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## ADPC's training course on ecosystem resilience in Vietnam

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Asian Disaster Preparedness Center in collaboration with Vietnam Institute of Meteorology, Hydrology and Climate Change and Sub-Institute of Hydrometeorology and Climate Change organized a four-day training course on *Ecosystem Resilience in a Changing Climate* on 18–21 May 2015.

The course was designed to support officials at the national and sub-national levels to enhance their existing knowledge on ecosystems management and restoration of degraded ecosystems. Enhancing weather and climate data utilization and introducing new technological interventions is critical in order to mitigate undesirable impacts within the ecosystem.



*The training course was participated by government officials as well as representatives of NGOs and a farming community in Tranoc in Can Tho province.*

Participants representing government departments on agriculture, water, storm and flood control, and

disaster management among others attended the training course. The twenty participants also included representatives of NGOs and local government authorities as well a farming community in Tranoc in Can Tho province.

“We were able to reach the farming community to understand their problems and to provide solutions to make the community more resilient to extreme hydro-meteorological events. This was done through the establishment of a local-level management committee headed by the Chairman of the People’s Committee in Can Tho,” Mr. Shane Wright, Executive Director of ADPC.

“The support of ADPC for building agro-ecosystem resilience is timely and important in the face of the climate change,” stated Prof. Dr. Nguyen Van Thang, Director General of Institute of Meteorology, Hydrology and Climate Change in his inaugural speech.

Dr. Bao Thanh, Director of Sub-Institute of Hydrometeorology and Climate Change, Prof. Dilanthi Amaratunga and Prof. Richard Haigh from the University of Huddersfield in the UK as well as Mr. N.M.S.I Arambepola, Dr. Senaka Basnayake, Dr. Buddhi Weerasinghe and Prof. K.D.N. Weerasinghe from ADPC participated the training course as resource persons and facilitators.

ADPC organized the training under the project on *Mainstreaming Climate Information Application for Enhancement of Agro-Ecosystem Services and Functions* in Nilwala river basin in Sri Lanka and Lower Mekong river basin in Vietnam funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Australia.



*Participants discuss ecosystem resilience during the breakout session.*



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