

1. Organizer	
Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN)	
2. Title	
Financing, Partnership & Networking Strategies for Action-Oriented Research & Capacity Building: What does/doesn't work?	
3. Theme	
Short, sharp panel-audience interactive session that showcases APN member countries initiatives to strengthen the science-policy-user interface for climate change, focusing on disaster risk reduction and climate adaptation, through knowledge generation, sharing and management. Potential new approaches will be investigated that address co-financing, partnerships and networking among multiple stakeholders at local, national and regional levels.	
4. Agenda and speakers	
Opening Remarks	
13:00-13:02	Mr. Satoshi Tanaka Deputy Director General, Global Environment Bureau, Ministry of Environment of Japan
Part I: Introduction and APN	
13:02-13:04	Introduction of Session and Speakers Dr. Linda Anne Stevenson, APN
13:04-13:12	Climate Variability & Change: An APN Perspective Dr. Akio Takemoto, APN
Part II: Presentations from Member Countries	
13:12-14:02	Thailand Dr. Soottiporn Chittmittrapap , Secretary-General, National Research Council of Thailand
	Thailand Dr. Monthip Srirantana Tabucanon , Senior Advisor to the Senate
	Sri Lanka Dr. Sunimal Jayathunga , Director, Climate Change,
	Bhutan Mr. Karma Tshering , Senior Programme officer, NEC
	Japan Dr. Junichi Fujino , Senior Researcher, NIES
Part III: Panel-Audience Interactive Session	
14:02-14:06	2-minute comments each from: CDKN (Dr. A.T. Sheikh) and MEXT/RESTEC (Dr. H. Kondo)
14:06-14:20	Audience-Panel Interactive Session
14:20-14:26	Final statements from APN (A. Takemoto) and Panelists (U. Tshewang, K. Tshering, J. Fujino, S. Chittmittrapap, T. Nomoto, and S. Jayathunga)
14:26-14:30	Wrap-up with Key Points (L. Stevenson)
5. Outline of presentations and discussions	
Four countries, namely Thailand, Sri Lanka, Bhutan and Japan provided presentations and presented their perspectives on the topic. Dr. Soottiporn Chittmittrapap , Thailand, stated climate change is perceived as a development challenge in Thailand. He noted support from the US Agency for International Development (USAID) to set up a Centre	

for Scientific Research on Climate Change, linking six organizations to combine funding and expertise. Dr. **Monthip Srirantana Tabucanon**, Thailand, introduced Thailand's Climate Change Research Strategy, including nine areas, *inter alia*: modelling and assessment; agriculture and food security; ecosystem dynamics; climate and health; urban development; and knowledge management.

Dr. **Sunimal Jayathunga**, Sri Lanka, expressed the need to implement action oriented research and to pool resources, while noting the need for additional support for capacity building, technology development and technology transfer.

Mr. **Karma Tshering**, Bhutan, highlighted that Bhutan is allowed to increase emission levels under the UNFCCC, but for the "human benefit" they prefer to be carbon-neutral but require support to ensure this. Mr. Tshering noted climate change, environment and gender are mainstreamed at the policy and project level and stressed that Gross National Happiness is something we should all strive for as the future is in the hands of our younger generations.

Dr. **Junichi Fujino**, National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES), Japan, introduced an ongoing collaborative research project between Japan and Malaysia, the Iskandar Malaysia Research Project which aims to facilitate a green economy, green community and green environment.

The side event concluded with the following recommendations:

- Best practices and climate knowledge needs to be shared with the public;
- APN should continue to mobilise funds. In doing so, developed and developing countries need to be involved;
- The uniqueness of APN is strong and needs to be protected. Now APN is ready for a second generation of projects that are more complex in nature and larger in scope;
- Strengthening financing, building partnerships for action-oriented research; and
- Sharing national experiences across borders on what has already been done.

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