

The 16th Asia-Pacific Seminar on Climate Change

Climate Change and Development
-Asia-Pacific Approach to Climate Friendly and Climate
Change-resilient Society-

-Secretariat's Guidance on how to enjoy your event-

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Welcome to Jakarta!



Welcome to Jakarta!

- 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 help you 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 4 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 16th 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 from Development Issues

One extra flavor of the 16th AP Seminar is that the meeting is considering **the linkages of “Climate Change and Development”** as a cross-cutting issue.

Since region consists of developing countries, the issue of development is region’s preoccupation, together with climate change issues. The complexity of the inter-linkage of the two issues pose a serious challenge to us.



Asia and the Pacific Approach to Sustainable Society with Climate Change Concerns Integrated

Climate Change is a global concern, and not limited to the Asia-Pacific Region. Yet, in the global picture, the Asia-Pacific Region is positioned in a very unique and significant place. Also, many socio-economic aspects of climate change requires policies and measures to take into account of the uniqueness derived from our region.

Also, our efforts to address climate change issue and to achieve sustainable development is very influential to the same being done by other parts of the world.



What else needs to be done now?

- Discuss possible regional approaches to achieve Sustainable Society, integrating climate change and development concerns
- Showcase practical measures to address climate change and development and suggest workable solution/diagnosis for our every days business at home.
- Provide feedbacks to other researchers and development practitioners, as well as other fora for their actions
- Strengthen existing international and regional cooperation activities, by providing useful suggestions from our discusion.

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

The Opportunity Oriented Seminar Triggered Cooperation Activities

Examples of positive results...

**CDM Cooperation between
China and Japan (NDRC
& MOEJ)**

**Australian Greenhouse
Office started contribution
to the process!**

**Replication of CDM
Clearing house in the
Philippines**

**Contribution to UNFCCC
Process (Art. 6 of the
Convention)**

**Developing countries'
domestic governance
structure for replication?**

**Also some donor agencies
are discussing something
further ...**

What comes the next?

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

Thank you!!!