

Second Announcement

Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum 2010



MAINSTREAMING ADAPTATION INTO
DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

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The Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum (Adaptation Forum) will provide opportunity to share practices, knowledge and experiences on mainstreaming adaptation to climate change into development planning in Asia and the Pacific.

The event presents a venue through which tools and mechanisms that support the process of adapting to climate change and current findings from frontline development and adaptation challenges can be showcased.

The participatory format of the Adaptation Forum will include plenary and keynote sessions, panel discussions, business roundtables, thematic side events, market place, photo & poster exhibitions and film festival. The sessions will be facilitated by eminent climate scientists, adaptation experts and development planners from the region.

The Adaptation Forum will:

- Stimulate regional knowledge sharing and facilitate networking among participants to maximize synergy;
- Add value to existing country/regional level knowledge platforms and activities to enhance and support cooperation and coordination;
- Link local level adaptation initiatives with those at national and regional level.

The Target Group

The Adaptation Forum aims at gathering 200-300 adaptation practitioners at regional, national, and sub-national level. These could include government representatives from various line ministries, researchers, practitioners, NGOs, international organization, regional intergovernmental bodies, media and the private sector.

Partnership

The Adaptation Forum is currently seeking collaboration with partners to help organize and run various parallel thematic sessions. Partners interested in supporting and coorganizing the Adaptation Forum are invited to contact us.

Core Organizers

The *Adaptation Forum* is organized by the **Regional Climate Change Adaptation Knowledge Platform for Asia** (*Adaptation Knowledge Platform*) and the **Asia Pacific Adaptation Network** (*Adaptation Network*).

The **Adaptation Knowledge Platform** is a response to the demand for effective mechanisms for sharing information on climate change adaptation and developing adaptive capacities in Asian countries. The initiative supports research and capacity building, policy making and information assimilation, generation, management and sharing. It will also facilitate climate change adaptation at local, national and regional levels – while working with existing and emerging networks and initiatives. The Adaptation Knowledge Platform has been jointly established by the Asian Institute of Technology/United Nations Environment Programme Regional Resource Centre for Asia and the Pacific (AIT/UNEP RRC.AP) the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), the Swedish Environmental Secretariat for Asia (SENSA) and UNEP with funding support from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA).

The **Adaptation Network**, part of the Global Adaptation Network, aims to build climate resilience of vulnerable human systems, ecosystems and economies through the mobilization of knowledge and technologies to support adaptation capacity building, policy setting, planning and practices. The Adaptation Network activities will be undertaken by its regional hub, sub-regional nodes and partner institutions in the Asia Pacific region. The Adaptation Network is facilitated by UNEP, Institute for Global Environment Strategies (IGES), AIT/UNEP RRC.AP, Asian Development Bank (ADB) in partnership with other key actors in the region.



Venue

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Adaptation Forum 2010 Outline

Day 1

Registration

Opening Ceremony

Recent climate change science and impacts assessment has clearly stated significant implications on social and economic development in Asia and the Pacific region that demands urgent action, especially in relation to climate change adaptation. Integration of current and future climate vulnerabilities into development planning and implementation has been recognized as one of the immediate and urgent action. Understanding and enhancing existing capacities by looking into current policy and planning processes are essential starting points. The opening session of the Forum intends to provide a comprehensive and holistic insights and reflections on the existing developmental issues and concerns in the context of climate change, and issues related to vertical and horizontal mainstreaming using adaptation as lens, prevailing across Asia and the Pacific.

Key Note Speeches:

- The implications of climate change on social and economic development in Asia and the Pacific
- Can effective development planning adequately address climate change challenges in Asia and the Pacific?
- Mainstreaming climate change into development planning: A situation analysis and capacity needs for Asia and the Pacific

Refreshment Break

Opening Plenary session

Mainstreaming climate change into development with focused policies, strategies and plans is identified as a priority in Asia and the Pacific. While adaptive capacity and climate resilient development are needed on the ground, this session intends to highlight various approaches to mainstreaming climate change adaptation into development planning and focus on useful tools and techniques.

- Different approaches and perspective of mainstreaming climate change adaptation into development planning: Regional, National, Sub-national
- Perspectives from private sectors on different approaches of mainstreaming

Lunch

Parallel break out group discussions

- Approaches to mainstreaming climate change adaptation at planning and programming levels (Regional, National, Sub-National, local and other communities)
- Mainstreaming climate change adaptation at sectoral levels (water, agriculture, coastal etc)

Refreshment Break

Roundtable session

Reporting by break out groups: According to each planning level (vertical integration at planning level) and 3-4 sectors – (sectoral level integration).

Dinner and Film Festival



Day 2

This session intends to deliberate and debate on vertical and horizontal cross-sectoral integration and issues associated with it. Sector agencies tend to plan and implement activities in a silo-like manner, whereas climate change is a cross-cutting issue that demands cross-sectoral integration.

Parallel break out group discussions

These discussions will examine entry points to mainstreaming adaptation under these possible topics:

- Cross-sectoral adaptation
- Institutional arrangements incorporating private and public integration
- Mainstreaming tools and approaches for cross-sectoral integration
- Community based adaptation and integration across community boundaries
- Financing adaptation – roles of internal and external funding
- Policy and legislation for cross-sectoral integration

Refreshment Break

Roundtable session

Reporting by break out groups

Lunch

Market Place

Good practice examples of mainstreaming
Presentations by exhibitors

Refreshment Break

Closing Plenary Session

- Mainstreaming adaptation: The Way Forward

For e-registration, visit Adaptation Forum 2010 Website:
<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/adaptationforum2010>

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