



**Asia-Pacific Initiative toward  
Sustainable and  
Environmentally Sound Society  
-Introduction-**

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# Regional Approach to Climate Change Issues – Why?

Climate Change – a Global issue, yet regional/sub-regional cooperation activities seem to be useful

Relevance may be:

- Trend of GHG emission (sources/sinks)
- Impact of Climate Change
- Replication of Successful Practices
- Closer Implication on national/local circumstances
- Others

# General Status of Current Regional Efforts



- Actually many interesting efforts are already in place, with certain track record of success.
- In practice, Enthusiasm are felt many developing and developed countries toward concrete actions

# Climate Change – Great Relevance to the AP Region


Mitigation: The Largest share of GHG emission in the world

Vulnerability: Very high

Given the fact that the region's major concern is development, climate change in this context may be of great relevance the Asia-Pacific and the Global Efforts.



Significance of regional approaches to SD & Climate Change!




**Question1: What are the  
benefit/strengths of regional  
approach???**



**Question2: What kind of success  
do we have ?  
(and can we replicate?)**



**Question3: What are the  
opportunity areas for actions?**



**Question4: and How?**





# **Our Method for discussion today**

# Structure of the Event

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Setting the Scene

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# Presentations of Programmes in the Region

**Policy Development/Information Sharing**

Asia-Pacific Seminar on  
Climate Change  
(**AP Seminar**)

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**GHG Inventory**

Workshop on GHG  
Inventory in Asia Region  
(**WGIA**)

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**Science and Policy**

Asia-Pacific Network on  
Global Change Research  
(**APN**)

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**Co-benefits Approach**

Integrated Environmental  
Strategies (**IES**) Program  
by USEPA

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**Long Term Scenarios**

Low Carbon Society  
Scenarios toward 2050  
(**Vision 2050**)

**AP Seminar**

**Regional Programme**

**WGIA**



**The Outcome of the Side Events**



**Local Efforts**

**National Programme**

**Local Efforts**

# Our continuous exercise



**Other Forum**

**COP12 Side Events**

**Other Forum**

**SB24 Side Events**

**Discussion will be  
on continuous  
basis!!**



**Looking forward active  
interaction among participants!**