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MARD has assigned the DMC to act as the national focal point for the Sixth International Conference on Community Based Adaptation.

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The NGO Resource Centre Climate Change Working Group (CCWG) and Disaster Management Working Group (DMWG) were established in February 2008 and 1999 respectively. These two working groups provide forums for Vietnamese non-governmental organizations, international NGOs, UN agencies, the Red Cross Movement and Government counterparts to participate actively in climate change adaptation and disaster risk management. Both working groups meet on a monthly basis; CARE International is the current chair for the CCWG and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, for the DMWG. Please refer to: <http://www.ngocentre.org.vn/ccwg> and <http://www.ngocentre.org.vn/dmwig>

Community Based Adaptation



The Sixth International Conference on Community-Based Adaptation

'Communicating community based adaptation'

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1. Three days of field visits to community-based adaptation projects in different ecosystems.
2. Three and a half days of interactive discussions on different thematic areas in Hanoi.

**Aims and objectives**

*The conference aims to:*

1. Bring together stakeholders and practitioners to share and discuss knowledge of community-based adaptation (CBA) planning and practices from different parts of the developing world, particularly from Viet Nam
2. Capture the latest learning and good practices in CBA from developing countries
3. Integrate the lessons learnt into national and international development programmes to enhance ultimately the capacity and improve the livelihoods for some of the most vulnerable groups in developing countries
4. Disseminate lessons learnt at the Conference through daily communications, proceedings and an immediate conference summary





## Field trip and main conference

### Field trips from the 16th to 18th April

All participants should arrive in country on the 15th April.

Prior to the Conference, which will be held at the Melia Hotel in Hanoi, a three-day field trip, from the 16th to 18th April, will be offered to international participants. This will provide an opportunity to visit a number of community-based adaptation and disaster risk reduction project sites across the northern, southern and central regions of the country.

Participants will be divided into small groups (maximum 25 persons) and taken to a diverse selection of projects that deal with issues such as storms, flooding, saltwater intrusion, sea level rise and drought.

Participants may choose to arrive at either of three international airports, depending on which field visits they would like to participate: Noi Bai in Hanoi (for field trips to the northern areas); Tan Son Nhat in Ho Chi Minh City (for visits in the Mekong Delta areas) or Da Nang (for projects sites in the central provinces).

### Conference from 19th to 22nd April

The Conference will be held from the 19th to 22nd April.

Each day will consist of a plenary session and a number of parallel, interactive discussions relating to the following suggested thematic areas under the overall theme: 'Communicating Community Based Adaptation':

- Communicating climate change: at global, regional, national and local levels
- Scaling up CBA
- Water resources
- Biodiversity and forests
- Urban areas
- Coastal zones, dry lands, drought prone areas, mountainous areas and floodplains
- Food and agriculture
- Human health
- Disaster risk reduction/management
- Gender equality and integration
- Vulnerable communities (including indigenous people)
- Monitoring, evaluation and tools
- Economics
- Climate change and adaptation: information, knowledge, education and awareness
- Others...





## Participants and abstracts

The Conference is open to anyone interested in community-based adaptation, including policymakers, non-governmental organisations, research and policy institutions, academics and practitioners with a particular focus on grassroots projects and adaptation work.

Attendance is limited to 200 international participants and 50 Vietnamese.

Applications are due by January 31st 2012 for those who are able to fund themselves.

Participants (from developing countries only) who require funding support should send their abstracts with a request for funding by 30th November 2011.

Abstracts should include the title, author(s) with full contact details and a brief summary of the paper (maximum 200 words) that is to be presented during the conference. An outline format for abstracts is available upon request.



## Registration

1. Registration for conference only (includes conference materials and meals for four days) per person: USD 1,000
2. Registration + accommodation for the conference (at the Melia Hotel, Hanoi): USD 2,000
3. Registration + accommodation for the conference + field visit: USD 3,000

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## Important dates

Submission of abstract (for people who require funding):	30th November 2011
Acceptance of abstract:	21st December 2011
Application for participation (self-funded):	31st January 2012
Date of arrival for all international participants in Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City or Da Nang*:	15th April 2012
Field visits:	16th to 18th April 2012
Conference:	19th to 22nd April 2012
Departure from Hanoi:	Afternoon of 22nd April 2012

\* Depending upon the choice of location for the field visit selected by the participant