



# Regional Cooperation on Climate Change

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# Presentation Components

- History and needs for development of regional cooperation on climate change
- Potential benefits
- Partnership activities
- Follow up



# History - Development of Type II Partnership on Climate Change

- Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific 1990
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- Phnom Penh Regional Platform on Sustainable Development for Asia and the Pacific 2002
- Implementation of the outcome of WSSD: Role of the Regional Commission 2003



# Needs for Regional Cooperation on Climate Change Issues

- Climate change is affecting the well-being of people and the survival of plants and animals around the world.
- Impacts are becoming evident all over the region and in many nations - sea-level rise, increasing frequency and magnitude of floods and droughts, spreading diseases, economic damage, etc.
- Availability and accessibility of resources, information and technology to respond to climate change are inadequate in countries.
- Response instruments such as United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Kyoto Protocol require coordinated response.



# Potential Benefits

- Strengthening the national capacity in negotiation in Conference of Parties (COP)
- Facilitation of substantial flows of investment, technology transfer and human resources management
- Mobilization and pooling of resources
- Sharing of experience and best practices
- Information networking





Development of  
Type II Partnership in the  
12<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Seminar on  
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# Activities Being Conducted under Type II Partnership

## AP-Net Activities:

- Kyoto Protocol related information clearing house
- Web-based learning facility to provide CDM-related knowledge
- Database of climate change issues in the Asian and Pacific region
- Capacity-building programme on information and communication technology



# Activities Being Conducted under Type II Partnership

## UNESCAP Activities:

- Training workshop on negotiations and implementation of UNFCCC and its Kyoto Protocol, December 2002
- Regional advisory services
- Sustainable energy and water resources management including strategic planning and management
- Public-private partnerships
- Kitakyushu Initiative Network





# Future Developments

- Strengthening and expanding current programmes and activities, e.g. climate change related information clearing house, e-learning, database
- Promotion of climate-friendly technologies
- Development of regional strategy towards climate change mitigation
- Partnerships with other agencies



# Suggested Elements of a Regional Strategy

- Coordination of emission inventories and assessment
- Coordination of research activities
- Development of common scenarios for evaluating impacts
- Mechanisms for capacity building and technology transfer
- Adaptation strategies
- Development of institutional mechanisms for strategy implementation
- Regional/subregional capacity building, including training activities

