Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research

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Outline of Presentation

- APN - a brief overview
- APN activities update:
  - Funded Projects
  - CAPaBLE Programme
  - Publications
  - Synthesis Activities
  - Science-Policy Links
  - Evaluation of APN and Second Strategic Plan
What is the APN?

Inter-governmental network in the Asia Pacific Region with the priority goals of:

- Fostering global change research through regional cooperation and partnerships
- Increasing developing-country participation in global change research through networking/capacity building
- Strengthening interactions between the natural and social sciences in global change with the policy- and decision-making community
SCIENCE

Science Education
• Primary, Secondary, Tertiary

Research Institutions
• Infrastructure/equipment

Networks/global partnerships
• Participation in global science community
• National collaboration/teams

Policy/national priority relevance
• Integrated system science

INSTITUTIONAL

Bricks and mortar
• Schools, Universities, Institutions

Cultural
• Accepting pluralistic role of science (education, problem solving, policy support/leadership)
• Commitment to scientific/technological literate society
• Education with science/technology component
• Public cognition of environment, economic and social factors and intergenerational equity

Governance
• Science/technology portfolio in government
• Application of science in decision making
• Multi-sectoral decision making process

Mode II Science
• Language/cultural/terminology
• Contractual research
• Science briefings
• IPCC

SCIENCE/
POLICY ENGAGEMENT
Who are the members of APN?
Who sponsors APN?

Hyogo Prefectural Government, Japan
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of New Zealand
Ministry of the Environment, Japan
National Science Foundation, USA
The Global Change Community

Scientific Community Programmes

IGBP
IHDP
WCRP
DIVERSITAS
START

Inter-Governmental Networks

IAI
APN
EU
APN Research Framework

Changes in Coastal Zones & Inland Waters
Changes in Climate Change & Variability
Changes in Atmospheric Composition
Changes in Terrestrial Ecosystems & Biodiversity

Integration of the findings of natural science with social and economic factors
Input to policy making and implementation

Human Dimensions of Global Change
Select Examples of APN Funded Projects (2004/2005)

- Water Resources in South Asia
- Inventory of Glaciers and Glacial Lakes and the Identification of Potential Glacial Lake Outburst Floods
- Building Local Capacity for Global Change Research: Millennium Ecosystem Assessment
- Carbon Management into Development Strategies of Cities
- Integrated Regional Studies of Global Change in Monsoon Asia
- Climate Interactions and Marine Ecosystems
- Globalization and Food Systems
APN and Sustainable Development

CAPaBLE
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CAPaBLE

Capacity Building and Enhancement for Sustainable Development
Main Activities under Phase I

- **Capacity Enhancement**: research projects planned and implemented by leading developing country scientists targeting specific topics related to climate change.

- **Capacity Building**: activities for aspiring scientists.

- **Dissemination**: activities for policy-makers, decision-makers & for civil-society.

- **End-Product**: an APN publication as an end-product (synthesis book that will synthesise the activities and outcomes that resulted from this Programme).
Comprehensive Research Projects

- CRP-Theme I: Enhancement of National Capabilities in the Application of Simulation Models for the Assessment of Climate Change and its Impacts on Water Resources and Food and Agriculture

- CRP-Theme II: Integrated Assessment Model for Developing Countries and Analysis of Mitigation Options and Sustainable Development Options
## Capacity Building Activities

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α Capacity enhancement of leading researchers in developing countries to produce comprehensive scientific results on climate change impacts, vulnerabilities, adaptation and mitigation strategies.

β Capacity building of aspiring scientists through sharing of knowledge, experience, scientific information and data collection on climate change impacts, vulnerabilities, adaptation and mitigation.

γ Improvement of informed decision-making in developing countries by dissemination of the outcomes of research activities to policy-makers, decision-makers and civil society.
APN Coastal Synthesis - Rationale

• Coastal zone is focus area for APN activities
• The coastal zone in the A-P region subject to significant and complex pressures of resource use
• Better approach needed to achieve sustainable development in the A-P coastal zone
• Synthesis approved at 8th APN Inter-governmental meeting
• Completion of synthesis by 10th anniversary of APN
APN Global Change Coastal Zone Management Synthesis

**APN Coastal Synthesis - Objectives**

a) Evaluate achievements and present status of APN coastal zone projects by reviewing past projects.

b) Review present status and major problems of the coastal environment and identify urgent research needs.

c) Identify a future research direction for coastal environments that is relevant to the region.

d) Report results to the APN Intergovernmental meeting for review to determine future APN policy.
APN Global Change Coastal Zone Management Synthesis

Outline of Synthesis Book Chapters

1. Introduction
2. State of the environment and global change in a-p coastal zone
3. Value of the A-P CZ
4. Approaches to coastal zone management
5. How are catchments (and their management) interacting with A-P CZ?
6. The history of coasts in the Asia-Pacific region
7. Human response to coastal change
8. Where are the hotspots of urbanization and population growth A-P CZ?
9. Coasts in non-urban areas
10. How are organic and inorganic pollutants impacting on the A-P CZ?
11. Coastal ecosystems
12. Conclusions/synthesis/future direction of global change coastal research
CONCLUSION - Synthesis links to key APN Aims

• To foster global change research in the Asia-Pacific region (by identifying research gaps and new directions)

• To strengthen links between the science community and policy makers (through outputs as science book and management document)
APN effectively brought their national focal points and scientists together this year by holding joint sessions at the 9th IGM/SPG Meetings in Canberra.

This effort will be continued in all future annual meetings.
“As a regional forum bringing together policy-makers and researchers on practical, policy-relevant research and capacity building, the APN is making an invaluable contribution to our ability to respond to global change.”

(Statement: Howard Bamsey, CEO, Australian Greenhouse Office)
Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN)  
Australian Greenhouse Office (AGO)  

Free, one-day symposium on  
GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH  

March 23, 2004, 10am to 5:30pm  
Theatrette, Australian Greenhouse Office,  
John Gorton Building,  
King Edward Terrace, Canberra  

Observations of the world’s physical and biological environment have shown clearly that change to these earth systems is underway. In the first instance, issues such as ozone depletion, climate change, salination of coasts and waterways, etc, have grown out of observations and process studies of these systems. Similarly, attention to the biological systems has shown issues relating to the loss of biodiversity, deterioration of ecosystem function and feedbacks between the biologic and the physical systems are matters of global and regional change. Somewhat more recently, the connection of these changes to the human dimensions of population growth and resource demands have been studied. All of this work, referred to as global change science, underpins our potential to provide integrated and sustainable options for the future.  

This Symposium is a celebration of the achievements of the Australian global change research community, presenting a small set of examples of achievements and aspirations.  

We invite colleagues from the global change research community and those with policy development responsibilities to join us in this celebration on the occasion of the first annual meeting of the APN Governmental Management Group and its Scientific Steering Committee.  

The program will include:  

- Australia’s approach to climate change  
  Howard Bence, AGO  
- Science of Australia’s greenhouse accounting system  
  Dr Gayle Richards, AGO  
- Cape Grim: a 25-year record of the atmosphere  
  Dr Graeme Pedder, CSIRO  
- Coral reefs and global change: emerging knowledge and management responses  
  Dr Paul Marshall, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority  
- Changing landscapes – emerging issues  
  Dr Graham Harris, CSIRO  
- Climate modeling in Australia  
  Dr Mike McCardy, Bureau of Meteorology  
- Global change and the carbon cycle  
  Dr Michael Rayner, IPCC Project Office  
- Adaptation, vulnerability and integrated risk assessment  
  Dr Roger Jones, CSIRO  

Participants and their institutions are encouraged to bring materials to the Symposium that promote and display their respective contributions to Australian Global Change Research.  

If you are interested in providing such material, please contact Dr Graeme Reurnan (greurnan@csiro.au) about how this might be best achieved.  

For more details on APN see www.apn.org.au
APN’s continued participation at the APCC is hopefully an indication of APN as a leading network that promotes climate change research and enhances the scientific capabilities of countries in the Asia-Pacific region.
Thank You!
History of the APN

- 1990  White House Conference on Science and Economics Research Related to Global Change
- 1992-95  Planning Workshops
- 1996  Official Launch
- 1997  First Call for Proposals
- 1999  Adoption of the APN Strategic Plan 1999-2004
- 1999  Dedicated Secretariat Established in Kobe
- 2000  Initiation of Networking and Capacity Building Programme
- 2002  Adoption of the ‘Framework of the APN’
- 2003  Launch of the CAPaBLE Programme
- 2004  Evaluation Process and Second Strategic Plan
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Integration across disciplines, values and time imposes need for change
Evaluation of APN Activities (First Phase, 1995-2004)

Objectives:

1) to review and summarise APN activities

2) to assess the strengths and weaknesses of APN activities (scientific and institutional)

3) to reflect the lessons learnt and incorporate them into the second strategic plan
Second Strategic Plan (2005-2009)

Objectives:

1) to update the vision shared by stakeholders for APN’s mission, priorities, activities and funding

2) to identify key issues for the improvement of APN operations based upon past experience of the APN

3) to work out how identified issues are best addressed and tackled in consultation with stakeholders

4) to establish a more sound basis for APN’s short- and long-term operations