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Adaptation Learning Mechanism (ALM)

www.adaptationlearning.net

Shares guidance and tools for developing and implementing adaptation initiatives, including a list of materials available for immediate download or online browsing.

Assessments of Impacts and Adaptations to Climate Change – Data, Methods, and Synthesis Activity (AIACC)

<http://sedac.ciesin.columbia.edu/aiacc>

Facilitates access to extensive data, software, and bibliographic resources related to climate impacts, adaptation, and vulnerability across multiple sectors.

Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies

www.bcas.net

Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies is an independent, non-profit, non-government, policy, research, and implementation institute working on sustainable development at local, national, regional, and global levels. BCAS addresses sustainable development through four interactive themes: environment and development integration; good governance and people's participation; poverty alleviation and sustainable livelihoods; and, economic growth and public-private partnership. Established in 1986, it has grown to become a leading institute in the non-government sector in Bangladesh and South Asia. Many of their publications are available as free downloads.

Capacity Strengthening of LDCs for Adaptation to Climate Change (CLACC)

www.clacc.net

This is a group of fellows and international experts working on adaptation to climate change for least developed countries. Their aim is to strengthen the capacity of organisations in poor countries and support their initiatives in sustainable development through the network of fellows in 15 countries in the South, 12 in Africa, and three in South Asia.

Climate Change and Agrobiodiversity Research

www.agrobiodiversityplatform.org/blog/?page_id=1016

The Platform for Agrobiodiversity Research project on climate change is collecting information about initiatives on adaptation to climate change that are based on the use of agrobiodiversity. This tool intends to facilitate a learning dialogue between rural communities all over the world and build a knowledge base that can be used to increase recognition for the multitude of adaptation practices communities engage in. Compiling and synthesising these practices will allow them to be validated in a rigorous way and used in advocating stronger involvement for marginal groups in the climate change policy debate.

CBA-X

<http://community.eldis.org>

CBA-X is a shared online resource designed to bring together and grow the

CBA community. It provides a website for the exchange of up-to-date information about community-based adaptation, including news, events, case studies, tools, policy resources, and videos. Supported by CARE, OXFAM, ActionAid, TearFund, and WWF.

CRiSTAL (Community-based Risk Screening Tool – Adaptation & Livelihoods)

www.cristaltool.org

Screening tool for existing livelihoods projects which enables project planners and managers to (a) understand the links between local livelihoods and climate; (b) assess a project's impact on livelihood resources important for climate adaptation; and (c) devise adjustments to improve a project's impact on these key livelihood resources.

Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWSNET)

www.fews.net/Pages/default.aspx

Provides information on food security (including weekly climate and precipitation forecasts) for West, East, and Southern Africa, Central America, the Caribbean, and Afghanistan.

GRAIN

www.grain.org

GRAIN is a small international non-profit organisation that works to support small farmers and social movements in their struggles for community-controlled and biodiversity-based food systems. Their website contains a number of downloadable resources concerned with climate change, the global food system, and the potential role of smallholder farms and farming communities in mitigating the food and climate crises.

Global Environmental Change and Food Systems (GECAFS)

www.gecafs.org/index.html

International, interdisciplinary research

project focused on understanding the links between food security and global environmental change. The GECAFS goal is to determine strategies to cope with the impacts of global environmental change on food systems and to assess the environmental and socio-economic consequences of adaptive responses aimed at improving food security. It focuses specifically on Southern Africa, the Indo-Gangetic Plain in South Asia, and the Caribbean.

IDS Climate Change and Development Centre

www.ids.ac.uk/climatechange

www.climategovernance.org

Aims to drive forward collaborative research and policy analysis, building programmes, and delivering high quality knowledge services, teaching, and training. Research themes include climate change adaptation, low carbon development, international environmental law, development economics, social protection, sustainable livelihoods, and migration. IDS have developed the ORCHID (Opportunities and Risks for Climate Change and Disasters) adaptation tool for assessing development projects.

IDS also runs the Climate and Disaster Governance platform, which aims to identify governance options which could help reduce climate and disaster risk to poor communities and keep development on track.

International Institute for Environment and Development Climate Change Programme

www.iied.org/climate-change/home

Focuses on improving the understanding of climate change impacts for poor developing countries, including both policy makers and poor groups; improving the decision-making capacities of vulnerable developing countries to cope with impacts of climate change;

improving the negotiating capacities of poor developing countries in the climate change negotiations through analysis of issues relevant to them; and improving the sustainable livelihoods opportunities of poor communities in developing countries in light of possible climate change impacts. Most publications free to download.

Indigenous Peoples' Assessments of Climate Change

www.ipcca.net

Indigenous peoples-led initiative, in partnership with IIED, the United Nations University, the Christensen Fund, and Novib-Oxfam. Particular focus on the impacts of climate change on food security, landscapes, and human well-being. This is a bottom-up process grounded in indigenous worldviews and knowledge systems. This multiregional project also seeks to inform policy and practice on responses to the food and climate crisis.

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

www.ipcc.ch

The IPCC website has download links for the 4th IPCC Assessment Report (2007), a comprehensive assessment of the physical science basis (Working Group 1), impacts, adaptation, and vulnerability (Working Group 2), and mitigation of climate change (Working Group 3).

The Nairobi Work Programme on impacts, vulnerability, and adaptation to climate change

http://unfccc.int/adaptation/sbsta_agenda_item_adaptation/items/3633.php

<http://maindb.unfccc.int/public/adaptation>

Developed to help countries improve their understanding of climate change impacts and vulnerability and to increase their ability to make informed decisions on how to adapt successfully. In particular, the database on local coping strategies is intended to facilitate the

transfer of long-standing coping strategies/mechanisms, knowledge, and experience from communities that have had to adapt to specific hazards or climatic conditions to communities that may just be starting to experience such conditions, as a result of climate change.

National Action Plans for Adaptation Database (NAPA)

www.napa-pana.org

Provides information on all aspects of NAPAs and NAPA development, including a useful risk assessment and adaptation resources page with links to adaptation resources and guidelines.

National Communications to the UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/national_reports/non-annex_i_natcom/items/2979.php

Contains information on national circumstances, vulnerability assessment, financial resources, transfer of technology, and education, training, and public awareness.

Practical Action

http://practicalaction.org/practicalanswers/technical_enquiry_service.php

Runs a technical enquiry service for grassroots development workers, community-based organisations, NGOs, and other agencies using appropriate technologies to implement sustainable development. Includes information on adaptation to climate change.

Participatory Learning and Action

www.planotes.org

Back issues of *Participatory Learning and Action* are free to download online and contain a range of articles on participatory processes and methods that are relevant to CBA practitioners.

Southsouthnorth

www.southsouthnorth.org

A network of non-profit organisations working in the fields of climate change

and social development, and seeking to reduce poverty and promote sustainable development in Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, and Latin America by building Southern capacity and delivering community-based mitigation and adaptation projects.

UNDP Climate Change Country Profiles

<http://country-profiles.geog.ox.ac.uk>

Fifty-two country-level climate data summaries intended to address the climate change information gap for developing countries by making use of existing climate data to generate a series of country-level studies of climate observations. Each report contains a set of maps and diagrams demonstrating the observed and projected climates of that country as country average time series, as well as maps depicting changes on a 2.5° grid and summary tables of the data. A narrative summarises the data in the figures, placing it in the context of the country's general climate.

weADAPT – collaborating on climate adaptation

www.weadapt.org/c03

weADAPT is an expanding collaboration that offers a wealth of experience, data, tools, and guidance to develop sound strategies and action on climate adaptation. weADAPT provides support for adapting to climate change, both on its own and as part of broader development processes, by pooling expertise from a wide range of organisations that contribute to adaptation science, practice, and policy. weADAPT espouses a principle of openness, encouraging contributions from a range of expertise across different disciplines. It aims to enable expertise and experience in vulnerability science and development practice to be coupled with climate science and modelling to create innovative thinking and integrated methods to support adaptation. Lots of resources available from the website.

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