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## Capacity Building on Climate Change for Civil Society Organizations Project

### ▪ PREAMBULE

*Dear all readers,*

*This is the e-bulletin of the project Capacity Building on Climate Change for Civil Society Organizations (Capacity Building project), November edition, offered to members of the NGO Climate Change Working Group (CCWG) and the network of Vietnamese Non-governmental Organizations and Climate Change (VNGO&CC), other climate change practitioners, policy-makers, researchers and others with an interest in climate change issues alike.*

*Contents of the e-bulletin will contain: i) Activities of the Capacity Building Project; ii) International and local news updated; iii) Stories, Case studies on climate change mitigation and adaptation; iv) Forthcoming events and v) Job, training and funding opportunities on climate change aspect.*

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**Thank you very much!**

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**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop on TOT manual development**



On 25<sup>th</sup> November 2009, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop on Training for trainers (TOT) manual development was held in Hanoi with participation of the expert group, PSC members, and representatives of non-governmental organizations and potential trainees of the TOT courses.

expert group on their efforts to introduce the over-200-page draft by all requirements within only one month. All comments which have been actively given by participants on the layout and contents of the manual will be taken into consideration to edit and complete the manual. It is also ensured that cross-cutting issues such as CC mainstreaming, gender and CC will be included in this manual.

The TOT manual has been planned to be completed in the end of December 2009. Two TOT courses on climate change will then be organized respectively in January and March 2010.

A training course on active training methodologies is to be priorily taken place from 10<sup>th</sup> ó 12<sup>th</sup> December 2009 with facilitation of MA. Tran Phong, member of the expert group.

### **Re-designing the CCWG subpage and developing the VNGO&CC website**

Besides redesigning the CCWG subpage which is currently hosted under the NGO RC website, PSC has decided to develop a new website of the network VNGO&CC aiming to update network activities as well as enhance VNGOs ability on accessing to information on climate change.

It is expected that the redesigned CCWG subpage and the new website of VNGO&CC network will be officially introduced in December 2009.

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### **➤ NEWS**

#### **The 1<sup>st</sup> Climate Change in Mekong Delta Forum**

([www.hanoitv.vn](http://www.hanoitv.vn)) The 1<sup>st</sup> Mekong Delta Climate Change Forum was held on November 12 and 13th in Can Tho City with participation of approximately 250 participants, including leaders from the Ministry of Natural resources and Environment and other in-line ministries, representatives of 13 provinces in the Mekong Delta, Australian Ambassador, Danish Ambassador, NGOs in Vietnam, local and international scientists .

The Mekong Delta Climate Change Forum aims to identify and discuss: common challenges amongst Government agencies, provinces, NGOs and donors on climate change impacts and adaptation in the Mekong Delta provinces; effects of natural disasters and climate change on key

es, transport, agriculture, water supply and urban planning; and a, and to build collaborative partnerships.

The Forum has offered a significant opportunity for promotion of collaboration, aid harmonization and effectiveness through multi-stakeholder partnerships to address climate change issues in Vietnam.

According to Mr. Koos Neefjes, Public Advisor on climate change, UNDP Vietnam, representing for Sub-Committee on Infrastructure and Urban Planning, it is necessary to establish a special agency being in charge of general coordination in collaboration of all relating ministries. A general research in regional level is essential to figure out relevant workplan for each region and particularly, highly vulnerable provinces such as Ca Mau should urge to integrate climate change into local planning for socio-economic development, Neefjes stressed.

Joining the Forum, the NGO working group shared their experiences from community and ecosystem based adaptation in the Mekong Delta such as climate vulnerability capacity assessment in An Giang and Dong Thap provinces; livelihood diversification in coastal areas, etc, and in the mean time, called for urgent coordination and multi-stakeholder actions, development of sustainable cultivations system and social welfare, protection and development of important ecosystems to enhance local ability on resilience and mitigation of climate change basing on indigenous knowledge, capacity and existing initiatives.

At the forum, World Bank and Asian Development Bank have committed to support the forum and the following-up activities. Messages of this forum will also be sent to the UN summit on climate change COP 15 in Copenhagen (Denmark) in December 2009.

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**65 world leaders for UN climate summit**

*(Vfej.vn)* Sixty-five world leaders have said they will attend the Copenhagen climate summit which will take place from 7<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

The conference had originally been intended to produce a new global climate-change treaty on limiting emissions of greenhouse gases that would replace the 1997 Kyoto Protocol. Developing countries are urging rich countries to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in 2020 by at least 40% in comparison with the amount of 1990 to decrease the temperature increasing to an acceptable level of 2 degree Celsius. However, hopes for a legally binding agreement have dimmed lately and predicted to be completed in one year.

Copenhagen COP15 in December is our last change to limit the  
Without strict provisions in this agreement likely to be achieved  
by this conference, earth temperature will increase by 5 to 6 degree Celsius, said Corrine Le  
Quere, professor of East Anglia (Britain), author of the latest report of Global Carbon Project.  
According to this report, CO2 emission has raised by 29% from 2000 to 2008.

### **Vote Earth Campaign**

([www.monre.gov.vn](http://www.monre.gov.vn)) In an effort to prevent global warming, on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2009, the World  
Wild Fund (WWF) has launched a Vote Earth campaign calling on people worldwide to send an  
urgent message via the website [www.earthhour.org.vn](http://www.earthhour.org.vn) to national leaders who will attend the  
upcoming United Nations Climate Change Summit in Denmark to discuss effective response  
measures.

This campaign, following up the successes of the Earth Hour campaign, aims to enhance  
awareness on climate change at global level and in Vietnam. People can send message directly to  
world leaders by voting for the Earth online at [www.earthhour.org.vn](http://www.earthhour.org.vn).

To encourage participation into this campaign, a volunteer group of WWF will ride around Hanoi  
by bicycle and 200 internet-cafeterias to popularize brochures for vote guiding.

According to a WWF's report on Pressure for major cities launched at the same day, 11 low-lying  
and impoverished Asian coastal cities including Ho Chi Minh city are vulnerable to "brutal"  
damage from climate change without global action. The WWF also warned that climate change  
would cause widespread devastation in the region with the worst occurring in the Mekong Delta,  
the biggest granary of Vietnam, and then seriously influence the country by far. The report also  
stresses on the scope of climate change impacts in Vietnam and the urgent needs of help to protect  
the lives of millions of citizens.

### **NORAD funded project on Climate Change initiated in the South and Southeast Asia**

([Vfej.vn](http://Vfej.vn)) The three-year project *Strengthening Adaptive Capacities to the Impacts of Climate  
Change in Resource-poor Small-scale Aquaculture and Aquatic Resources-dependent Sectors in  
the South and South-east Asian Region* will be implemented in India, Thailand and Vietnam from  
2009 to 2012. This project funded by Norwegian Agency for Cooperation Development (NORAD)  
will be coordinated by the Network of Pacific-Asian Centres for Aquaculture NACA.

This project is in line with the advocacy to strengthen adaptation capacities of relevant economic  
sectors, communities and households to climate change impacts. The project focuses on the small-  
scale aquaculture and the related sectors that consist largely of poor people who depend on aquatic  
resources for their livelihoods.

acts of climate change on small scale aquaculture sector (individual and institutional) in selected study areas in five countries. The focus will be on specific farming sectors in the south and south-eastern Asian region, and mapping the farmers' perceptions and attitudes towards climate change impacts and their adaptive capacities to address these impacts. The project will develop future scenarios based on the current trends, assess the potential adaptive measures for different aquatic farming systems and prioritize better practices, suggest Codes of Practices and improved methodologies for such systems. The project aims to establish guidelines, frameworks and tools for policy and action programs of governments, development assistance agencies, non government organizations, and farming communities that will increase the resilience and enhance adaptive capacities of resource-poor, small-scale aquaculture farmers and those dependent on aquatic resource for livelihoods, to the impacts of climatic changes. It will provide information for investments in research, technology development and transfer, public education, training, infrastructure and systems, markets, financial and other support services for the small-scale aquaculture farmers and aquatic resource users who are poor, most of all provide strategies to small scale farmers to maintain their resilience in the wake of climatic change impacts.

### **Climate change impacts on tourism development in Vietnam**

([www.moitruongdulich.vn](http://www.moitruongdulich.vn)) According to presentations at the Workshop "Assessment of climate change impacts on tourism management and development in Vietnam" held in 9<sup>th</sup> November in Hanoi, climate change has already noticeable impacts on tourism development. Famous relics, beautiful landscapes and tourism infrastructure located in coastal, island and mountainous areas are directly influenced by climate change and sea level rising.

The Institute for Research on Tourism Development has reported that climate change impacts on tourism could be divided into three sorts: impacts on tourism resources (including impacts on attractive tourism destinations); impacts on tourism activities, particularly in tourism travels; and impacts on tourism infrastructure. Tourism activities including entertaining and traveling activities highly depend on climate conditions, tourism tours could be cancel due to bad weather or natural disasters caused by climate change.

On the other hand, tourism development also increases the use of natural resources and thereby, influences climate change. Environmental pollution will degrade the quality of tourism products and have bad impacts on tourism sustainable development.

Therefore, competent agencies on tourism are doing research and seeking for measures such as using replacing clean energy (windy, solar energy), waste treatments, reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emission caused by tourism transportations, reducing the use of and replacing equipments creating CFC, encouraging friendly environmental tourism products and revising policies, strategies and planning on tourism development to enhance climate change responding capacity.

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y been approved by the Ministry of Culture, Sport and Tourism  
would have positive affects on improving quality of Vietnamese tourist destinations, contributing  
to reduce environmental protection and responding to climate change.

## ➤ FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### **Policy discussion on climate change responses in Viet Nam**

([ngocentre.org.vn](http://ngocentre.org.vn)) On 2 December the UN is organizing a policy discussion on climate change in Viet Nam. At part of the event, the UN will present a new policy paper which highlights the main challenges faced by Viet Nam in terms of climate change and makes a series of recommendations for how national policies and practices should be strengthened. The main recommendations in the policy paper will be discussed during the meeting. A paper on gender and climate change, done in collaboration with Oxfam and national partners, and a paper on coastal livelihoods and climate change, will also be presented and discussed.

This discussion will take place at the Melia Hotel, in the morning of 2 December.

All organizations/individuals interesting in the topic are herewith invited for this discussion. Please confirm your participation with:

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## ➤ NEW PUBLICATIONS

### **Climate Change and Gender Justice**

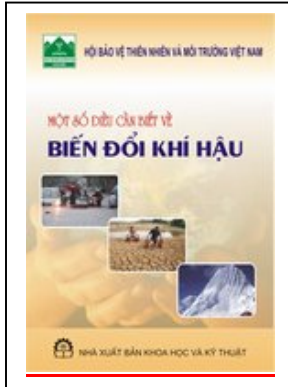
([ngocentre.org.vn](http://ngocentre.org.vn)) Climate change is often framed as a problem that needs mainly technical and economic solutions. *Climate Change and Gender Justice* considers how gender issues are entwined with people's vulnerability to the effects of climate change, and how gender identities and roles may affect women's and men's perceptions of the changes.

The vivid case studies in this book show how women and men in developing countries are experiencing climate change and describe their efforts to adapt their ways of making a living to ensure survival, often against extraordinary odds. Contributors also examine how gender-equality concerns should be integrated into international negotiations and agreements on climate change mitigation and adaptation to ensure that new policies do not disadvantage poor women, but rather deliver them some benefits. Includes case studies from Bangladesh, Peru, Tanzania, Mexico, Bolivia, and Nepal.

To download the publication (free), please subscribe the link below:

<http://publications.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam/display.asp?K=e2009112609473500&TAG=&CID=oxfam>

### Some key points on climate change



The book "Some key points on climate change" edited by Prof. Sc.Dr. Truong Quang Hoc and Prof. Sc.Dr. Nguyen Duc Ngu has just been launched by the Science Technology Publishing House. This book has been examined by Vietnam Association for Conservation of Nature and Environment (VACNE) with funding of the Vietnam Union of Science and Technology Associations (VUSTA), providing basic knowledge and updated information on global climate change, including researches, investigations, planning and management issues.

The book "Some key points on climate change" is composed of three main parts: Overview on global climate change, Climate change in Vietnam and, What you can do for climate change mitigation.

Besides mentioning reasons and scenarios of climate change, authors also give evidences of its impacts on ecosystems, natural resources and on some specific aspects/regions at national and international levels.

Particularly, in this book, authors introduce the UN Framework Convention on Climate change, Climate change responding workplans in Vietnam, National Target Program on coping with Climate change and five specific fields that all people could contribute to mitigate climate change impacts.

### ➤ TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

#### **Post Doctoral Opportunities on Climate Change Research for Sustainable Development, The Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand**

([ngocentre.org.vn](http://ngocentre.org.vn)) The Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) invites applications for postdoctoral fellows or research associates in their thematic research area of Climate Change and Sustainable Development.

AIT is in the process of consolidating, strengthening and expanding research in response to climate change in the areas of technology, policy and planning, managerial and institutional arrangements. This opportunity will be in climate change science, mitigation of green house emissions, vulnerability aspects, adaptation measures to climate change, and more.



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with recent PhD degrees in a relevant area which may go beyond working in new evolving interdisciplinary areas of research are encouraged to apply. The initial period of the appointment will be for a period of one year and may be extended depending on the potential seen in the candidate.

Interested candidates should email curriculum vitae including the names and contact information of 3 references. Candidates should also provide a brief write up on the research he/she expects to carry out in the near future.

The positions will remain open until suitable candidates are selected. Application should be sent to [hro@ait.ac.th](mailto:hro@ait.ac.th).