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5040

Termites up north [Fiji]

10/7/2010. Agriculture and bio security officials swooped in on a Labasa home this week where termites have eaten part of the home and spread throughout the house. A specimen has been sent to forestry and to Queensland for an expert opinion on the variety. A detailed survey of the area near home was carried out, but no other homes are affected

Ralogaivau, Theresa

[Suva] : Fiji Times Online, 2010. 1 p.

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/FJI_2010_Termites_North.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5040.html>
URL : <http://www.fijitimes.com/story.aspx?ref=archive&id=151478>

5041

Disaster simulation exercises for villagers proved a success

8/7/2010. Eleven villages in the Longgu Valasi area of east Guadalcanal hosted simulation exercises to test their village disaster response plans last month. The villages of Babasu, Longgu, Totongo, Bokola, Bola, Bethel and Volavu tested their plans for tsunami evacuations. Bonna, Siarana, Bounilasi and Bururuburu on the other hand tested theirs for cyclones. The simulation exercises were carried out by Village Disaster Management Committee members of those villages under the supervision of Ruth Timauku the Pacific Community-focused Integrated Disaster Risk Reduction, PCIDRR, Field Officer for Guadalcanal

[Honiara] : Solomon Star News, 2010. 1 p.

Download :

http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/SLB_2010_Disaster_stimulation_exercise_sucess.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5041.html>

URL : <http://www.solomonstarnews.com/news/national/6891-disaster-simulation-exercisesfor-villagers-proved-a-success>

5042

IDRL news service for the week of June 25, 2010

IDRL News Service for the week June 25, 2010 highlights Senegal adopts law on renewable energy, High Court upholds Anti terror Law, Brazil Declares State of Emergency due to huge floods, US Senate report says Haiti rebuilding has stalled, India to seek extradition of US Bhopal boss, two face law after disaster prophecies tank, Law to boost RP's capacity to survive disasters signed, Australia creates civil corps for disaster relief

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

[Geneva] : IFRC, 2010. [2 p.] : col. ill.

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/IFRC_2010_IDRL_News_Service.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5042.html>

URL : <http://www.ifrc.org/what/disasters/idrl/resources/IDRL-News-Service-25.pdf>

5043

United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

Presentation at the 11th Pacific Regional Disaster Managers Meeting and Communities at Risk Conference, Outrigger Hotel, Sigatoka, Fiji, 5th - 7th May, 2003. Highlighting about ISDR, disaster data and trends, disaster risk reduction framework, Yokohama review and building partnerships for disaster risk reduction

Briceno, Salvano. International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

[Geneva] : UN/ISDR, 2003. 17 p. [34 slides] : col .ill..

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/DM_Meeting_2003_UNISDR.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5043.html>

5044

Is your city ready? : information and modalities for nomination and participation for cities and local governments. Making cities resilient : my city is getting ready ; world disaster reduction campaign 2010 - 11

The World Disaster Campaign 2010 - 2011 "Making Cities Resilient" aims at getting Mayors, local governments and national authorities to take actions towards making cities resilient as part of sustainable urbanizations. This document explains the modalities how cities / local governments can sign-up to the campaign

International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

[Geneva] : UN/ISDR, 2010. 9 p.

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/IFRC_2007_pochette_emergencies.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5044.html>

URL : http://www.unisdr.org/english/campaigns/campaign2010-2011/documents/Nomination_Process.doc

5045

Our islands' survival

5/7/2010. For the last 150 - 200 years since the end of the little ice age, approximately 1850 - 1900 the global temperature has risen at 0.7 degrees C per century. An increase in temperature has the potential to disrupt weather pattern, cause rise in sea levels and produces significant changes in the amounts of precipitation. Other expected effects include changes in agriculture yields, modification of trade routes, glacier retreat, species extinction and an increase in the ranges of disease vectors. The challenge from climate change will soon affect islanders and their livelihood, including their vital natural resources: underground water, food crops, and even infrastructure, are at risk of being affected

Mamu, Moffat

[Honiara] : Solomon Star News, 2010. 6 p.

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/SLB_2010_our_Islands_survival.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5045.html>

URL : <http://www.solomonstarnews.com/news/national/6796-our-islands-survival>

5046

Background information sheet : the Red Cross Red Crescent's role in the development of International Disaster Response Laws, Rules and Principles

The Red Cross Red Crescent Movement and especially its founding organ, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is well known for its role in promoting the development and implementation of international humanitarian law (also known as the law of war), in particular, the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and their Additional Protocols. This Information sheet summarizes a few Development of International Disaster Response Laws, Rules and Principles of those most closely associated with the Movement

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Geneva : IFRC, 2006. 3 p. : col. ill.

Download :

http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/IFRC_2006_RCRC_role_development_IDRLrules.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5046.html>

URL : <http://www.ifrc.org/Docs/pubs/idrl/idrl-redcross-background.pdf>

5047

A ten-point checklist for local governments - ten essentials for making cities resilient

The campaign proposes a Ten-point checklist of ten essentials for making cities resilient to serve as a guide for commitment by mayors

International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

[Geneva] : [UN/ISDR], 2010. [1 p.].

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/UNISDR_2010_tenpointchecklist.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5047.html>

URL : http://www.unisdr.org/english/campaigns/campaign2010-2011/documents/230_tenpointchecklist.pdf

5048

Summary of matters arising : 10th Pacific Regional Disaster Management meeting. Summary of matters arising from 10th Pacific Regional Disaster Management meeting held in Auckland in September 2001

Summary of Matters Arising from 10th Pacific Regional Disaster Management meeting held in Auckland in September 2001 presented at the 11th Pacific Regional Disaster Managers Meeting and Communities at Risk Conference, Outrigger Hotel, Sigatoka, Fiji, 5th - 7th May, 2003

Pacific Islands Applied Geoscience Commission

[Suva] : SOPAC, 2003. [2 p.].

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/DM_Meeting_2003_matters_arising.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5048.html>

5049

UNISDR ECOSOC side event brief : accelerating MDGs by reducing risk to natural hazards

The UNISDR side event on “Accelerating (Millennium Development Goal) MDGS by Reducing Risk to Natural Hazards” was held on the occasion of the 2010 ECOSOC High-Level segment on June 30, 2010. The event discussed the link between disaster risk reduction and the achievement of the MDGs. Eminent speakers from Peru, India and the World Bank highlighted the importance of scaling up of the use of disaster risk reduction tools and measures in the development process

International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

New York : UN/ISDR, 2010. [3 p.].

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/UNISDR_2010_ECOSOC_acceleratng_mdgs.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5049.html>

URL : <http://www.unisdr.org/news/v.php?id=14470>

5050

Asia : disasters underline urgent need for more groundwork

Bangkok, 2 October 2009 (IRIN). This week’s disasters in Asia underscore the need for greater disaster preparedness, experts say; while countries are making progress, there are still gaps to be filled

Johannesburg : IRIN, 2009. 3 p.

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/IRIN_2009_Asia_disasters.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5050.html>

URL : <http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=86412>

5051

Cholera, climate change and El Nino

Johannesburg, 7 October 2009 (IRIN) - Cholera is not only linked to climate change, it also has an El Nino angle. For instance, Papua New Guinea, an island state in the Pacific Ocean, recorded its first cholera cases in 50 years in 2009, which also happens to be an El Nino year. The periodic flow of warm sea water across the surface of the central and eastern Pacific Ocean, called El Nino, can lead to higher atmospheric temperatures and heavy rains. When these conditions are coupled with the rise in temperature and heavy rainfalls caused by climate change, ideal conditions are created for the bacterium that causes cholera to multiply, bringing about a global resurgence of the disease

Johannesburg : IRIN, 2009. 3 p.

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/IRIN_2009_Cholera_climate_change.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5051.html>

URL : <http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=86487>

5052

Island nations frustrated at climate talks

Bangkok, 5 October 2009. (IRIN) - Up to half a million people in the Pacific will lose their homes and their countries to rising sea levels because small island nations cannot persuade the rest of the world to reduce greenhouse gas emissions sufficiently, campaigners say. But after a week of negotiations in Bangkok before the UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen in December, developed and developing world countries have been unable to agree anything at all on emissions cuts, AOSIS said

[Johannesburg] : IRIN, 2009. 3 p. : col. ill.

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/IRIN_2009_Island_nations.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5052.html>

URL : <http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=86430>

5053

The Pacific Emergency Health Initiative - PEHI

Presented at the 11th Pacific Regional Disaster Managers Meeting and Communities at Risk Conference, Outrigger

Hotel, Sigatoka, Fiji, 5th - 7th May, 2003. Highlights Disaster risk in Oceania, deaths in Oceania related to public health emergencies 1990 - 1999, Natural hazards in the Pacific, largest earthquakes in the World from 1989 - 1998, Technological hazards in the Pacific, objectives and activities of the Pacific Emergency Health Initiative (PEHI). See UID 5055 for additional information on PEHI

Keim, Mark. Center for Disease Control

Atlanta, GA USA : CDC, 2010. 9 p. [18 slides] : col. ill.

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/DM_meeting_2003_PEHI.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5053.html>

5054

Papua New Guinea : storms set to intensify

Port Moresby, 30 April 2010 (IRIN) - Storms are set to intensify in Papua New Guinea (PNG), specialists warn, as the Pacific island nation grapples with the effects of climate change. The country is already highly prone to natural disasters - including earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tsunamis, cyclones, river and coastal flooding, landslides, and drought. "As ocean surface temperatures rise, storms will increase in intensity. This is the driving factor," Bradley Opdyke, a scientist with the Department of Earth and Marine Sciences at the Australian National University, told IRIN from Canberra

[Johannesburg] : IRIN, 2009. 2 p. : col. ill.

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/IRIN_PNG_2009_Storm_set.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5054.html>

URL : <http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=88983>

5055

History of the Pacific Emergency Health Initiative (PEHI)

At the February 2000 meeting of the Pacific Island Health Officers Association (PIHOA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) proposed a regional strategy for promotion of emergency health in the Pacific. This CDC Pacific Emergency Health Initiative (PRHI) called for a pro-active partnership of governmental institutions, international agencies, Pacific nations, the Pacific basin Medical Association and PIHOA. The mission of PEHI is to strengthen the capacity for emergency health preparedness and response among Pacific Island nations. It also describes the history and development of PEHI

Keim, Mark. (Pacific Health Dialog ; 9.2002, 1)

[Auckland, NZ] : Pacific Health Dialog, 2002. p. 146-149 [4 p.]. Ref. : p. 149

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/CDC_2002_History_PEHI.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5055.html>

URL : <http://www.pacifichealthdialog.org.fj/Volume%209/No.%201%20-%20Emergency%20Health%20In%20The%20Pacific/Pacific%20Health%20Institutions/History%20of%20the%20Pacific%20Emergency%20Health%20Initiative%20PEHI.pdf>

5056

Background information sheet : entry of International disaster relief personnel

In 1977, both the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent and the United Nations Economic and Social Council adopted a set of 'Measures to expedite international relief', including the recommendation that "all Governments waive requirements for transit, entry and exit visas for relief personnel acting in their official capacity as representatives of internationally-recognized relief agencies". In the numerous bilateral borderland rescue and relief treaties that have been concluded (mainly in Europe), states have generally agreed to waive visa requirements and even passport controls for government emergency personnel from the counterpart state under appropriate circumstances

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Geneva : IFRC, 2006. 3 p.

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/IFRC_2006_IDRLEntry_International_Relief.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5056.html>

URL : <http://www.ifrc.org/Docs/pubs/idrl/idrl-visas-background.pdf>

5057

Disaster planning and management : a practicum

The issue highlights lessons learned by colleagues who experienced different types of disasters, both natural and deliberate, in varying animal related settings

Bayne, Kathryn A. (ILAR Journal ; 51.2010, 2)

[Washington D.C.] : National Academy of Sciences, 2010. p. 101-103 [3 p.]. Ref. : p. 103

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/AAALAC_2010_Bayne_DP_Managmnt.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5057.html>

URL : http://dels-old.nas.edu/ilar_n/ilarjournal/51_2/pdfs/v5102Bayne.pdf

5058

Climate change a priority for SIS

12th July, 2010. Secretary General of Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Tuiloma Neroni Slade in his statement at the opening of the SIS Officials Meeting at the Forum Secretariat in Suva, Fiji reminded delegates the challenges faced by developing island countries in the region have become very acute as seen through the impacts of the recent global financial and economic crisis. The challenges have been further aggravated by the adverse impacts of climate change. "Climate change, therefore remain and will do so for a long time, a very top priority for the SIS," he said

[Honiara] : Solomon Star News, 2010. 2 p.

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/PIFS_PAC_Is_2010_CC_priority_SIS.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5058.html>

URL : <http://www.solomontimes.com/news.aspx?nwID=5345>

5059

Small island nations need trade, conference finds

Port Louis, 14 January 2005 (IRIN) - Climate change and rising sea levels were the greatest challenges facing Small Island Developing Countries (SIDS), in some cases threatening their very existence, delegates attending an international conference in Mauritius agreed on Friday

[Johannesburg] : IRIN, 2005. 2 p.

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/IRIN_2005_Small_island_nations.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5059.html>

URL : <http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=52681>

5060

Asia : natural disasters spur regional cooperation

Bangkok, 29 July 2008 (IRIN) - A sense of urgency after several natural disasters has propelled Asia-Pacific nations into drawing up "concrete, practical" plans for cooperation in disaster management, a senior regional official has said. The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Regional Forum (ARF) concluded its annual meeting on 24 July in Singapore with disaster management high on the agenda after Cyclone Nargis in Myanmar and the earthquake in Sichuan, China

[Johannesburg] : IRIN, 2008. 2 p.

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/IRIN_2008_Asia_Natural_disaster.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5060.html>

URL : <http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=79491>

5061

Nowhere to run from nature

Johannesburg, 23 May 2008 (IRIN) - Estimates of the number of people likely to be displaced by natural disasters or rising sea levels vary widely, but as fiercer and bigger weather events hit the news headlines daily, the temperature of debates on providing protection to people displaced by the vagaries of nature is rising. "Many scholars are

working on this 'hot topic'," said Jean-Francois Durieux, lecturer in International Human Rights and Refugee Law at Oxford University's Refugee Studies Centre, but most of them are struggling to find answers on how to help the displaced

[Johannesburg] : IRIN, 2008. 5 p.

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/IRIN_2008_Nowhere_run.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5061.html>

URL : <http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=78387>

5062

Adapting to climate change : analysing the role of Government

The Earth's climate is changing. Past emissions mean we are committed to several decades of rising global mean temperatures regardless of future mitigation efforts. The purpose is to provide a framework for analysing the role of Government in helping people and businesses adapt to projected changes in climate. It does not develop new policy; rather it is designed to help facilitate and inform discussion of the appropriate role for Government and policy design in adaptation

Cimato, Federica. Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. (DEFRA Evidence and Analysis Paper ; 1) [London] : DEFRA, 2010. 79 p. [80 p.]. Annex A-C : p. 58-66 Ref. : p. 68-79

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/DEFRA_2010_CCA_analysing_role.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5062.html>

URL : <http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/climate/documents/analysing-role-government.pdf>

5063

Health lessons from four big earthquakes

13/07/2010. IRIN News. IRIN takes a look at some of the health lessons learned from four large earthquakes in the past decade - India (2001), China (2008), Chile (2010) and Haiti (2010)

Dakar : IRIN, 2010. 4 p. : col. ill.

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/IRIN_2010_health_lessons_4erthqrks.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5063.html>

URL : <http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?Reportid=89813>

5064

Cost benefit study of disaster risk mitigation measures in three islands in the Maldives : September 2009

The report highlights the greatest threat to the Maldives to be sea-level rises, which are slow-onset and can be monitored, while indicating the constant need for additional land for expansion for the major population centres. Hence, the recommendations stress the need to explore "softer" options such as improved settlement planning and early-warning systems that allow us to adjust our approach based on events, while reducing the impact of natural hazards

Venton, Courtenay C. United Nations Development Programme

[Male] : UNDP Maldives, 2010. 166 p. : col. ill. Annex A-H: p. 128-166 Ref. : p. 124-125

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/UNDP_2010_Cost_benefit_study.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5064.html>

URL : http://www.undp.org/mv/v2/publication_files/4c29d328f1fc5.pdf

5065

Bamboo houses to the rescue

July 6, 2010. Bamboo houses combat climate change, encourage economic growth and protect the poor from natural disaster. Since the dawn of civilization, infrastructure has played a crucial role in deciding who and what survives a flood, earthquake, tropical cyclone or other natural disaster. According to a set of specialized architects and builders, one answer involves permanent bamboo housing. They argue that bamboo cultivation and construction can protect people in disaster-prone areas. History suggests they may be correct

Best, Elisabeth

[Santa Barbara, California] : [Miller-McCune magazine Online], 2010. 5 p.

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/Bamboo_house_rescue.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5065.html>

URL : <http://www.miller-mccune.com/environment/bamboo-houses-to-the-rescue-16347>

5066

CDEMA partners with UNISDR to promote global disaster reduction campaign - my city is getting ready

Bridgetown, Barbados May 31, 2010. CDEMA (Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency) will join sub-regional disaster agencies, international, regional, national and local organisations in partnering with the UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR) to raise awareness and promote the 2010 - 2011 World Disaster Reduction Campaign in the Caribbean region

[St Michael, Barbados] : [Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency], 2010. 2 p.

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/CDEMA_2010_Partners_promote_dr.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5066.html>

URL : http://www.cdema.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=528:cdema-partners-with-unisdr-to-promote-global-disaster-reduction-campaign-my-city-is-getting-ready-&catid=44:barbados&Itemid=270

5067

Risk factors for cholera in Popnpei during an outbreak in 2000 : lessons for Pacific Countries and Territories

In April 2000, a large outbreak of cholera due to *Vibrio cholerae* serotype Ogawa biotype El Tor affected the Island of Pohnpei in the Federated States of Micronesia. A Pacific Public Health Surveillance Network team conducted a case control study in the middle of the epidemic. The aims of the study were to identify individual and household level risk factors for cholera, and to evaluate public health interventions aimed at controlling the outbreak. Health authorities should use multiple strategies inform people about preventive hygiene measures, and implement vaccine campaigns early in outbreaks of cholera. Improvements in sanitation and hygiene are needed to prevent further cholera epidemics in the Pacific

Fiji School of Medicine. (Pacific Health Surveillance and Response ; 12. 2005, 2)

Suva : FSM, 2000. 17-22 p. [6 p.]. Ref. : p. 22

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/FSM_2000_Risk_factors_cholera.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5067.html>

URL : <http://www.spc.int/phs/PPHSN/Publications/PHDSurveillance/Surveillance-pages17-22.pdf>

5068

Claims of neglect at climate change frontline

Mon, 05 Jul 2010. The 2010 Climate Adaptation Futures Conference on Australia's Gold Coast wrapped up on Thursday with one regional scientist saying most of the program turned out to be irrelevant for its Pacific attendees. Another says the small amount of research being done in these islands has led to the majority of what we understand being based on supposition and best guesses

[Canberra] : ABC, 2010. 2 p.

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/ABC_2010_Claims_neglect_cc.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5068.html>

URL : <http://abcasiapacificnews.com/story.htm?id=30726>

5069

Pacific most vulnerable to natural disasters

May 2010. Pacific Island countries are among the most vulnerable in the world when it comes to natural disasters. Every year, there are cyclones, tsunamis, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, flooding, landslides and droughts. For developing economies these events can led to loss of life and cost up to 10 per cent of Gross Domestic Product

[Canberra] : ABC, 2010. 3 p.

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/ABC_2010_Pacific_most_vulnerable.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5069.html>
URL : <http://abcasiapacificnews.com/story.htm?id=29624>

5070

UN fights for action on climate change

01 Jun 2010. The latest round of UN climate change talks aimed at building on the Copenhagen Climate Accord have started in Bonn, Germany. About 4,500 delegates from 182 countries are meeting behind closed doors to agree on a final text to be signed at the Cancun meeting next December. The talks will be particularly significant for the world's most climate-vulnerable nations, like Kiribati and Tuvalu in the Pacific, but also for emerging economies such as China, who fear that a deal on tackling emissions could affect their growth

Clarke, Sarah

[Canberra] : ABC, 2010. 2 p.

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/ABC_2010_UN_fights_action.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5070.html>

URL : <http://abcasiapacificnews.com/story.htm?id=29693>

5071

Managing risk in a changing climate : making the case

12 Jul 2010. We live in a time of rapidly escalating concern about climate change. Although scientific evidence on climate change has been steadily building over many years, only recently has the consensus concerning observed impacts and future scenarios reached a level to capture the world's attention. Increasingly, the question of whether or not climate change is happening is being replaced with the question of what we can and should do about the problem

Zebiak, Stephen International Research Institute for Climate and Society

[New York] : IRI, 2010. [2 p.].

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/IRI_2010_managing_risk.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5071.html>

URL : <http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=14588&a=email>

5072

Ban warns of costs of inaction on climate change

13 July 2010. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon today warned of the risks posed by inaction on climate change, as the high-level group he set up earlier this year to mobilize financing to help developing countries combat global warming reported that they have made progress on the issue. "The more we delay, the more we will pay in lost opportunities, resources and lives," Mr. Ban told

United Nations

[New York] : UN News Center, 2010. 2 p.

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/UN_2010_Ban_CC.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5072.html>

URL : <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=35313>

5073

Does disaster insurance have a role in climate change adaptation?. Time for climate justice

It explores the current debates around insurance mechanisms to assess how disaster insurance supports community responses to climate change, and calls for priority to be given to community based disaster risk reduction. It examines the proposals for disaster insurance at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the example of the Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility (CCRIF) in responding to extreme weather events, its structure and parameters, the research findings in terms of limitations and contributions to disaster risk management and the hurricane policy in Haiti experience. Finally gives some recommendations on the opportunities and challenges of such insurance systems

Pierro, Rachele. Christian Aid. (Christian Aid Time for Climate Justice ; 3)

London : Christian Aid, 2010. 5 p.

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http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/ChristianAid_2010_climate_justice_insurance.pdf

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5074

The Nairobi work programme : on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change. The Nairobi work programme

The aim of the Nairobi Work Programme is twofold - to assist all Parties, in particular developing countries, including the least developed countries and small island developing States, to improve their understanding and assessment of impacts, vulnerability and adaptation; and to assist all Parties to make informed decisions on practical adaptation actions and measures to respond to climate change on a sound scientific, technical and socio-economic basis, taking into account current and future climate change and variability

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Bonn : UNFCCC, 2007. 11 p. [14 p.] : col. ill.

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/UNFCC_2007_nwp_brochure.pdf

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URL : http://unfccc.int/files/adaptation/sbsta_agenda_item_adaptation/application/pdf/nwp_brochure.pdf

5075

A Systems approach to building resilience to natural disasters at a local level in Pacific Island Nations. Proceedings of the 13th ANZSYS conference - Auckland, New Zealand, 2nd - 5th December 2007. Systemic development : local solutions in a Global environment

Systems methodology is used to examine how risks from natural disasters are addressed in Pacific Island Nations, particularly those risks from storm related hazards. It is argued that the common top down approach to dealing with risk in these communities using vulnerability analyses is not effective, and that a bottom-up approach may be preferable. It is considered important to highlight the need for communities to take possession of the problem of reducing risk, and it is suggested that the means for reducing risk should be sought not just in modern technologies, but in a systems based blend of modern and traditional methodologies

Russell, Stephen C

Mawson Lakes, South Australia : Defence and Systems Institute, University of South Australia, 2007. 10 p. Ref. : p. 9-10

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/AUS_2007_Systems_approach.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5075.html>

URL : http://www.isce.edu/ISCE_Group_Site/web-content/ISCE_Events/Auckland_2007/Papers/Regular/079_Russell.pdf

5076

Kiribati president upbeat on conference, Taiwan

Mon, 21 Jun 2010. Kiribati will convene an international climate change conference in October. President Anote Tong says it is necessary because of the disappointing outcomes from the climate change conferences in Bonn and Copenhagen. The president believes solutions to damage caused by emissions from industrialised nations need to be found sooner rather than later. Before talking in more detail about the October meeting, Geraldine Coutts spoke with President Tong about the outcome of his recent visit to Taiwan

[Canberra] : ABC, 2010. 2 p.

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/KIR_2010_President_upbeat.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5076.html>

URL : <http://abcasiapacificnews.com/story.htm?id=30322>

5077

Living with a climate in transition : Pacific communities plan for today and tomorrow. Analysis from the East-West

Center

Earth's climate is in a state of flux. Whether in terms of relatively short-term shifts, called climate variability, or long-term climate change associated with greenhouse gases, consequences of changing climate conditions appear unprecedented. Losses due to weather-related disasters have soared recently especially in the Pacific, where island environments, societies, and infrastructures are particularly vulnerable. For generations, human response to climate events has been just that: response after the fact to phenomena that neither residents nor scientists adequately understood. Now, a growing body of information about the causes of climate events is enabling Pacific Islanders and others to anticipate events and move past being victims to become informed planners

Eileen Shea. East-West Center. (East West Center Asia Pacific Issues ; 66)

Honolulu : East-West Center, 2003, 8 p.

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5078

Warning climate change to cause humanitarian disasters

Wed, 09 Jun 2010. The United Nations' top humanitarian official is warning that climate change is set to cause more and more humanitarian crises, through severe weather events that he says are already evident

[Canberra] : ABC, 2010. 3 p.

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/Warning_climate_change_cause.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5078.html>

URL : <http://abcasiapacificnews.com/story.htm?id=29968>

5079

DISMAC supports risks database initiative

15/7/2010. The National Disaster Management Office is supporting the collection of data for a joint World Bank - ADB initiative on Risk Exposure Databases and Risk Modelling for Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation. The initiative aims to measure vulnerability and risk from earthquake and cyclone hazards in Pacific Island Countries. A team from the Pacific Islands Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC) based in Fiji, the Geological and Nuclear Sciences Institute (GNS) from New Zealand and local counterparts will be collecting infrastructure and building data in Suva, Nausori, Lami, Nadi and Lautoka from July 12th to August 6th

Fiji. Ministry of Information

[Suva] : Ministry of Information, 2010. 1 p.

Download : http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/original/FJI_2010_DISMAC_supports_risk_database.pdf

HTML Link : <http://www.pacificdisaster.net/pdnadmin/data/documents/5079.html>

URL : http://www.fiji.gov.fj/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1917:dismac-supports-risks-database-initiative&catid=71:press-releases&Itemid=155

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