

Formulation and Implementation of National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) in the Asia Pacific

- Establishing a System to Promote Adaptation Towards the Achievement of the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA) -

11 November 2022, 10:30-12:30 (Egypt time), Hybrid event

- Hosts: National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES); Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ); Institute for Global Environmental Studies (IGES)
Co-host: Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN)
- Venue: Japan Pavilion, Sharm el-Sheikh International Convention Center, Egypt
- Zoom Registration: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IT8CIhtmTiWTyJqSc73TRA

1. Objective

Effective formulation and implementation of National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) are essential to achieving climate resilience in the Asia-Pacific region, which is home to more than 50% of the global population and includes some of the world's most climate-vulnerable communities.

Sharing experiences from different Asia-Pacific countries can help countries with comparable needs learn, adapt, and build climate-resilient communities. Moreover, the NAP formulation and implementation process are instrumental in understanding the status of national systems and institutions dedicated to promoting adaptation measures (e.g., institutional arrangements for national policy evaluation). Regular assessment of the progress in establishing these systems and institutions and sharing good practices can help promote national adaptation, taking a significant step toward achieving the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA) set by the Paris Agreement.

The purpose of this session is to highlight the significance of NAP formulation and implementation based on the latest scientific findings and to review the current situation, good practices, initiatives, and challenges in addressing the impacts of climate change in the Asia-Pacific region.

We will address countries' needs at the NAP formulation and implementation stages by presenting a case study from each stage, particularly the challenges at the implementation stage, such as Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E). We will also explore how international initiatives, including the Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Information Platform (AP-PLAT), can support climate-risk informed decision-making and effective adaptation in the Asia-Pacific region. The session will also discuss linkages between local, national, and global level adaptation, particularly focusing on the role of the NAP formulation and implementation in achieving the GGA.

Upon reviewing and discussing the above topics, the session aims to propose concrete actions to promote adaptation in the Asia-Pacific region.

2. Agenda

Chair: Ms. Keiko Yoshikawa (on-site), Deputy Director, Center for Climate Change Adaptation (CCCA), NIES

10:30 – 10:40	Opening remarks (on-site) Mr. Hiroshi Ono Vice-Minister for Global Environmental Affairs, Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ) Introduction Dr. Yuji Masutomi (on-site) Section Head, Center for Climate Change Adaptation (CCCA), National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES)
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<p>10:40 – 11:55</p>	<p>Adaptation in the Asia-Pacific region <i>Speakers will introduce the current situation, good practices and challenges of NAP formulation and implementation in their respective countries in the Asia-Pacific region; provide an overview of the system and institutions; and introduce regional adaptation initiatives.</i></p> <p>Case study 1: Implementation of the Climate Change Adaptation Plan in Japan Mr. Gen'ichiro Tsukada (on-site) Director, Climate Change Adaptation Office, Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ)</p> <p>Case study 2: Implementation challenges of National Adaptation Plan in Timor-Leste Mr. Augusto Manuel Pinto (on-site) NDCC Director/National Focal Point (NFP-UNFCCC) at National Directorate of Climate Change (NDCC), Secretary of State for the Environment, Timor-Leste</p> <p>Case study 3: Current status and challenges of National Adaptation Plan in Bangladesh Mr. Md. Mizanul Hoque Chowdhury (online) Additional Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) and National Project Director of the NAP Formulation project, Bangladesh</p> <p>Perspectives on adaptation in Asia Prof. Rajib Shaw (video message) Professor, Graduate School of Media and Governance, Keio University</p> <p>Status of the adaptation plans in the Asia-Pacific Ms. Akane Matsuo (online) Policy Researcher, Adaptation & Water Area, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)</p> <p>AP-PLAT: Information platform for promoting adaptation in the Asia-Pacific region Dr. Yuji Masutomi (on-site) Section Head, Center for Climate Change Adaptation (CCCA), National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES)</p> <p>APN-IGES initiative on Locally Led Adaptation in the Asia-Pacific region Dr. Linda Anne Stevenson (on-site) Head of Knowledge Management and Scientific Affairs, Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN)</p>
<p>11:55 – 12:25</p>	<p>Panel discussion with audience Moderator: Dr. Linda Anne Stevenson, APN We will summarize key points from the presentations and outline the status, good practices, initiatives, and challenges of the NAP process in the Asia-Pacific region. The panelists will then discuss the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What progress has been made, and what are the main challenges of the NAP formulation and implementation, including monitoring & evaluation, in the Asia-Pacific? How can these challenges be effectively addressed? 2. What role does the NAP formulation and implementation play in achieving the GGA? What actions are necessary to fulfill this role? 3. What can we expect from international platforms and organizations, such as AP-PLAT and APN, to achieve a climate-resilient Asia-Pacific region? <p><i>After the panelists address the above questions, we will take several questions and suggestions from the audience.</i></p>
<p>12:25 – 12:30</p>	<p>Closing remarks Mr. Yasuo Takahashi (on-site) Executive Director, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)</p>

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