



# The Global Adaptation Network (GAN) and the Regional Networks

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# GAN Background



- Adequate and appropriate **knowledge** is crucial for the planning and implementation of successful adaptation actions
  - While much knowledge exists, it is often fragmented and **not always accessible** at the right place, at the right time, and in the right format
  - A “network”: Unique **convening power and partnership-potential**, as well as longer-term **continuity and flexibility**
  - Repeated within **UNFCCC process** for strengthening of **regional centers and networks**
- ➔ In response, the **development of the Global Adaptation Network (GAN)** was initiated in 2008 and 2010 through a UNEP-facilitated **consultative processes**

# The Regional Networks

- Overall GAN objective: To help build climate resilience of vulnerable communities, ecosystems and economies through **the mobilization of knowledge for adaptation**
- Has developed from the ground up, starting with the **establishment of Regional Networks**
- Four Regional Networks launched, starting with the Asia Pacific (APAN) in 2009, and followed by Latin America and the Caribbean (REGATTA), West Asia (WARN-CC), and Africa (AAKNet)



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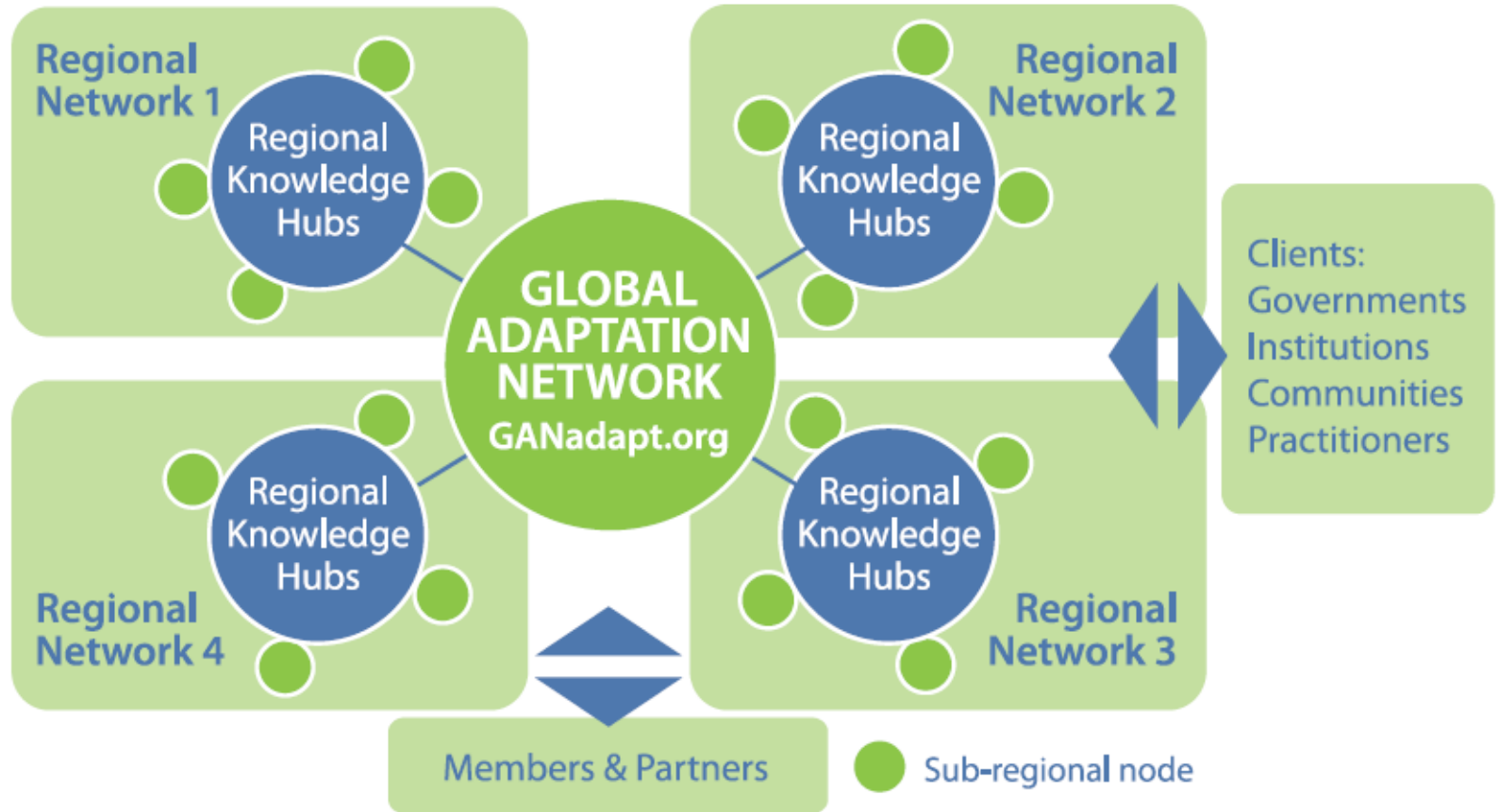


# Up-scaling of global GAN activities

- Now **up-scaling global GAN** activities, building on the strength and experiences of the Regional Networks, and adding value by connecting regions to exchange knowledge and learning
- GAN Steering Committee convened to guide the process
- **Honorary GAN Co-chairs:**
  - Mr. Nobuteru Ishihara, Minister of the Environment, Japan
  - Mr. Achim Steiner, Executive Director, UNEP
  - A Co-chair from Africa to be announced



# GAN structure



# The role of the Regional Networks in Adaptation

## What do the Regional Networks do?

- They provide adaptation knowledge services in the regions, sub-regions and countries, with the aim of helping target groups to access knowledge for planning and implementing adaptation

## How do they do it?

- Targeted capacity building and training events, dialogues, seminars and webinars
- Online knowledge platforms
- Development and dissemination of knowledge products (technical papers, policy briefs)
- Technical support and advisory services
- Networking and sharing through workshops, newsletters, etc



# The collaborative partnership approach

- The multi-disciplinary and cross-sectoral nature of adaptation means that partnerships bringing in different actors and disciplines are a key to impact and effectiveness
- The Regional Networks have taken a variety approaches to harnessing the power of partnerships:
  - APAN: Sub-regional nodes, thematic nodes, and national implementing partners
  - REGATTA: Thematically-focused regional knowledge centers and Communities of Practice
  - AAKNet: Activities focused on convening knowledge platforms and initiatives





# Knowledge-networking: Lessons learnt and challenges

- 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
- Online exchanges cannot substitute for in-person meetings
- Monitoring and evaluating impact and effectiveness of knowledge-sharing and networking activities





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