

First Call for Papers

We would like to announce the First Call for Papers for the **International Conference on Climate-Smart Knowledge Management for the Uplands**, which will be held on 7-9th of November, 2012 at Bicol University, Legazpi City, Philippines.

Rationale

Poorest communities are generally found in the upland areas where they depend on local natural resources to meet their basic livelihood needs. The expansion and practice of improper and intensive farming has resulted in rapidly declining agricultural productivity in the uplands and massive flooding in the lowlands.

With poverty linked to environmental degradation, the unequal distribution of the gains of development, and the widening gap between the rich and the poor are prevalent. The upland poor are thus trapped in a vicious downward spiral. They exploit the natural resources to survive (marginally); the depletion of the natural resources however, further impoverishes them, making their survival more difficult.

Another critical issue confronting the uplands is climate change impacts. Being a fragile ecosystem, climate change severely impact on natural ecosystems, food security, water resources, human and animal health, infrastructures and human settlements. This results to high poverty incidence, mindless depletion of natural resources, inappropriate agri-forest production systems, low production and income. As incomes from livelihoods are adversely affected by climate change, vulnerable households' food, health and ecological securities are at-risks. And so the cycle of poverty, powerlessness and environmental degradation continues.

Amidst this reality are varied knowledge and experiences in building upland resilience for their livelihoods and survival. Along this line, a knowledge Conference on Climate-Smart knowledge management for the uplands is deemed necessary and timely. Thus, this proposed Conference.

Objectives

1. Share experiences, information and knowledge on climate-smart innovations and initiatives for the uplands.
2. Develop concepts and ideas on climate-smart innovations and initiatives for the uplands leading to change.
3. Identify possible knowledge gaps and platform of actions where improvements could be made.

Target Participants

The target participants of the conference are from the academe, government agencies, local government units, non-government organizations, private volunteer organizations, companies/ business sector or peoples' organizations.

Conference Registration Fee

For Local participants, registration fee is Php 3,600/participant and \$200 (USD) for foreign participants inclusive of the cost for food (lunch and 2 snacks), conference kit and site visits to rural tourism areas for group of five (5) participants and payments received on or before September 15, 2012. The registration fee for Individual and group where payments received after September 15, 2012 shall be PhP3,900.00/participant for local participant and \$250 (USD)/participant for foreign participants.

The Conference shall feature R&D and innovations on the following thematic areas:

1. **Upland Environmental Governance** - Efforts to mainstream disaster risk reduction concerns, climate change mitigations and adaptations including REDD/ carbon crediting and payment for environmental services; in national, regional, provincial and local development plans.
2. **Food Security** - Initiatives in managing and promoting scientifically oriented appropriate agro-ecological farming systems innovations for increase food and livelihood securities to enhance disaster resiliency of upland families and communities .

3. **Biodiversity, Watershed and Waterways Management** - Focus on up- scaling the integrity of watersheds and waterways in enriching biodiversity, providing clean, sufficient and regulated water flows for accessible and safe drinking water for people, as well as helping build sustainable and resilient agricultural, coastal and marine ecosystems which are people's main sources of livelihood. It also includes water utilization rights and conflict management.
4. **Sustainable Tourism and Rural Development** – deals with different concepts, opportunities and risks of tourism in stimulating economic development while maintaining integrity of natural diversity in rural areas.

The paper **SHOULD** be a product of an original research, extension activities of researchers, faculty and students; and other initiatives adopted by LGUs, NGOs and stakeholders, related to the aforementioned thematic areas.

Initially, a one-page 150-200 words, single spaced, short coupon bond size, with font size 11 and *Arial* font, abstract of papers shall be submitted for the pre-selection process. Participants who are interested to present a paper along any of the thematic area are requested to submit an e- copy of the abstracts to bucaf100@yahoo.com on or before **August 30, 2012**. It shall contain the following:

- a. Title
- b. Author(s) and Affiliation(s)
- c. Brief statement of objectives, methods, and significant findings.

Notification of acceptance shall be released by the **September 15, 2012**. Author(s) will be notified of action of a selection committee and will be asked to submit a 10-page complete paper and PowerPoint presentation. Deadline for submission of power point presentations is on or before **October 30, 2012**. The full paper guidelines shall follow or may be viewed at the conference's website at www.icckmuplands.weebly.com.

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 - () Student () Non-Government Sector
 - () Faculty () Other _____
 - () Government Sector
- I/We will () present paper () will present poster () will attend/participate the conference

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1. The conference secretariat shall send a confirmation of registration upon receipt of fully accomplished registration form and fee(s).
2. The conference secretariat shall have the right to refuse admission if full payment is NOT received on time.
3. Confirmed registration may NOT be refunded during cancellations but may have the option to nominate a substitute.
4. Non-appearance of participant and no substitution was done, but is fully-paid shall constitute forfeiture of registration fee(s) in favour of the conference organizers. Moreover, outstanding balances of participants shall still be billed to comply the full registration fee(s).

I/We hereby accept all the terms of participation without reservation and that we relinquish any claims against the organizers (the organizer reserves the right to cancel or postpone the conference due to unforeseen circumstances). The undersigned hereby represents and warrants that he/she is duly authorized to execute this binding contract on behalf of the delegates above.

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