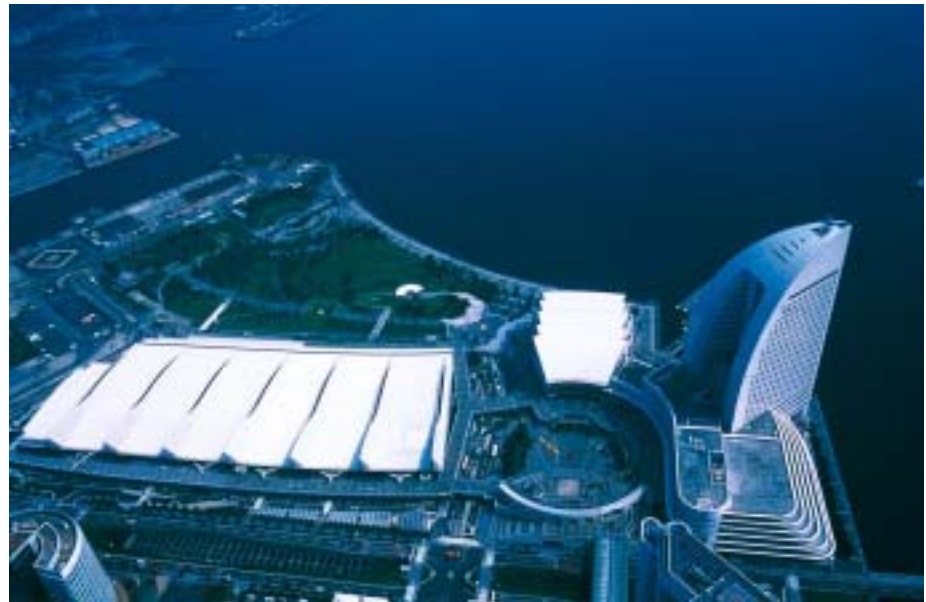


The 15th Asia-Pacific Seminar on Climate Change &
The Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on Art.6 of the Convention

Chairperson's Guidance on how to enjoy your event

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Welcome to Yokohama!

- The Asia-Pacific Seminar on Climate Change has served as a unique forum for policy makers in the region.
- The organizers are very pleased to have you here today as a participant.
- To ensure that you will enjoy participating in lively discussions, we would like to introduce **key features of the AP Seminar** that run through the entire discussion on the next 5 days.

What are the
Key Features?

Practical Approaches

One of the distinct features of the AP Seminar is its way of discussion. The Seminar has highlighted **practical approaches to tackle climate change**, so that policy makers may obtain “hints” for their efforts at home.

In view of providing useful inputs to participants, the 15th Seminar promotes discussion on practical means, not purely conceptual ones.



Policy, not Politics

AP Seminar is not a forum for negotiation.

While participants include many negotiators, we need to be continuously updated with new information, findings and lessons learnt from activities, studies, surveys, and other practical efforts. And such enhanced understanding will help us move forward to solve real problems.

The Seminar supports exchange of information, views and experience, which enhances effectiveness of policy formulation and implementation.



Regional Cooperation

Regional cooperation is crucial in addressing climate change issues. The Asia-Pacific, being a region of high diversity and rapid economic development, discussion on **approaches to regional and international cooperation** is always a topic of interest for participants.

The Seminar provides participants with opportunities to cooperate with other participants, which are essential to initiate and strengthen partnerships among countries.



Implications for Art.6 Implementation

One extra flavor of the 15th AP Seminar is the joint organization of the Regional Workshop on Art.6 of UNFCCC.

Recognizing the importance of *Education, Training and Awareness Raising* in our efforts to address climate change, the discussion of the 15th Seminar may note the relevance of Art.6 activities in respective topics.



Asian-Pacific Context

The Seminar has become an annual and interesting showcase of climate policies in the region. Recognizing the unique development and the need for further improvement, the Seminar endeavors to deliver “Messages from the Asia-Pacific”.

Key findings are summarized as the Chairperson’s Summary, which is conveyed to other forums in the region and the world.



Objectives

AP Seminar

- Exchange *information, experience and views* on climate change
- Facilitate *further actions* to address climate change both regionally and in respective countries

Article 6 WS

- Share ideas and experiences on national and regional Article 6 activities
- Develop options and strategies for strengthening such activities
- Promote greater regional and international cooperation

Keywords: Education, Training, Public Awareness, Public Participation, Access to Information, International Cooperation

Sustainable Asia-Pacific

Climate Change Initiatives

Mitigation & Co-benefits

CDM

Adaptation

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Barriers and Concerns

1. Lack of awareness of co-benefits and co-costs of mitigation policies and measures
2. Concerns on current CDM with regard to SD
3. Inadequate focus on adaptation strategies
4. Lack of human and institutional capacity

Education, Training and Public Awareness

1. Inclusion of climate change in curricula/integration of climate concerns in consumer education
2. Training of national specialists, training needs & priorities
3. Public participation, access to information, mass media, information clearinghouse
4. Regional/international cooperation in implementation of Article 6/Delhi Work Programme

UNFCCC Article 6/
New Delhi Work
Programme
Regional Workshop

Achievements of the AP Seminar to date

1. Serving as a major regional forum for discussions on climate change
2. Providing a venue for informal exchange of the latest information on policies & best practices
3. Creating opportunities for bilateral/multilateral cooperation among countries in the region
4. Enhancing understanding on practical and policy challenges faced by Asia-Pacific countries
5. Contributing to capacity building and raising policy profile of climate change

What needs to be continued?

- Discuss *regional and country-specific barriers and challenges* in mitigation, CDM, adaptation, and education
- Identify measures to address inadequacies in finance, capacity, technology development and transfer (modalities for regional cooperation)
- Suggest ways to mainstream climate issues in development planning in the region
- Provide feedback to researchers and development practitioners

More importantly,

Continue to identify, discuss and build a common understanding on issues of common interest to the Asia-Pacific!!

Some Specific Suggestions for Discussion from an Asia-Pacific Perspective

Co-benefits of GHG Mitigation

1. Co-benefits in domestic energy sector
2. Co-benefits and co-costs of mitigation policies
3. Practical ways to demonstrate and measure co-benefits
4. Article 6 related efforts

CDM

1. Sustainable development
2. Stakeholder consultations
3. Ways to remove barriers for financing/technology transfer
4. Article 6 related efforts

Adaptation

1. Simpler methods of assessment of vulnerability/adaptation
2. Options for mainstreaming at various levels
3. Practical ways to enhance adaptive capacity
4. Article 6 related efforts

**Let us make this event
fruitful together!!**

Thank you!!!

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