

Concept Note

The Workshop for Capacity Building on Climate Change Impact Assessments and Adaptation Planning in the Asia-Pacific Region: Toward mainstreaming of climate change adaptation

Background:

- In the fiscal year of 2015, the series of workshops related to adaptation planning and climate change impact assessment were organized by the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) with support from Ministry of the Environment of Japan (MOEJ) and in cooperation with the Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
- The events included “The Workshop for Capacity Building on Climate Change Impact Assessments and Adaptation Planning in the Asia-Pacific Region: Needs and Challenges for Designing and Implementing Climate Actions” held in Bangkok, Thailand on 1-2 October 2015 (hereinafter called the Bangkok workshop), and “The Workshop for Capacity Building on Climate Change Impact Assessments and Adaptation Planning in the Asia-Pacific Region: Technical Review of Background Assessment for Climate Change Adaptation” held in Manila, the Philippines on 27-28 January 2016 (hereinafter called the Manila workshop).
- The Bangkok workshop aimed to identify the status of and needs for adaptation planning and climate change impact assessments at the national level in the Asia-Pacific region, providing a platform for knowledge sharing and learning. Major needs and challenges on adaptation planning included limited institutional and human capacities, such as the lack of internal and external coordination among relevant stakeholders, insufficient policy framework and mainstreaming of climate change adaptation (CCA) into other policies, less priority on implementation of adaptation planning, and weak public awareness and participation, and the need for greater human resources development.
- The Manila workshop, following the previous Bangkok workshop, aimed to facilitate a more technical discussion on the background assessments (e.g. climate change impact and risk assessments) necessary for effective adaptation planning. Three distinct categories are used to classify CCA background assessments, as follows: 1) climate change scenarios and impact assessments; 2) risk, hazards and vulnerability assessments; and 3) effectiveness assessments of CCA countermeasures. Major findings included the needs to enhance technical, institutional and human capacity development for CCA background assessments, especially vulnerability assessments and effectiveness assessments of CCA countermeasures. This can be done through a better understanding of the related

approaches and tools, an adequate interpretation of scientific knowledge, and an effective communication at the local level.

Purpose:

- This workshop aims to understand and identify key aspects for mainstreaming CCA and the necessary CCA background assessments into existing national and subnational planning processes.
- According to Technical Guidelines for the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) Process (UNFCCC, 2012) for least developed countries, the NAP process includes four elements: A) Lay the Groundwork and Address Gaps (“stocktaking” stage); B) Preparatory Element (“assessment” stage); C) Implementation Strategies (“implementation” stage); and D) Reporting, Monitoring and Review (“M&E” stage). Under Element B of the NAP Process, the last two steps relate more directly to the actual planning for adaptation and cover the importance for addressing communication of national adaptation planning to all stakeholders and integration of CCA into existing national and subnational planning processes including budget allocation. Besides that, Element C with four steps, especially step four, suggests promoting coordination and synergy for implementing adaptation planning.
- Considering the importance of addressing the needs and challenges on technical, institutional and human capacities identified in previous two workshops, mainstreaming of adaptation planning and the CCA background assessments into national and subnational planning processes corresponds directly with those identified in steps B.4, B.5 and C.1-C.4 of the NAP process guidelines.
- The expected outputs from this workshop include a better understanding and identification of key requirements and conditions for mainstreaming adaptation planning into the all levels, including the subnational. A brief guideline for promoting the mainstreaming will be developed, which is used as a reference for the future capacity building programs.
- Through exchanging views and relevant information, this workshop will help in enhancing capacity building of national government officials and other relevant stakeholders who are engaged in developing and implementing adaptation plans and CCA background assessments in the region.

Schedule:

- Date: 1 - 2 February 2017 [1.5 days]
- Venue: Discovery Suites, Metro Manila, Philippines; <http://www.discoverysuites.com/>
- Language: English

Target Invitees:

- Approximately 40 participants are invited to the workshop, including those who are engaged in the field of climate change adaptation (e.g., national government officials, policy makers, practitioners, and researchers) in the Asia-Pacific region.

Agenda

Day I: 1 February 2016

Title: National-level Mainstreaming, Integration and Coordination

MC/Facilitator: Dr. Robert Didham, Senior Coordinator, Institute for Global Environmental Studies [IGES]

Time	Session details	Goal/Objective
8:30-9:00	Registration	
9:00-9:30	<p>Opening session:</p> <p>Open remarks (15 min.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Koji Kumamaru, Ministry of the Environment, Japan [MOEJ] <p>Workshop overview (15 min.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Robert Didham [IGES] 	
9:30-10:00	Coffee break [and Picture]	
10:00-11:15	<p>Session I: Current status of national-level mainstreaming, integration and coordination</p> <p>Chair: Ms. Rohini Kohli, Lead Technical Specialist, National Adaptation Plan - Global Support Programme (NAP-GSP), Green Low Emission Climate Resilient Development Strategies [UNDP-GEP]</p> <p>Presentations (15 min. for each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Heng Chanthoeun, Deputy Director of Climate Change Department, Ministry of Environment [Cambodia] ▪ Ms. Syamsidar Thamrin, Deputy Director of Climate Policy, Environment Department, Ministry of National Development Planning, Badan Perencanaan Pembangunan Nasional (BAPPENAS) [Indonesia] ▪ Mr. Ranga Pallawala, National Expert Committee on Climate Change Adaptation [Sri Lanka] ▪ Dr. Ngan Ngoc Vy, Head of Climate Change and International Affairs, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment [Vietnam] 	Knowledge exchange at countries' current situation

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	<p><i>Speakers are requested to make a presentation about current status, best practices and challenges on: (i) policy integration approaches of CCA into different national planning and agendas (e.g., development plan); (ii) coordination mechanism across ministries; and (iii) budgetary alignment mechanism.</i></p> <p>Q&A (15 min.)</p>	
11:15-12:15	<p>Session II: Roundtable discussion</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Monthip Sriratana Tabucanon, Director, Climate Change Research Strategy Center, National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT) [Thailand]</p> <p><i>This session provides participants with an opportunity to identify existing strengths and weaknesses on mainstreaming, integration and coordination across countries.</i></p>	Identify existing strengths and weakness
12:15-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-14:30	<p>Session III: Expert panel on mainstreaming and integration approaches</p> <p>Chair: Mr. Satoshi Tanaka, Principal Fellow, Programme Management Office [IGES]</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Rohini Kohli, Lead Technical Specialist, NAP-GSP, Green Low Emission Climate Resilient Development Strategies [UNDP-GEP] ▪ Ms. Laidis Cea, Regional Coordinator, Cities and Climate Change Initiative (CCCI) in the Asia-Pacific Region [UN-Habitat] ▪ Dr. Monthip Sriratana Tabucanon, Director, Climate Change Research Strategy Center [NRCT] 	Capacity development to share expert approaches and experiences with countries

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Osamu Itagaki, JICA Expert on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management, Japan International Cooperation Agency, Philippines [JICA] ▪ Mr. Rey Guarin, Climate Finance Consultant, Green Climate Fund Readiness Programme [Philippines] <p><i>Panelists are first requested to make a brief presentation about their specific mainstreaming and integration approaches to support countries, if any. Main focus will be set into questions.</i></p>	
14:30-15:00	Coffee break	
15:00-16:30	<p>Session IV: Group activity Facilitator: Dr. Robert Didham [IGES]</p> <p><i>This session provides participants with an opportunity to: (i) map out necessary systems and functions and identify key aspects /factors for effective national-level mainstreaming; and (ii) draw future scenarios on improved mainstreaming considering how to enhance overall coordination and integration. A rapporteur/note-taker is elected in each group and requested to summarize and present the results from discussions.</i></p>	Mapping /scoping of key features for mainstreaming from inputs in consensus style
16:30-17:00	<p>Session V: Summary and presentation Facilitator: Dr. Robert Didham [IGES]</p> <p><i>Presentations will be made by rapporteurs to inform the meeting on results of the group discussion. Preliminary key findings from the group discussion are summarized by the facilitator.</i></p>	

Day II: 2 February 2016

Title: Local-level implementation and vertical integration

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9:00-9:30	<p>Recap of Day 1 and Overview of Day 2 Dr. Robert Didham [IGES]</p>	
9:30-10:45	<p>Session VI: Local-level real world case experiences on implementation Chair: Dr. Paulo Pasicolan, Capacity Building Specialist, Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture [SEARCA]</p> <p>Presentations (15 min. for each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Thelma Cinco, Assistant Weather Services Chief, Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical Services Administration [PAGASA] ▪ Ms. Erlinda C. Creencia, City-ENRO, City of Santa Rosa, Laguna [Philippines] ▪ Mr. Victorino Aquitania, Regional Director, ICLEI Southeast Asia Secretariat [ICLEI] ▪ Mr. Osamu Itagaki, JICA Expert on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management, Japan International Cooperation Agency, Philippines [JICA] <p><i><u>Speakers are requested to make a presentation about experiences, best practices and challenges on local-level implementation of adaptation planning and/or the CCA background assessments.</u></i></p> <p>Q&A (15 min.)</p>	Sharing of good practices from local-level /real world case experiences
10:45-11:15	Coffee break	
11:15-12:30	<p>Session VII: National approaches for supporting local implementation and vertical integration Chair: Ms. Laida Cea, Regional Coordinator, Cities and Climate Change Initiative (CCCI) in the Asia-Pacific</p>	Understanding on how to strengthen vertical integration in national-level

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	<p>Region [UN-Habitat]</p> <p>Presentations (15 min. for each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Baharudin Ahmad, Principal Assistant Director, Facility Management and GIS Division, Department of Irrigation and Drainage [Malaysia] ▪ Ms. Cari Espenesin, Development Management Officer II, Strategic Partnership Division, The Climate Change Commission [Philippines] ▪ Ms. Ruth Ueselani, Sector Coordinator, Water and Sanitation Sector Division, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment [Samoa] <p><i>Speakers are requested to make a presentation about current status, best practices and challenges on vertical integration in national-level action to support local implementation (e.g., human, technical and financial supports, accountability, etc.).</i></p> <p>Q&A (15 min.)</p>	<p>action to support local implementation</p>
12:30-12:55	<p>Summary</p> <p>Dr. Robert Didham [IGES]</p>	
12:55-13:00	<p>Closing session</p> <p>Closing remarks (5 min.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Satoshi Tanaka, Principal Fellow, Programme Management Office [IGES] 	
13:00-14:00	Lunch	

Note: Informal networking is planned after the workshop.