



Climate Change Sub-programme: Networking Approach and Status

Regional Office of Asia and the Pacific



Contents



- 1 Overview of Climate Change Sub-programme
- 2 Priority for 2012-2013
- 3 Networking Approach and Why Climate Change Network
- 4 UNEP Network Initiatives in Asia and the Pacific

Overview of the CC Sub-programme



- Geographical coverage
 - 27 Countries +
- Thematic coverage
 - Adaptation (16 countries)
 - Mitigation (23 countries)
 - REDD (8 countries)
 - Science and outreach (3 countries and regional)
- Types of Activities
 - Science and assessment
 - Knowledge and capacity building
 - Policy support and integration
 - Awareness raising



environment for development

Priority themes for PoW 2012-2013



Adaptation, including an **ecosystem-based adaptation approach**, is incorporated into country development planning and policymaking based on **scientific assessments, policy and legislative advice, and lessons learned from pilot projects** supported by UNEP and adaptation experiences, including an ecosystem-based approach, showcased at the global level

Low carbon and clean energy sources and technology alternatives increasingly adopted, inefficient technologies phased out and **economic growth, pollution and GHG emissions decoupled** by countries based on **technical and economic assessments, cooperation, policy advice, legislative support and catalytic financing mechanisms**

Countries' access to climate change **finance is facilitated at all levels and successful innovative financing mechanisms are assessed and promoted** at the regional and global level

Reduction in deforestation and land degradation with **countries moving towards sustainable forest management, conservation and full terrestrial carbon accounting** based on tackling all drivers of deforestation, and taking fully into account co-benefits and safeguards

Increased access of target audiences to relevant climate change assessments and information for decision-making and **long-term planning**

environment for development

Networking Approach



- Strengthening institutional capacity of climate change focal points and other institutions at national and regional levels;
- Utilizing network as a vehicle to disseminate best practices;
- National policies and institutional capacities for adaptation planning are strengthened using knowledge, technology and policy support from global and regional networks;
- Knowledge networks are established to inform and support key stakeholders in the reform of policies and the implementation of programmes for renewable energy, energy efficiency, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions;
- UNEP has so far established networks in
 - Asia and the Pacific (separate networks for adaptation and mitigation) – sub-regional as well
 - Latin America (one single network covering both adaptation and mitigation),
 - West Asia (inception phase with aims to keep both adaptation and mitigation under one network),
 - Africa (inception phase but separate discussion on adaptation and mitigation is going on)

environment for development

Why Climate Change Network?



- Developing Countries to the UNFCCC face a growing challenge
 - Climate agenda is expanding – national and international levels (Green Climate Fund, Technology Mechanism, Adaptation Framework, NAMA);
 - Obligations for reporting and providing information to the UNFCCC secretariat are increasing – National Communication, NAPA, NAP etc;
 - Convention-related processes are more frequent and demanding – number of intergovernmental meetings are expanding and more preparation is required;
 - Governments are widening national discussions about complex and interrelated issues, bring other ministries and department onboard – meaning more work at home
- But, the institutional support arrangements and capacity of staff working on climate change are not keeping pace with these rising demands. It is harder and harder to keep up!

environment for development

Network of Climate Change Focal Points and Experts Can Help



- Strengthening institutional capacity of climate change focal points offices and other institutions at national and regional levels – a means to deal with these growing demands;
- Jointly commissioned analysis on issues of mutual interest at sub-regional or regional levels;
- Support for short term national activities of interest to the wider group – integration of climate change into development policy and plans
- Structured Network meetings covering concerns of the countries/sub-region
- Mechanisms for exchange of experience and knowledge

environment for development

Southeast Asia Network of Climate Change Focal Points (SEAN-CC)



- A regional knowledge network to foster policies and actions for climate technology transfer
- Guide ASEAN countries for making sound policy, technology, and investment choices that lead to a reduction in GHG and potential co-benefits
- help Governments to meet their commitments under the UNFCCC



environment for development

Southeast Asia Network of Climate Change Focal Points (SEAN-CC)



- Working primarily through the National Climate Change Focal Points and mobilizing other key actors
- Strategy, priorities and programme of work - jointly defined with national climate change focal points during bi-annual Network meetings
- Three types of activities
 - Facilitating knowledge generation and exchange - meetings, seminars, conferences and online knowledge sharing platform;
 - Providing targeted capacity building - tailored training programmes and workshops;
 - Providing sector specific technical assistance and policy advice – technical papers and studies, briefs



environment for development

Promotion of Low Carbon Emission Societies in Central Asia



- Establishment of Climate Change Network at regional level
 - Knowledge Sharing and Information Exchange
 - Cooperation on Technology Transfer, Capacity Building and Project Implementation;
 - Higher levels of awareness on climate change and the potential impacts and opportunities.
- Development of cleaner technology plans for selected sectors and technologies
 - Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency
- Establishment of energy performance standards and development of market



environment for development

Asia Pacific Adaptation Network



- Facilitate climate change adaptation in Asia at local, national and regional levels and strengthen adaptive capacity
- Working with sub-regional intergovernmental bodies, climate change focal points and other government and non-government organizations, centre of excellence



environment for development

Asia Pacific Adaptation Network



- Generate and share knowledge, experiences and information for improved capacity and effective implementation
- Facilitate application of appropriate knowledge to adaptation programs/projects;
- Facilitate development planning and investment decisions to support sustainable adaptation approaches
- Assist developing countries to access adaptation finance mechanisms



Sri Lanka, Fortune S 2009

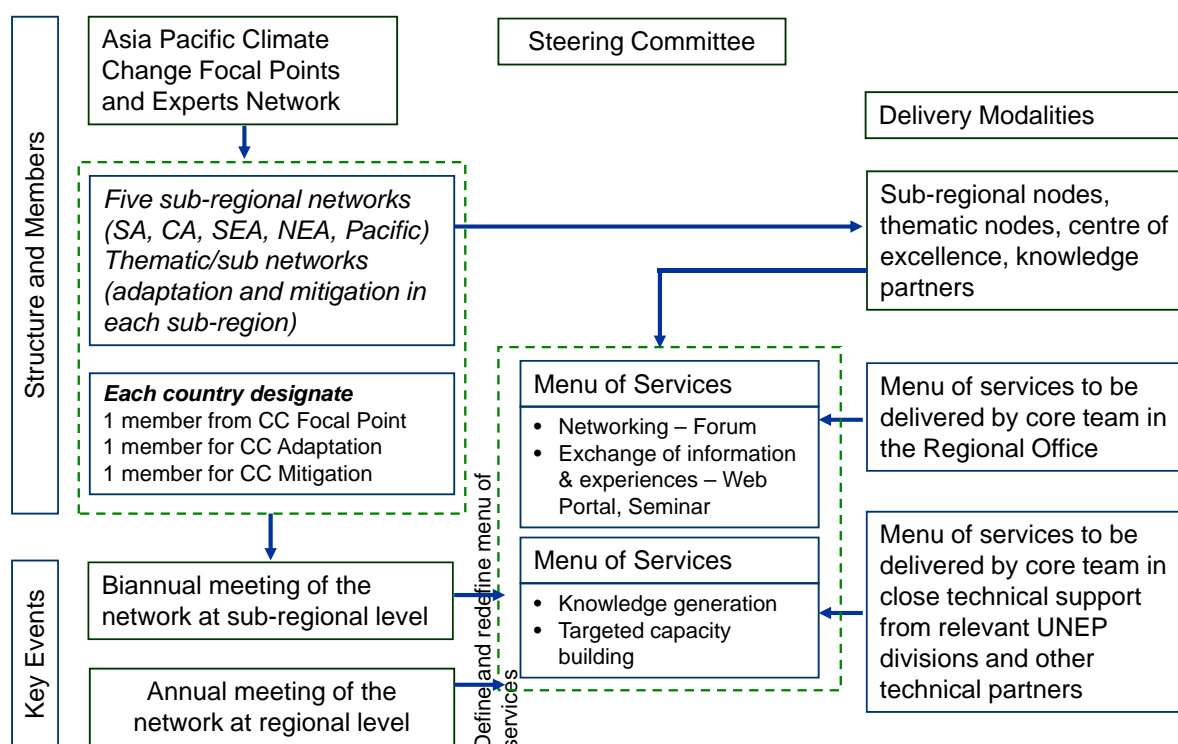
environment for development

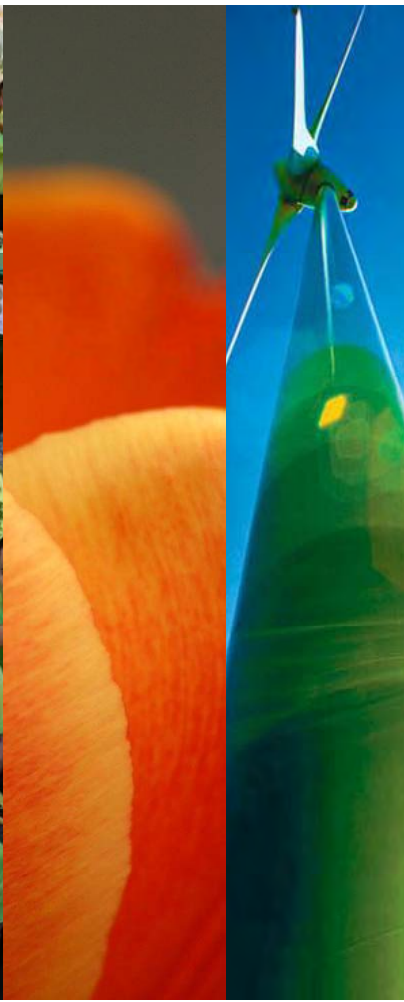
● Component 1: Regional Knowledge Sharing Mechanism

- Climate Change Adaptation in Asia & the Pacific portal
- Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum 2010
- Periodic seminars, dialogues
- Regional-level training and capacity-building activities
- Synthesizing & Disseminating Global Experiences



One Initiative - One team with technical capacity on adaptation and mitigation





Thank you

