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**Subject: South Asia Media Workshop on Climate Change Adaptation**

Dear Journalist,

The Regional Climate Change Adaptation Knowledge Platform for Asia (Adaptation Knowledge Platform)/Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) and the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)/Asia Pacific Mountain Network (APMN), are organising a three-day media workshop in Dhulikhel, near Kathmandu, Nepal, from 18 to 20 May 2011.

The theme of the workshop will be climate change effects and adaptation practices in the areas of water and agriculture. Experts in various aspects of the topic will brief journalists, who will also have the opportunity to engage in interactive discussions and witness the effects of climate change and adaptation practices during a one-day field trip that will be part of the workshop.

The workshop is open to journalists from any media in eight South Asian countries – Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Those interested in participating should apply through the form available at <http://www.icimod.org/?q=3119>. Complete application requires CV and two clippings/links to relevant published news or other works (printed, audio-visual, online etc). The deadline for receiving applications is 8 April 2011. Only successful candidates will be contacted, and their expenses to attend the workshop will be borne by the organisers.

For further information, please contact [youthmedia@icimod.org](mailto:youthmedia@icimod.org).

Sincerely,

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## **About the Regional Climate Change Adaptation Knowledge Platform for Asia and Asia Pacific Adaptation Network**

The Regional Climate Change Adaptation Knowledge Platform for Asia (Adaptation Knowledge Platform) and Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) are fostering generation and sharing of information, best practices and knowledge on climate change adaptation, and facilitating integration of knowledge into decision making processes. Adaptation Knowledge Platform and APAN aim to build climate resilience of vulnerable human systems, ecosystems and economies and working as a catalyst towards building bridges between knowledge providers and users on climate change adaptation. It includes research institutes and centre of excellences both in governments and non-governments sectors, development partners and agencies, practitioners and communities, all need adaptation knowledge.

Partners: AIT-UNEP RRCAP, SEI, UNEP, IGES, Ministry of Environment-Japan, ADB and SIDA.

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## **About the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development and the Asia Pacific Mountain Network**

The International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development, ICIMOD, is a regional knowledge development and learning centre serving the eight regional member countries of the Hindu Kush-Himalayas – Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Myanmar, Nepal, and Pakistan – and based in Kathmandu, Nepal. Globalisation and climate change have an increasing influence on the stability of fragile mountain ecosystems and the livelihoods of mountain people. ICIMOD aims to assist mountain people to understand these changes, adapt to them, and make the most of new opportunities, while addressing upstream-downstream issues. We support regional transboundary programmes through partnership with regional partner institutions, facilitate the exchange of experience, and serve as a regional knowledge hub. We strengthen networking among regional and global centres of excellence. Overall, we are working to develop an economically and environmentally sound mountain ecosystem to improve the living standards of mountain populations and to sustain vital ecosystem services for the billions of people living downstream – now, and for the future.

The Asia Pacific Mountain Network, APMN, is a knowledge sharing platform connecting mountain regions and communities through dialogue and networking. APMN captures, enriches, and disseminates information on mountain development issues in and for the Asia-Pacific region. APMN also works as communication arm of ICIMOD dedicated to Link Mountain communities in the Himalayas with those in others part of Asia Pacific and beyond.

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