

The Needs and Challenges for Designing and Implementing Climate Actions

The Adaptation Initiative workshop: Outline, purpose and topics

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The Workshop for Capacity Building on Climate Change Impact Assessments and Adaptation Planning in the Asia-Pacific Region

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The Adaptation Initiative

- Announced by Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at the UN Climate Summit 2014
- Goal = To support the adaptive capacity of developing countries in a holistic manner.
- Modality =
 - Support for the design of adaptation planning based on scientific knowledge
 - Support for capacity development to update and strengthen the rigor of climate change impact assessments.
- Partners = Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) and Ministry of the Environment of Japan (MOEJ), organized by the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES).

Purpose of the Workshop

- To better understanding of the current situation on Adaptation Planning in the Asia-Pacific region.
- To exchange views and relevant information among multiple countries and experts on Adaptation Planning and Climate Change Impact Assessments.
- To enhance human resource development on Climate Change Impact Assessments and Adaptation Planning in the Asia-Pacific Region.

Workshop Objectives

- To identify the status and needs of adaptation planning and climate change impact assessments at the national level across the Asia-Pacific region
- The workshop will explore the current situation and identify existing gaps/needs in devising and implementing National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and other relevant policies.
- The overall goal of this workshop is to generate common understanding and expert knowledge on Adaptation Planning in the Asia-Pacific region.

- Day I: National Adaptation Planning
 - Understanding the current situation.
 - Existing strengths, challenges and needs.
- Day II: Climate Change Impact Assessments –
 - Identify current approaches and technologies,
 - As well as existing resources and assistance.



Day 1 Agenda - Overview

- Opening Remarks
- Overview of APAN's experience in Adaptive Capacity Building and Adaptation Planning
- Parallel Sessions for 14 Countries to present current status of Adaptation Planning
- Group Discussions on Countries' Needs and Challenges for effective Adaptation Planning



Preliminary Findings on Adaptation Planning in AP Region

- 3 countries developed National Adaptation Plans under the NAP process.
- 8 countries have developed equivalent National Adaptation Plans.
- 3 countries do not have National Adaptation Plans
- Almost all countries have defined a National Programme of Actions for Adaptation
- A wide diversity of tools have been applied to support the development of Adaptation Plans, while those following the NAP process have utilised the widest range of tools.

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