

Asian Disaster Preparedness Center

MEDIA / PUBLIC EVENT:**CLIMATE EXTREMES AND
ECONOMIC IMPACTS:**Counting the Cost of Disasters in
Asia - 7pm, 30 April 2012 - FCCT**PRESS CALL / CONFERENCE****PLEASE CONFIRM ATTENDANCE**IPCC SREX Regional Outreach Event
9.30-10am 4 May 2012
Swissotel Bangkok**DOWN-TO-EARTH DIALOGUE****MEDIA / PUBLIC EVENT**IPCC SREX Regional Outreach Event
16.00-17.30pm 4 May 2012
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ANNOUNCING A SERIES OF MEDIA AND PUBLIC EVENTS: MANAGING THE REGIONAL RISKS OF CLIMATE EXTREMES AND DISASTERS THE IPCC SPECIAL REPORT

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has prepared a Special Report entitled '**Managing the Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters for Advancing Climate Change Adaptation**' (SREX). The Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC)* is announcing the regional outreach events for SREX in Asia with the IPCC, the Overseas Development Institute, Norway's Climate and Pollution Agency, Norway's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Climate and Development Knowledge Network.

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend the following events:

- **Climate Extremes and Economic Impacts: Counting the Cost of Disasters in Asia –**

- **MEDIA / PUBLIC EVENT 7pm 30 April 2012 Foreign Correspondents' Club of Thailand (FCCT)**

ADPC is hosting an evening event for the **press and public**, focusing on disaster preparedness within the business sector. Thailand is still counting the cost of the 2011 floods, which devastated industrial zones, causing an estimated US\$4.5 billion (140 billion baht) in damages. Media representatives and public are invited to attend this FREE evening of discussion and debate. This is an opportunity to meet business sector leaders and disaster management experts, to discuss ways to mitigate economic losses from disasters in Asia due to climate change and the impacts of extreme events. Panelists are; (Chair) **Dr. Bhichit Rattakul**, Special Advisor, ADPC, **Dr. Anond Snidvongs**, Executive Director, Geo-Informatics and Space Technology Development Agency (GISTDA), **Mr. Verapong Chaiperm**, Governor, Industrial Estate Authority of Thailand, **Dr. Senaka Basnayake**, Senior Climatologist ADPC and **Dr. Chusit Apirumanekul**, Climate Information Application Specialist ADPC.

- **IPCC SREX Regional Outreach Event**

- **PRESS CALL – PLEASE CONFIRM ATTENDANCE - 9.30-10am 4 May 2012, Swissotel, Bangkok**

The IPCC SREX, will be formally rolled-out in Bangkok on 4 May 2012. A Press Call is scheduled ahead of the opening ceremony, where **Dr. Rajendra K. Pachauri**, Chairman, IPCC, **Dr. Surin Pitsuwan**, Secretary General, ASEAN (TBC) will join **Dr. Bhichit Rattakul**, ADPC, to answer press enquiries on the significant report findings and important regional implications.

The Press Call will be followed by the official opening of the regional outreach ceremony in presence of **Dr. Noeleen Heyzer**, Executive Secretary, UNESCAP, **Dr. Surin Pitsuwan**, Secretary General, ASEAN, **Dr. Rajendra K. Pachauri**, Chairman, IPCC, **Dr. Plodprasop Suraswai**, Honorable Ministry of Science and Technology, Royal Thai Government, **Prof. Krasae Chanawongse**, Chairman, ADPC Board of Trustees, and **Dr. Bhichit Rattakul**, ADPC.

The IPCC SREX will be presented to **H.E. Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra**, Prime Minister of the Royal Thai Government, by **Dr. Rajendra Pachauri**, **Mr. N.M.S.I. Arambepola** E.D.a.i. ADPC, **Prof. Krasae Chanawongse** and **Mr. Arman Aardel** and **Dr. Oddvar Kjekstadin**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Royal Norwegian Government, in the afternoon of 4 May 2012 at Thai Government House.

- **DOWN-TO-EARTH DIALOGUE**

- **MEDIA / PUBLIC EVENT – 16.00-17.30pm 4 May 2012, Swissotel, Bangkok**

ADPC will host an afternoon discussion and debate on the vital questions raised by the SREX, addressing clarifications on the issues with reference to the Southeast Asian region. Key questions include: *What does it mean for the region, now that we know there is a human imprint on some disasters?* With guest panelists **Dr. Rajendra K. Pachauri**, Chairman, IPCC, **Dr. Bhichit Rattakul**, ADPC and others.

NOTES TO MEDIA



Established in 1986 at the initiative of three UN agencies – WMO, UNDP and UNOCHA – Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) is an organization which supports the advancement of safer communities and sustainable development, through implementing programs and projects that reduce the impact of disasters upon countries and communities in Asia and the Pacific. With more than 100 staffs from 20 different countries, ADPC's activities work on climate risk management, disaster management systems, public health in emergencies, and urban disaster risk management and ADPC also provides 20 regional training courses.

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IPCC SREX

The Special Report on Managing the Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters to Advance Climate Change Adaptation (SREX) was published online on 28 March 2012. The print edition is expected to be available in mid-May. Its Summary for Policy Makers was released on 18 November 2011.

The development of the IPCC Special Report on Managing the Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters to Advance Climate Change Action was led by IPCC Working Groups I (The Physical Science Basis) and II (Impacts, Adaptation, and Vulnerability).

The Government of Norway, the Climate and Development Knowledge Network, and the Skoll Global Threats Fund have provided generous financial support for the outreach events.

The report was originally proposed in 2008 by Norway and the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR). SREX Outreach Event series includes:

Havana, Cuba 18-19 April 2012

Beijing, China 26-27 April 2012

Delhi, India 2-3 May 2012

Bangkok, Thailand 4 May 2012

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia 9-10 May 2012

Dakar, Senegal 18-19 June 2012

PRESS / PUBLIC EVENT:

**Climate Extremes and Economic Impacts: Counting the Cost of Disasters in Asia 7pm, 30 April 2012:
The Foreign Correspondents' Club of Thailand (FCCT)**

The Penthouse, Maneeya Center, 518/5 Ploenchit Road, Pathumwan, Bangkok 10330

(The club is conveniently located. It is connected to the BTS Skytrain Chitlom station by Skybridge and is accessible from both the Skytrain and Ploenchit Road)

PRESS CALL / CONFERENCE - MEDIA PLEASE CONFIRM ATTENDANCE

DOWN-TO-EARTH DIALOGUE - PUBLIC AND MEDIA EVENT

(Part of the Regional Outreach Event, IPCC SREX REPORT)

9.30-10am / 16.00-17.30pm 4 May 2012 Swissotel Bangkok

Swissotel Nai Lert Park Bangkok, 2 Wireless Road, Pathumwan, 10330 Bangkok, Thailand.

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