

UNDP Asia-Pacific Regional Centre Weekly Highlights

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New Publications



Just released! The status report, [*Women's Representation in Local Government in Asia and the Pacific*](#), emphasizes that local governments offer one of the most important arenas for women's political participation and can have more of a direct impact on people's lives and livelihoods than national parliaments. The new paper quantifies and analyzes for the first time women's representation at the rural, urban, district and provincial levels across the region.

The discussion note [*Local Governance and Climate Change*](#) outlines approaches to improve the capacity and performance of local governments in addressing climate change. The note also suggests ways in which climate change institutions can work with local governments, strengthening their performance at sub-national level.



The new issue of the quarterly [*Asia-Pacific GEM*](#) highlights recent regional public events and initiatives related to gender and macroeconomic issues. In the headlines: information about the Congress of the Asian Association of Women Studies, news from the Symposium "For Love or Money? Current Issues in the Economics of Care", call for participation in the 2nd Asia-Pacific Intensive Course on Gender and Macroeconomic Issues (July 2011).

Highlights from the Pacific Centre

The Management Committee of the Pacific Centre met on February 3rd in Suva, Fiji, to review key results and partnerships managed in 2010, and to discuss the work plan and resources outlook for 2011.

The High Level Discussions between UNDP Pacific, New Zealand and Australia on February 4th in Suva focused on emerging and priority development needs in the Pacific and on funding opportunities for 2011-2013 joint development projects and initiatives in the Pacific.

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