from Science to Policy**

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Today's world is undergoing major transformations, such as increased globalization, fundamental shifts in economic and political power, environmental issues like for instance climate change, and deep social conflict. For its 40th Anniversary, IIASA (International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis) organizes a Conference to examine the many sustainability and development challenges these transformations impose and to explore options for resolving them. About 800 scientists and policymakers from across the world are expected to attend.

The Conference will take place in Austria, 24-26 October, 2012.

As the number of participants is limited, you are advised to register online as soon as possible.

Through a poster session, IIASA offers an opportunity to scientists to display and share ongoing research related to one or more of the themes covered during the Conference. “The Multiple Co-benefits of a Cleaner, More Equitable World—Energy and Climate Stability” is the thematic area that is closest related to climate change. Interested researchers should submit an abstract of their recent work and complete an online form by 15 June 2012. The best posters will be awarded.

More detailed information, online application forms and further contacts can be found on the website: http://conference2012.iiasa.ac.at/index.html

E-Learning Course on Negotiating Climate Change Finance - Fellowships available

The Multilateral Diplomacy Programme (MDP) of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), in cooperation with Germanwatch, organizes an e-Learning course on: Negotiating Climate Change Finance. The course will be conducted in English and will take place from 11 June to 6 July 2012.

The course aims to provide the skills and knowledge needed for participation in multilateral negotiations, in particular in the context of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). It shall enable participants to enhance their understanding of the key objectives and instruments of international climate finance, the multilateral policy framework and key negotiation issues crucial to reaching a post-2012 agreement.

Nationals from Least Developed Countries are eligible for a fellowship.

For more information and online registration: http://www.unitar.org/event/node/46860
To apply for a fellowship: http://www.unitar.org/mdp/e-learning/fellowships

Opportunity to join the SustainUS Youth Delegation to the UNFCCC COP18

The SustainUS Agents of Change Delegation, comprised of key leaders in the US youth climate movement from various organizations and backgrounds, starts preparing to represent US youth at the UNFCCC COP18. Delegates will work with each other and with international youth in advance of the Conference to educate themselves and their communities, develop policy priorities, acquire skills in effective lobbying, and engage the broader youth community in action related to international climate policy. As NGO representatives at the COP, delegates will work side-by-side with government delegates, leaders from international organizations, and fellow members of civil society to ensure a just and forward-looking outcome to the negotiations.

Young people between the ages of 18 and 26 who are interested in taking part in this CC negotiation initiative, are invited to submit their application by June 17, 2012. To be admitted, candidates must either be a US citizen or have studied or worked in the US for more than six months.

For further details and online application: http://sustainus.org/apply-cop18

Opportunity to attend the 2012 Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management & Pacific Regional Water and Sanitation Consultations, 17 – 21 September, Noumea, New Caledonia

The Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) and the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) launched the 4th Session of the Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management and the Pacific Regional Water & Sanitation Consultations (RWSC). They will contribute to the formulation of a new integrated regional strategy for Disaster Risk Management (DRM) and Climate Change Adaptation & Mitigation, as well as a regional framework for the Sustainable
Management of Water Resources.

The meetings will bring together disaster and water managers from Pacific island countries and territories (PICTs), as well as members of the Pacific DRM Partnership Network and the Pacific Water Partnership.

Specific details including a draft agenda, administrative arrangements, and meeting registration will be circulated shortly on the related website here. For any immediate enquiries please contact:

- English: Stephanie Zoll SPC/SOPAC Assistant Coordinator, Pacific Platform for DRM 2012, Telephone: +679 338 1377, Extension 308, Fax: +679 337 0040 Email: s.zoll@sopac.org
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Opportunity to attend an International Summer School on GIS and Islands: Climate Change and Coastal Environmental Planning - 5-11th August, 2012, Portugal

GISlands 2012 is an International Summer School on Geotechnologies applied to Climate Change and Coastal Environmental Planning organized by the Research Center in Biodiversity and Genetic Resources (CIBIO-Azores) at University of the Azores, situated in the Azores archipelago.

In this 7-day course a diverse and multinational team of lecturers from Spain, UK, USA and Portugal will share their experiences and students will present their research related to Climate Change and Coastal Environmental Planning and learn through theories and hands-on experiences on how to apply Geotechnologies on Climate Change and Coastal Environmental Planning.

Participants are invited to present their work/case-study at the course in the related fields of Marine & Coastal Sciences (MSP, Ocean Governance, Oceanography, Marine Biology, Marine Geology, Fisheries, ICZM, etc.) and Applied Geotechnologies (GIS, Remote Sensing, GPS) and to apply for GISlands 2012 participation.

Deadline for short papers and abstracts submission: 15th June 2012. Acceptance results will be published the 30th June 2012.

For further information visit http://www.gislands.org/ or contact geografia@uac.pt.

Opportunity to attend the PFAN Exploratory Workshop on Financing Adaptation Related Projects - 13-14 June 2012, Nairobi (Kenya)

The Private Financing Advisory Network (PFAN) is a multilateral, public-private partnership initiated by the Climate Technology Initiative (CTI).

The CTI PFAN Exploratory Workshop – Financing Adaptation Related Projects is scheduled on 13th – 14th June 2012 at UNEP Africa Headquarter in Nairobi, Kenya.

This important workshop is designed to guide CTI PFAN’s work on Adaptation related projects and will address the essential role of private sector financing in this area. The ultimate objective of the process is to establish a CTI PFAN network and project development activity, dedicated to connecting private sector investment and financing to adaptation related projects.

Registration is now open at http://www.cti-pfan.net/adaptation_ws. Registration will close on 8th June 2012.

Participation is free to all stakeholders.

Further details on the workshop including an outline agenda and the detailed objectives can be viewed at http://www.cti-pfan.net/events_detail.php?eventid=41. You can also contact the CTI PFAN secretariat via E-mail to Taiki Kuroda (kuroda@icett.or.jp), Tsubasa Kawaguchi (t_kawaguchi@icett.or.jp), and Aiko Sasaki (sasaki@icett.or.jp) or Magdalene Orros (magdaline.orros@gmail.com).
Opportunity to attend the Third Workshop on “Enhancing the Regional Distribution of Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) Projects in Asia and the Pacific” on 18-20 July 2012, Manila

The Asian Development Bank (ADB), the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) and the UNFCCC secretariat, in collaboration with the UNEP Risoe Centre, will organize the “Third Workshop on Enhancing the Regional Distribution of Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) Projects in Asia and the Pacific”.


Where? The Workshop will be held in ADB Headquarters, Manila, Philippines.

The workshop aims to promote and support CDM project activities in countries currently hosting fewer than 10 registered projects, with focus on Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS). The workshop is a platform for participants to cross-share best practices and key lessons from their experiences to date, enhance their knowledge on the latest CDM modalities and discuss technical, financial, and policy issues specific to their projects with the resource persons. In addition to plenary and breakout sessions, ADB with support from UNFCCC secretariat will offer one-on-one project consultations with interested project developers on 17-18 July 2012.

Project developers, sponsors and CDM experts in the Asia and the Pacific region are invited to join the workshop. Selection of participants will be on a first-come, first-serve basis assessed against venue capacity and geographical balance. To register please email Ms. Alma Cañarejo <acanarejo@cmp-adb.org> with copy to Ms. Anna Liza Cinco <acinco@cmp-adb.org>. More information here: http://www.ngocentre.org.vn/webfm_send/3358.

OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY FOR THE CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDIES IN DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

The Federal Polytechnic School of Lausanne (EPFL) has just launched the Call for Applications for the Certificate of Advanced Studies in Disaster Risk Reduction (CDRR). The 3rd edition of the CDRR seeks to strengthen the competences of practitioners in the field of disaster risk reduction in the context of climate change. Particular emphasis is placed on the issue of climate change as a factor in the increase of extreme hydrological, climatological or meteorological events.

The program is structured in four parts, all which are compulsory:

- Part I (3 to 30 September 2012): preparatory phase of e-Learning
- Part 2 (8 to 19 October 2012): theoretical phase at EPFL in Switzerland
- Part 3 (24 November to 2 December 2012): field work in Bangladesh
- Part 4 (3 December 2012 to 31 January 2013): personal project.

Deadline for Applications: 10 June 2012

Whom for? Professionals, researchers or managers specializing in natural risks; Applicants must have a graduate or undergraduate degree and good English; they will come from both developing and emerging countries and developed countries.

Some financial grants available: Several full and partial grants are available to participants coming from developing or emerging countries. These grants can only cover tuition fees as well as accommodation and board in Switzerland and Bangladesh. Request for financial support should be made on the Grant and Application Form.

How to apply?

For full information and application procedure, please visit this website. Only applications submitted via the online submission system on the program webpage will be accepted.

OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT CONCEPT NOTES FOR THE CLIMATE AND FOREST INITIATIVE FUNDING SCHEME
The Norad / Climate and Forest Initiative funding scheme for civil society is an integrated and strategic component of the Norwegian Climate and Forest Initiative (NICFI). The overall purpose of the funding scheme is to contribute to the main objectives of NICFI:

- To work towards the inclusion of emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in a new international climate regime
- To take early action to achieve cost-effective and verifiable reductions in greenhouse gas emissions
- To promote the conservation of natural forests to maintain their carbon storage capacity

Since 2009 Norad has supported close to 50 projects that have contributed to the work on REDD+ on a number of issues. In the coming funding period the support will be focused on a few areas where civil society will continue to be significant in driving the REDD + agenda forward.

This announcement invites proponents to submit concept notes on one of the following four thematic categories:

- Sustainable Landscapes
- REDD+ relevant commodity supply chains
- Analysis, concept and methodology development that contribute to planning and implementation of REDD+
- Creating global consensus on REDD+

Successful proponents will then be invited to submit full applications at a later stage.

Deadline for submission is May 15, 2012.

Please see details on thematic priority areas and application process by clicking this link.

NEW INTEREST-FREE LOANS AVAILABLE TO ASSIST AFRICAN LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO SET UP CDM PROJECTS

At the African Carbon Forum in Ethiopia last week, a new loan scheme was launched aimed at helping to support Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) projects in least developed countries (LDCs). Such projects help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and contribute to sustainable development and technology transfer, benefitting the economies of developing countries. The Loan Scheme is collaboratively administered by the UN Office for Project Services (UNOPS) and the UNEP Risoe Center (URC) on behalf of the UNFCCC Secretariat.

The CDM Loan Scheme will provide interest-free loans for CDM projects in LDCs as well as countries that have fewer than 10 registered CDM projects.

The loans will finance:

- Development of Project Design Documents;
- Validation by a Designated Operational Entity;
- Registration of the project with the UNFCCC; and
- Monitoring and verification of Certified Emissions Reductions (CERs).

Applications are now being accepted for the first round of reviews for the loan scheme, which will end in June. For more information on the scheme please visit www.cdmloanscheme.org.

Contact for further information: David Abbass, Public Information Officer, UNFCCC, CDM-Press@unfccc.int; tel: +49 (0) 228-815-1511.

OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO OBTAIN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR AN MSc in “ENERGY POLICY FOR SUSTAINABILITY”

The University of Sussex accepts applications for two partial scholarships for the new MSc programme in “Energy
Opportunity for students to obtain a scholarship for an MSc in Climate Change and Policy

The University of Sussex invites applications for its MSc programme in ‘Climate Change and Policy’ for entry in September 2012. This is a unique course that aims to provide state-of-the-art training for climate change professionals in the rapidly expanding market within the public, private, consultancy and not-for-profit sectors. The programme is strongly multidisciplinary and courses cover both the science of climate change and social science dimensions of policy responses. Students will acquire specialist knowledge of the causes and consequences of climate change, the economic dimensions and complex issues surrounding mitigation and adaptation policies and practice.

Up to ten partial scholarships of £3,000 are available. The scholarships will be awarded to students who possess the highest academic ability and potential (not made on the basis of financial need).

The deadline for scholarship applications is on the 1st of May, 2012.

For further information on the programme and the on-line application process:
http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/pg/2012/taught/3931/25101

Applications for scholarships should be made on the Climate Change application form:
http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/funding/2012/opportunities/view/61

Sponsored course on Climate Change in South Africa

The Climate System Analysis Group (CSAG) based at the University of Cape Town will be running its annual course, ‘Winter School: Using climate information for adaptation and policy development’, from 9-20 July 2012.

This 2-week intensive course has been developed specifically for developing country participants and aims to take participants through the full spectrum of climate and climate change related topics.

Online application is now open at http://www.csag.uct.ac.za/winterschool and early application is encouraged as places are limited.

Final application deadline is 20th May 2012.

The full course fee (excluding accommodation) is US$2300. A limited number of sponsorships is available for applicants especially from African countries. For more information or queries please email Ruwani Walawege at winterschool@csag.uct.ac.za

Invitation to enrol in the 2012 Adaptation Academy Foundation Course
The Global Climate Adaptation Partnership (GCAP) in partnership with the University of Cape Town, the SysTem for Analysis, Research and Training (START), the University of Reading, the UK Met Office and Grupo Laera invite you to enrol in the 2012 Adaptation Academy Foundation Course. The Course will take place in Oxford, United Kingdom from the 13th to the 31st of August and target mid-senior level professionals working in the field of climate change adaptation.

Participants will gain a practical understanding of critical issues in the field of climate change adaptation and develop skills to address some of the crucial challenges that they face in practice. Unlike other courses, the Adaptation Academy engages with participants to create a learning environment where they work with fellow colleagues and international experts to shape their thinking and develop real-world solutions to their existing projects and programmes.

Registration:
There are only a limited number of spots available. Applications are to be submitted on-line at: http://tbe.taleo.net/NA4/ats/careers/requisition.jsp?org=PINPOINTITSERVICES&cws=3&rid=1664. Early registration and payment discount ends on the 1st of May 2012. The final deadline for applications is on the 1st of June 2012. Participants are encouraged to seek external sources for sponsoring.

For more information, please visit: www.adaptationacademy.org, and/or email Mica Longanecker at academy@climateadaptation.cc.

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Announcement of the 3rd Global Forum on Urban Resilience and Adaptation

The initiative “Resilient Cities edition 2012” organises a 3rd Global Forum on Urban Resilience and Adaptation. The event will take place in Bonn, Germany from 12 to 15 May 2012.

In its previous two editions in 2010 and 2011, the Resilient Cities series has asserted its position as a milestone event in the field of urban resilience and climate adaptation. Gathering over 500 participants and over 30 endorsing partners from diverse geographical and professional backgrounds, Resilient Cities unmistakably stands out. Be part of the next edition and:

- Interact with authoritative experts and the audience to build bridges across the public and private sectors and fields of expertise.
- Learn about groundbreaking topics. “Financing the Resilient City”, a main theme of Resilient Cities 2011, represents an outstanding breakthrough towards more sustainable resources for local governments.
- Gain practical knowledge with the Resilient Cities practical case studies, such as the Reality Check Workshops where selected cities can showcase their adaptation projects and win in return critical feedback from the audience.
- Start new contacts and develop new partnerships at the congress venue, an ideal location that fosters networking opportunities.

Registration is open. Candidates that register before 12 April can benefit from last year’s fees. Accommodation at the congress venue is possible and can be booked on the Resilient Cities website.

More information on this year’s Forum (detailed programme, exhibition opportunities) is available at the Resilient Cities website: http://resilient-cities.iclei.org/bonn2012/home. Additional information can be obtained by e-mail from resilient.cities@iclei.org.

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Opportunity to participate in a Workshop on Uncertainty and Climate Change Adaptation

The Workshop on Uncertainty and Climate Change Adaptation is a CIRCLE-2 Joint Initiative on Climate Uncertainties. The main goals of this event are to promote discussion and increase scientific insight on the question: “How do decision-making processes on climate change adaptation, at the multi-decadal timescale, envision the future and deal with related uncertainties?” To this end, candidate participants are requested to submit abstracts on the subject.

Who?
Participation is open to all actors working in the field of uncertainties in climate and climate change adaptation. There is no registration fee.

When? Where?
Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon, Portugal – 8-9 November 2012

How to apply?
In order to get admitted to the workshop, interested candidates must submit an abstract of up to 3000 characters, including spaces, via the online submission form (http://www.circle-era.eu/np4/WS_UNCERT.html), by June 1, 2012.

The abstracts will be analyzed by the Workshop scientific committee. By the 15th of June, the selected candidates will be announced. If selected, authors will be invited to present a full paper by September 21, 2012. The selected papers will be discussed during the workshop and published in a Special Issue of a peer-reviewed journal.

Any questions associated with this process should be addressed to Ana Rovisco (acrovisco@fc.ul.pt).

Opportunity to Participate in the 4th Africa Carbon Forum

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Academic Paper Competition for Graduate and PhD level students

Abstracts due: February 20, 2012

To encourage a new generation of urban policy makers and promote early career research, USAID’s Urban Programs Team, International Housing Coalition (IHC), World Bank, Woodrow Wilson Center’s Comparative Urban Studies Project (CUSP), and Cities Alliance are co-sponsoring an academic paper competition for graduate and PhD level students focused on challenges facing urban centers in the developing world. The papers must be linked to one of the following sub-topics: Land Markets, Climate Change, and Youth.

Winning papers will be published and selected authors will present their papers in a policy workshop to be held in Washington, D.C. in October 2012. The grand prize winner will also present at the World Urban Forum in September, 2012 in Naples, Italy.

At first, abstracts (max 500 words) and a brief CV should be submitted to nleahy@usaid.gov by February 20, 2012. Abstracts should contain a title, paper description, author name and affiliation, and specify which of the topics listed above the paper will address.


Opportunity for students to obtain a scholarship for an MSc in Climate Change and Development
The University of Sussex invites applications for its MSc programme in ‘Climate Change and Development’ for entry in September 2012. This is a unique course that aims to provide state-of-the-art training for the rapidly expanding market for development professionals with specialisation in climate change. The programme is strongly multidisciplinary. Students will acquire specialist knowledge of the causes and consequences of climate change, the implications for developing countries, and the policy and practice of efforts to mitigate and adapt to a changing climate.

Up to ten partial scholarships of £3,000 are available. The scholarships will be awarded to students who possess the highest academic ability and potential (not made on the basis of financial need).

The deadline for scholarship applications is on the 1st of May, 2012.

For further information on the programme and the on-line application process:
<http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/pg/2012/taught/3931/25103>

Applications for scholarships should be made on the Climate Change application form:
<http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/funding/2012/opportunities/view/61>

Opportunity to join a Learning Alliance on Climate Change Adaptation

ELLA (Evidence and Lessons from Latin America) is a knowledge sharing and learning platform. Soon, ELLA will launch a new Learning Alliance on Climate Change Adaptation. Participation in the programme is free of charge; it only requires the submission of an official application and your weekly participation. The deadline for registering is on the 9th of March, 2012. Interested candidates should complete and submit the online application form at http://ella.practicalaction.org/learning-alliances-3.

This Learning Alliance is designed for:
• Development practitioners working with communities in semi-arid and arid regions
• Funding organisations interested in strengthening adaptive capacity of vulnerable communities in dry areas
• Ministries of Environment and Rural Development, municipal governments, local governments and regional development and technical assistance agencies
• Agricultural, social development and climate change research institutes
• Water agencies and technology providers

Regarding the content, the Learning Alliance will consider how development policies and particular practices can improve the adaptive capacity of communities living in semi-arid and arid regions. It will start with an analysis of practical examples from Latin America, particularly drawing on the experience of the Brazilian North East. It will move on to consider examples provided by participants from Africa and South Asia. It will draw out significant success factors and barriers to development with the aim of achieving some consensus as to how CBA can be taken forward in different country contexts.

Further information can be obtained from the website indicated above.

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE: Germanwatch poster contest on "Climate Justice"

Germanwatch organizes a poster contest presenting prizes for the most original, artistically high qualitative and meaningful poster on climate justice. The three winners will be awarded a money prize. Closing date is 15 February 2012.

The poster must call the attention of a wide public to the subject of climate justice in the context of international cooperation. Special emphasis will be put on opportunities for action.

Participants: The announcement is directed primarily at students and young professionals in graphic arts and design. But anyone who is interested in climate and development policy can participate.

Implementation: There are no specific rules or guidelines for the poster elaboration. However, the content should explicitly refer to climate change and justice in a development context. It is also recommended to add a slogan and a short paragraph in German or English explaining the topic. The target format is A2 to A1.

Prize money: 1st place: 1,000 € | 2nd place: 500 € | 3rd place: 300 €

Submissions, together with a completed application form, should be sent to: klima@germanwatch.org or by post to: Germanwatch, keyword “Poster Contest”, Kaiserstr. 201, 53113 Bonn

More information can be found at: http://www.germanwatch.org/zeitung/2011-4-poster.htm
**World Bank Competition “Apps for Climate”**

In the context of its Open Climate Data Initiative, the World Bank launched a competition on “Apps For Climate”. The initiative aims to facilitate access and use of climate information from various sources, including the Bank’s open data catalog. With this competition, the World Bank wishes to encourage scientists, software developers, development practitioners and others to create applications (for instance, websites, mobile apps, Facebook apps, etc) that leverage open data to help address climate challenges in some way.

“Apps For Climate” is open to individuals, teams, and organizations. Winners will receive a money prize (first prize is US$15,000) and have their application featured by the World Bank.

**Closing date is 16 March 2012. Winners will be announced in June.**

If you are interested, please contact Tim Herzog, Open Data Specialist at World Bank Group, at therzog1@worldbank.org.


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**Online Course and Diploma on Community Based Adaptation to Climate Change**

The Center for Sustainable Development provides 4 online courses on Community Based Adaptation to Climate Change. The courses start on 10 January, 2012.

All learning resources and course materials are freely downloadable from the course site.

**Course Outputs:** Participants will develop on-the-ground projects with real communities and produce progress reports on their field projects. The reports will be shared with the other course participants, colleagues, donors, and North/South project partners.

For further information and course syllabi: [http://www.csd-i.org/adapting-overview](http://www.csd-i.org/adapting-overview)

Who should participate? Course participants can be of all ages, origins, genders and professions. They can be staff from international and national NGOs and from donor organisations, they can be executive directors, students, scientists, consultants and all people interested in engaging in development work.

Questions? Please contact: [Online.Learning@csd-i.org](mailto:Online.Learning@csd-i.org)

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**UKERC Summer School 2012: Nominations now open**

The UK Energy Research Centre (UKERC) is holding its 8th annual Energy Summer School from the 17th to the 22nd of June, 2012 at the University of Warwick in the English Midlands.

There are 100 places available for UK and international students.

The School has been specifically designed to give second year PhD students an understanding of energy systems in general and of pathways to low-carbon and resilient energy systems. This directly relates to international climate change issues and policies.

Applications are welcome from those engaged in energy-related research including technical, physical, social, economic, environmental and business aspects of energy and energy systems. UKERC will provide accommodation, all meals and materials for activities. The School is conducted in English, wherefore good proficiency in English is required.

Nominations are open until the 8th of March 2012, 5pm GMT.

Candidates are to complete a nomination form that can be accessed at: [http://www.regonline.co.uk/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=1037477](http://www.regonline.co.uk/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=1037477)

Successful applicants will be notified by e-mail from the 22nd of March 2012.


Any question? Please contact Ilaria Longo by email ([ilaria.longo@ukerc.ac.uk](mailto:ilaria.longo@ukerc.ac.uk)) or by phone (+44 (0)207 594 1574)
AusAID Action Grants: Community-based Climate Change Action Grants

AusAID has launched a call for proposals on Community-based Climate Change Action in the Pacific Region. Successful proposals will be awarded a grant of AUD $1 to $2 million. The grants will cover up to 70% of the total cost of the proposed action or project (principle of co-funding will be applied).

Eligibility:
- **Pacific countries**: Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.
- **Organizations**: Australian and international NGOs working with local organizations in one of the countries listed above.

(For detailed eligibility criteria, please refer to section 6 of the Application Guidelines).


Applications must use the Proposal Template provided in the Annex 2 to the Guidelines.

Applications must be submitted in electronic format to: climategrants@ausaid.gov.au

Deadline for submissions: 10 February 2012, at 5pm (Australian EDT).

Call for Papers for Conference:

**Beyond carbon: ensuring justice and equity in REDD+ across levels of governance**

The School of International Development and the University of Oxford organize a conference on "Beyond carbon: ensuring justice and equity in REDD+ across levels of governance".

This conference will take place on 23 and 24 March 2012 at St. Anne’s College, Oxford, UK.

With this regards, abstracts are invited for the following four themes:
- Ecological dimensions of justice and equity in REDD+
- Socio-political dimensions of justice and equity in REDD+
- Role of Indigenous peoples and local communities in REDD+
- How can REDD+ deliver more than carbon benefits?

You are invited to submit an abstract of up to 400 words for oral presentations, specifying one of the themes above, at http://www.eci.ox.ac.uk/redd/index.php.

The deadline is noon GMT, 4 January 2012.

Decisions will be sent by 9 January 2012. Full papers should be uploaded by 19 March 2012. Revised papers submitted to h.schroeder@uea.ac.uk by 15 April 2012 will be considered for submission to a special issue in a high-impact academic journal.

For questions you can email Maria Mansfield maria.mansfield@eci.ox.ac.uk.

For more information:
- Call for papers and agenda
- Full Information on the Beyond Carbon Conference

Launching of the application process for BIARI 2012

Brown International Advanced Research Dialogues (BIARI) represents a unique professional development initiative and provides a platform for outstanding young academics and graduates and practitioners from the global south and emerging economies to engage in a sustained, high-level intellectual and policy dialogue with leading scholars in their fields.

The dialogues will be held **June 9-23, 2012** in the city of Providence, USA.

BIARI 2012 will comprise four dialogues, including a dialogue focusing on "Climate Change and its impacts: Regional..."
Approaches.

To understand and predict the interacting effects of increased greenhouse gas concentrations, climate and economic teleconnections, and regional scale changes in economic development and land use, interdisciplinary approaches are vital. This dialogue will bring together scholars from social, physical and life sciences to focus on the study of coupled human-natural systems at the regional level; and how such study generates templates for adaptation at local, national and regional levels, and key inputs for decision-makers. Themes will include predicted changes in regional hydrologic cycles; resilience of existing social, economic, civil, ecological and agricultural systems to likely changes; the potential of local, national or multinational institutions to increase the resilience of these systems; and what can be learned from one region to inform science and governance in other regions. Participants will develop interdisciplinary approaches through project-based collaboration and proposal writing.

Applications are especially welcome from scholars interested in evidence-based policymaking.

The Institutes are academically rigorous and admission is highly competitive. Financial support is available for international participants.

The online application process is now open through the BIARI website.

Please feel free to contact the BIARI Team with questions by writing to biari@brown.edu.

Launching of a GCCA Q&A Service for ACP Member States

In anticipation of a more comprehensive GCCA service for beneficiary countries that will include amongst other short-term technical assistance on request, workshops with follow-up activities in selected thematic fields related to Climate Change, we are pleased to announce herewith the launch of our Q&A service for ACP Member States. With this service, we hope to respond to your needs for punctual and very specific information related to the GCCA and to topics related to Climate Change. Pending the development of an on-line tool that will give access to all of the above-mentioned services, questions for the Q&A service can be preliminary sent to Lisa Verpeaux at the following e-mail address: lisa@acp.int.

To shed some light on what we understand by “punctual and specific questions”, we developed some examples of possible questions:

- We are an NGO from Botswana, planning to implement an adaptation project in the country. What is the intra-ACP GCCA doing in Botswana?
- The Ministry of Environment of Jamaica is planning some workshops on project development under the CDM. In that sense, we are looking for existing training materials on CDM. Would you know of any existing materials we can use?
- We are planning the installation and operation of a wind farm in Samoa. Could you give us some references of European companies specialised in wind energy?

Looking forward to run a dynamic and useful GCCA Q&A service with you,

The Intra-ACP GCCA team

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Call for Proposals: 2nd round of the AECF / REACT

Here is a new call for proposals for the 2nd round of the The Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund Renewable Energy and Adaptation to Climate Technologies (REACT) Funding Window.

Please note that supported projects must take place in one or more of the following countries in East Africa: Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda. African and international for-profit companies are eligible to apply (there is no restriction on where the applicant company is from).

The Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund (AECF) provides grants and interest free loans to businesses who wish to implement innovative, commercially viable, high impact projects in Africa in the areas of agriculture, financial services, renewable energy, and technologies for adapting to climate change.

REACT round 2 seeks proposals for business ideas that will transform the way in which clean energy is provided to rural businesses and households, provide solutions that will help small farmers adapt and reduce their vulnerability to climate change, and increase financial services in support of clean energy and climate change solutions. Proposals should combine commercial viability with development impact. Further, priority will be given to proposals that: (i) combine adaptation with low carbon benefits and/or adaptation with underpinning financial services; and (ii) take place in particularly vulnerable ecological zones.
The application deadline is December 15th, 2011.

Visit the AECF website www.aecf-africa.org/react for more information and to download the application form and guidance notes.

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Call for public input of the CDM Executive Board

People who have experience with projects under the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) might be interested in the call of the CDM Executive Board. They are seeking public input to inform the policy dialogue on the past and future of the mechanism. The outcome of the wide-ranging dialogue with government policymakers and climate change experts will be a report that will make recommendations about how to best position the CDM to respond to future challenges and opportunities and ensure the effectiveness of the mechanism in contributing to future global climate action. The inputs will be shared with the panel that will conduct the dialogue and will be considered by the Board at its sixty-sixth meeting early in 2012.

The call is open until 16 January 2012, but earlier submissions are encouraged.

To submit your inputs please visit the page below:

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New Web Module for Fast-Start Finance on the UNFCCC website

you might also take an interest in the new web module for Fast-Start Finance that has been launched on the UNFCCC website. The module is designed to increase the visibility of Fast-Start funds made available by developed countries. More specifically, the module provides access to information on the implementation of developed countries’ collective commitment to provide new and additional resources.

The FSF web module is available as of 20 November 2011 through the UNFCCC website at the following link:
http://unfccc.int/financeportal.

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Call for Proposals: Innovative low-cost climate solutions targeted for local businesses

The Nordic Climate Facility (NCF) has launched the Third Call for Proposals on "Innovative low-cost climate solutions targeted for local businesses" in eligible developing countries. The deadline for submitting proposals is January 16th, 2012.

The aim of the Nordic Climate Facility (NCF) is to promote the transfer of technology, know-how and innovative ideas between the Nordic countries and low-income countries facing climate change challenges. The main goal is to bolster the capabilities of low-income countries to mitigate and adapt to climate change challenges and implement sustainable development measures which will lead to the reduction of poverty.

Grant financing of up to EUR 500 000 can be granted to partnerships between relevant Nordic institutions, organizations, companies and authorities. Competent local partners in low-income countries are also eligible for the programme.

Countries eligible for the grant financing programme include: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.