Thailand's Experiences in Preparation of Initial National Communication

Main Characteristics

•A synthesis report of various research works contributed by many people, particularly on inventory, mitigation, vulnerability and adaptation

•A series of internal review and workshops have been conducted throughout the period

•Key elements of the report are inventory and mitigation, vulnerability and adaptation, policies and measures, financial resources and technology transfer

1994

- Emissions in 1994 (used 1996 revised guidelines)
 - -Gross CO₂ 241 Tg. (-sink 39 Tg); Net 202 Tg
 - Energy emitted more than one-half of CO_2 ; forest and land use emitted less than that of 1990
 - Methane 3.2 Tg. About 91 % from rice and livestock

•N₂O 56 Gg, mostly from manure and agricultural soils

•NO_x 287 Gg, mainly from energy
•CO 555 Gg. mainly from land use change and forestry and agriculture
•NMVOC 2.5 Tg, mainly from energy

Total 1994 net emissions

 $= 286 \text{ Tg CO}_2 \text{ equivalent}$

Experiences Gained

- Data and Methodology Aspect
 - Information and data on climate change accumulated
 - Experts practiced new methodologies on climate change issues.
- National Capacities
 - Capacities of large numbers of scientists and social scientists were enhanced.
 - Related officers were trained through workshops and seminars.

- Regional Cooperation
 - Exchange in information and experiences
 - Cooperation in research and development
 - Enhancement of regional or subregional
 - capacities.

Problems and Limitations

- Data and Methodology
 - Information system and database
 - Activity data, local emission factors and methodologies appropriate to national circumstances.
 - Appropriate down-scaling method for national climate scenarios
 - Reliable socio-economic scenarios

Problems and Limitations

- Capacity strengthening
 - Experts with capacity built were difficult to maintain
 - Trained officials were difficult to maintain
 - Experiences in Vulnerability and Adaptation are highly limited

Beyond the Initial National Communication

- Data and Technical Issues
 - Information system and database should be established
 - Activity data, local emission factors and methodologies appropriate to national circumstances should be improved.
 - Appropriate down-scaling method for national climate scenarios should be enhanced
 - Reliable socio-economic scenarios are needed

Beyond the Initial National Communication

- Financial and Technical Support
 - Increase bilateral and multi-lateral programes
 - More fund supported from Annex I countries
- Regional networking
 - Establish regional network on climate change