

# Capacity Building on Climate Change Adaptation

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## Outlines

### **1. APAN capacity building component and activities in Asia Pacific**

- Developing capacity of key training institutions
- Developing capacity of national/sub-national decision makers
- Other capacity building activities

### **2. Plan for capacity building in South Asia:**

- Identification of capacity gaps and challenges
- Identification of capacity development needs
- Action plan to address the identified capacity needs

### **3. Open discussion**

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# 1. APAN Capacity Building

## ■ Developing capacity of key training institutions

APN funded project:

*“Scientific capacity development of trainers and policy-makers for climate change adaptation planning in the Asia and Pacific”*

**Targeted countries:** Bangladesh, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Nepal

**Sector:** Agriculture and water related to agriculture

**Objectives:**

- To undertake appraisal of training needs in terms of knowledge and skill areas for effective adaptation (including the needs of personnel and gaps in training programs)
- To design training modules for imparting knowledge and skills for effective adaptation (in policy making process)

**Activities:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> training needs assessment (TNA) meeting: January 31, 2011 in Bangkok
- 2<sup>nd</sup> TNA meeting: March 11, 2011 in Bangkok
- 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting: Training modules design workshop: August 10-12, 2011 in Bangkok

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## ■ Developing capacity of national/sub-national decision makers

### *Regional Training on Cross-Sectoral Climate Change Adaptation Planning*

**Time:** October 25-26, 2011 in Bangkok (back to back with Adaptation Forum 2011)

**Organizers:**

- Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN)
- Korea Environment Institute (KEI) - Korea Adaptation Center for Climate Change (KACCC)
- United Nations Environment Programme – Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (UNEP-ROAP)

**Overall objective:** To improve the capacity of national and sub-national decision makers in their adaptation planning for climate change.

**Geographical priority:** 12 countries:

- SA: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka;
- SEA: Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam;
- East and Central Asia: Mongolia

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## ■ Other capacity building activities

Together with Regional Climate Change Adaptation Knowledge Platform (AKP), **APAN co-organized:**

- South Asia Media Workshop on Adaptation to Climate Change (Nepal, May 18-20, 2011)
- Climate Change Adaptation Knowledge Management Workshop: Issues on Climate Change Adaptation (Mongolia, May 26-27, 2011)



- Media and Community Scenario Exercise Workshop: Quy Nhon in 2050 - Visioning Development Options in the context of Climate Change (Vietnam, July 13-15, 2011)

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## 2. Plan for Capacity Building in South Asia

### ■ Identification of capacity gaps and challenges at sub-regional and nation levels, in:

- Institutional support: policy framework for capacity building in general and specifically for climate change adaptation (CCA)

→ *any constraint or limitation?*

- Existing human resources: number of CC experts, their knowledge and skill on CC mitigation/adaptation, etc.

→ *sufficient or not?*

- Current capacity building programmes: education, training (induction/on-job), etc.

→ *any programme related to CCA?*

- Facilities: CC knowledge center, training facilities, laboratories/equipments, etc. for CCA researches

→ *any and how effective?*

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### ■ Identification of capacity development needs at both sub-regional and national levels

- Identification of the sectors that urgently need capacity building on CCA
- Types of capacity gaps that need to be improved or developed: human resource (personnel development), CCA education, training programmes, etc.

### ■ Action plan to address the identified capacity needs

- CC awareness raising through education, media, etc.
- Workshops/seminars for sharing CCA knowledge (CCA support tools, methods, ...), experiences or good adaptation practices, CC information, etc.
- Training for different groups of stakeholders (policy and decision makers, private sector, practitioners, communities, CSOs, etc.) and at different levels (sub-regional, national, etc.) -- Topics of training are identified based on the needs and so on.

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■ **Priorities of action in South Asia:**

- Organize Workshops on CCA for awareness raising (*sub-regional level activity*)
- Build capacity (knowledge and skill) of policy makers and government officials on CCA on regular basis (*national or country level*), through:
  - Training of trainers in key national-level training institutions which are active in training policy makers and government officials
  - Insert or bring CCA knowledge into the existing training programmes (induction and on-job training)

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### 3. Open discussion for capacity building activities in South Asia

**Guiding questions:**

- 1) Which sector(s) / issues should be prioritized?
- 2) What subject matters should be chosen for training and capacity building?
- 3) Which groups of people should be targeted for capacity building, e.g. training?
- 3) How to build the adaptive capacity of the targeted groups? (e.g. methods, frequency, timeframe, ...)
- 4) Which activities should be proposed at sub-regional level?
- 5) Which activities should be proposed at country level?

**Thank you!**