

1, Organizer Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) Bangkok Regional Centre, UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ROAP), and Ministry of the Environment, Japan.		
2. Title Networking for Adaptation Knowledge & Action in Asia-Pacific by Asia Pacific Adaptation Network		
3. Theme Climate Change Adaptation		
4. Agenda and speakers		
Time	Name of presentation	Presenter (Tentative)
18:30 – 18:35	Objectives of Event and brief introduction to APAN	Dr. Puja Sawhney (IGES)
18:35 – 18:40	Opening Remarks	Mr. Tanaka (Ministry of Environment, Japan)
18:40 – 18:50	The Global Adaptation Network (GAN) and the regional Adaptation Networks- their role in Climate Change Adaptation	Ms. Anna Kontorov (UNEP-DEPI)
18:50 – 19:00	Role of Adaptation Knowledge Management (in Asia & Pacific)	Dr. Saleemul Huq (Co-Chair, APAN)
19:00 – 19:20	Approach and Successes in Sub-Regions	APAN Partners- Sanjay Vashist, CANSA; Espen Ronnenberg, SPREP
19:20 – 19:45	Role of APAN in Strengthening Adaptation Policies and Green Development in Mongolia	Prof. Masataka Watanabe (Co-Chair, APAN)
19:45 – 19:55	Q&A and Discussions	
19:55 – 20:00	Closing Remarks	Prof. Hironori Hamanaka (Chair of the Board of Directors of IGES)

5. Outline of presentations and discussions

The Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) is a regional network of practitioners responding to the growing and urgent need for climate change adaptation. 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. Together with international organizations, 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. Its mission is to help build climate change resilient and sustainable human systems, ecosystems and economies in countries across the Asia-Pacific region.

The event aimed to highlight the role and need for Adaptation Networks, highlight the importance of Networking, shed light on the effectiveness of Networks in climate change adaptation, and create awareness regarding APAN and its activities.

Presentations were made to highlight the importance of networks and networking, the need for knowledge management in general and in the context of the Asia Pacific region, APAN partners organizations shared their experiences on working with APAN and on knowledge sharing and capacity development on climate adaptation.

The presentation on "The Global Adaptation Network (GAN) and the Regional Networks" provided a background to APAN and other regional networks under GAN and highlighted the importance of adaptation networks, how networks operate, the networks collaborative partnership approach, and the Lessons learnt and challenges of knowledge management including: ensuring responsiveness to real needs and demand; need for common goals and incentives; identifying the appropriate and most effective channels and approaches for sharing knowledge, as well as the right timing; and monitoring and evaluating impact and effectiveness of knowledge-sharing and networking activities.

The presentation on “Role of Adaptation Knowledge Management” highlighted the need for knowledge creation from practitioners and co-generation of knowledge from the scientific community. The presentation also highlighted the role of networks in capturing this knowledge and sharing with different stakeholders and also in supporting and assisting in the roll out of the National Adaptation Plans (NAPs). The ability of networks to bring together varied groups of people and push the boundaries was identified as one of the which APAN has done, was acknowledged and pointed out as a key role for networks.

The presentations by the APAN Partners (CANSA, SPREP and Prof. Watanabe) described i) different approaches adopted by the partners in implementing their work on climate change adaptation, ii) the challenges faced including:

(CANSA)

- Informed adaptation planning is required
- Very limited information / analysis at Regional Level i.e. South Asia

(SPREP)

(Membership made up of a wide range of countries spread very far geographically

- travel costs are very high
- distances are vast and impacts on time out of country and available for training
- very high internet costs And limited internet infrastructure
- limited resources for personnel to out the work

iii) Value Addition

- Better understanding on challenges and expectations within/from South Asian Countries
- Documented examples on issues like DRR, Trade, Agriculture, Energy, etc... into policy briefs
- Monitoring the status quo on converting political will into actions
- Working towards generating Regional Picture on Agriculture, Loss and Damage, Climate Finance, Equitable Climate Strategy, etc...
- Partnerships to research and generate more Knowledge

The presentation on “Role of APAN in Strengthening Adaptation Policies and Green Development in Mongolia” presented a case study (short film) on how innovative adaptation knowledge and technology is helping to enhance the

sustainability of the society.

6. Photograph



Mr. Satoshi Tanaka, MOEJ, delivering his opening remarks.



Side event Speakers participating in the Q&A session



Participants at the side event