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**ADAPTATION NETWORK**

**Mobilising** Knowledge and Building  
Capacities for Climate **Resilience**

## Introducing APAN

The Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) is a regional network of practitioners responding to the growing and urgent need for climate change adaptation. APAN is part of the United Nations Environment Programme's Global Adaptation Network.

Together with international organisations, development agencies and other partners across the region, APAN serves to equip government officials and other key actors with critical knowledge to design climate change adaptation measures, to access needed finance and technologies, and to build capacity to integrate climate change adaptation into national development policies.

As a 'network of networks,' APAN functions in a collaborative approach, working to effectively manage and disseminate diverse climate change adaptation knowledge and meet on-the-ground demands of climate change practitioners.

*APAN's mission is to help build climate change resilient and sustainable human systems, ecosystems and economies in countries across the Asia-Pacific region.*

## How APAN supports climate change adaptation

**Web-based Knowledge Management** helps policy makers and practitioners and influences global dialogues. The APAN Web Portal serves as the region's primary knowledge platform and resource repository for climate change adaptation practitioners.

**Knowledge Generation** is critical to adaptation. APAN is continually developing its knowledge base with updated information on emerging and priority issues in climate change adaptation.

**Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum** provides a unique opportunity for a large number of diverse stakeholders to get together to learn the latest adaptation knowledge from each other and to expand their networks.

**Sub-Regional and Thematic Conferences and Trainings** provide learning opportunities for climate change adaptation practitioners to discuss common and cross-cutting environmental issues such as water and food security and others.

Adaptation to climate change is an urgent response to reduce vulnerability and increase resilience of populations and their environments to climate variations.

Countries need to better respond to the impacts of a changing climate by applying critical adaptation knowledge at national and local levels. The sharing of scientific knowledge and lessons learned is key to successful adaptation.

## Who is involved in APAN and how it operates

APAN is governed by a Steering Committee that comprises renowned climate change scientists and senior government officials and representatives from donor agencies. APAN is supported by the Ministry of the Environment, Japan, the Asian Development Bank, the USAID funded ADAPT Asia-Pacific project and others.

Core functions of APAN, such as knowledge management, information and public outreach services, and technical support, are provided by the Institute of Global Environmental Strategies (IGES); the Regional Resource Centre for Asia and the Pacific (RRC.AP) of the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT); the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI); and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Regional Office for Asia Pacific (ROAP).

APAN operates across the Asia-Pacific region. Designated leading institutes act as nodes and drive APAN activities in each sub-region and priority themes. Nodes provide technical assistance and capacity-development opportunities.

### The five sub-regional nodes are:

- **Central Asia:** Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC)
- **South Asia:** Climate Action Network for South Asia (CANSA)
- **Southeast Asia:** Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI)
- **Northeast Asia:** Research Centre for Climate Change Adaptation at Keio University (RCCCA)
- **The Pacific:** Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)

### The three thematic nodes are:

- **Water:** Global Water Partnership South Asia (GWP SAS)
- **Mountains:** International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)
- **Agriculture:** Southeast Asia Regional Centre for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA)



### Get involved with APAN

If you are interested in supporting APAN activities or participating in the network, contact the APAN Regional Hub or visit our web portal for more information.

Stay informed about APAN activities by visiting the APAN web portal, [www.asiapacificadapt.net](http://www.asiapacificadapt.net), which features the latest climate change adaptation news and events and APAN reports. You can also subscribe to the E-Communique – our monthly online newsletter reaching over 5,000 climate change practitioners.

Climate change adaptation resources organised by theme can be found at:

[www.asiapacificadapt.net/resources-by-themes](http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/resources-by-themes)

Virtual space for climate change practitioners to share experiences, chat and discuss climate change adaptation topics can be found at:

[www.asiapacificadapt.net/groups](http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/groups)

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