



# **Asia-Pacific Forum for Environment and Development (APFED) and Its Outcomes**

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# What is APFED?

- **Launch:**  
in October 2001  
with the approval of ECO-ASIA 2001
- **Objective:**  
to propose a new and long-term development  
framework for Asia and the Pacific
- **Members:**  
26 experts mainly from Asia and the Pacific region.
- **Chairperson:**  
Mr. Ryutaro Hashimoto, Japan

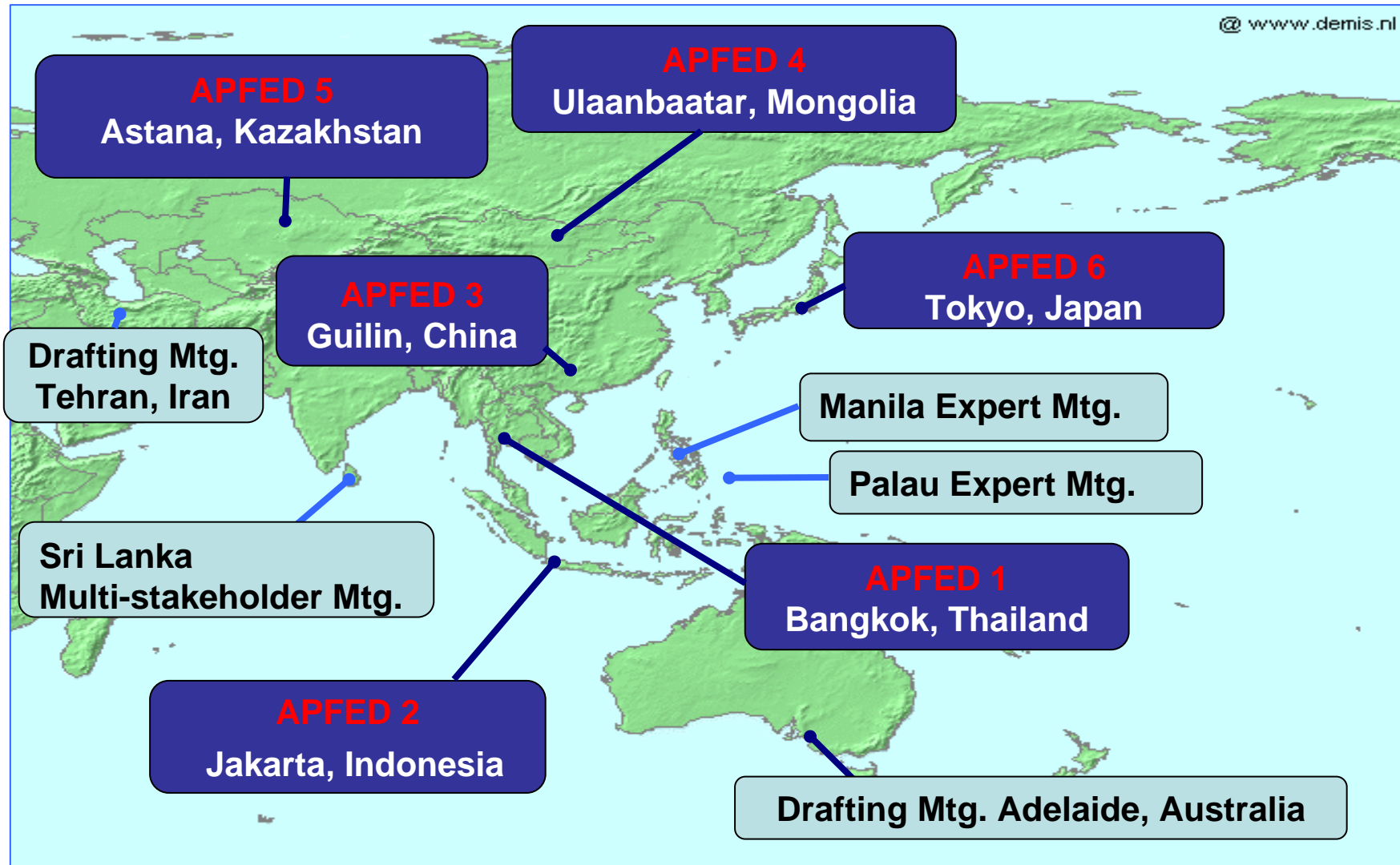


# Uniqueness of APFED

- Variety of background of members
- Participation in individual capacity
- Integration of members' expertise, wisdom, experience & policy successes based on the common future vision



# Hearing Voices from Different Stakeholders in Different Places



# APFED Final Outputs

## ▷ APFED Final Report



1. Overview of the Region
2. Future Vision of the Region
3. APFED Recommendations
4. APFED Action Platform (next step of APFED activities)

# Outputs of APFED Commitments

**Best Policy Practice  
(BPP) Database**

**Capacity Building Programme  
(CBP) Database**



## APFED

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### What's APFED?

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### What's New?

- ▶ 24 May 2004  
High-Level Consultation Meeting will be held in Astana, Kazakhstan
- ▶ 25-26 May 2004  
APFED fifth Substantive Meeting will be held in Astana, Kazakhstan

### — Our Mission —

The Asia-Pacific Forum for Environment and Development (APFED) was established with approval of the 10th Environment Congress for Asia and the Pacific (ECO ASIA 2001) in October 2001 to address critical issues facing Asia and the Pacific region and to propose a model of equitable and sustainable development for the region.

The APFED will discuss major constraints on sustainable development in Asia-Pacific region and examine a framework of sustainable development with a long-term perspective, looking to the year 2025 and beyond.

Recommendations for Sustainable Development in the Asia-Pacific region which will be prepared through deliberation in the APFED process will be presented to the world community at occasions such as the ESCAP Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific, to be held in 2005.

In the middle of the APFED process, APFED formulated its Message to the WSSD in May, 2002. In the Message, the APFED pledged to launch the three new partnership initiatives: "Collection and Analysis of Best Policy Practices related the actions recommended in the Message", "Development of a network of researchers and research institutions", "Create Inventory of Capacity Building Programme in

### Database

- ▶ [Best Policy Practices](#)
- ▶ [Capacity Building Programmes](#)

### BBS

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- ▶ [IGES Top Page](#); Institute for Global Environmental Strategies
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# 1. Overview of the Asia-Pacific Region

## I. State & Perspectives of Social and Economic Factors for Change

- population & urbanization, economic development, poverty & other social concerns, technological development

## II. Signs of Environmental Stress

- transboundary environmental problems like dust & sandstorms, pollution in the regional seas & international rivers, hazardous waste, etc.

## III. Responses to Sustainable Development Challenges

- NGOs, regional cooperation, intergovernmental initiatives, environmental impact assessment, industry

## 2. APFED Future Vision for the Region

### I. Scenarios

- market first, policy first, security-first, sustainability first



### II. Future vision

- path to sustainable societies
- principles for building sustainable societies



“clear vision, strong political will, flexible social partnerships, economically dynamic yet modest in natural resource use, truly participatory, mutual learning, innovation, less materials-intensive, knowledge-based and local-value oriented production & consumption patterns.”

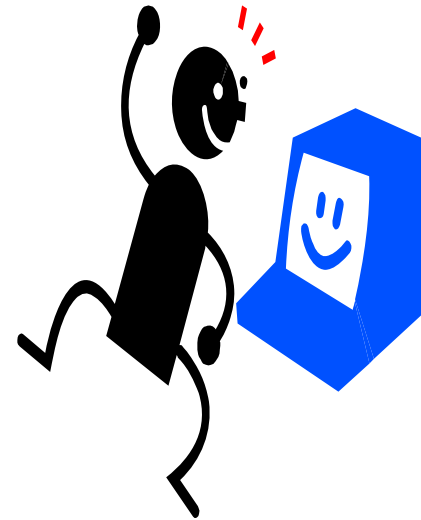




### 3. APFED Recommendations

#### I. Integrated Approach to Sustainable Development

- institutions for environmental democracy
- systems development for partnership
- capacity drive for sustainable development
- innovative finance for sustainability
- international trade
- innovative technologies



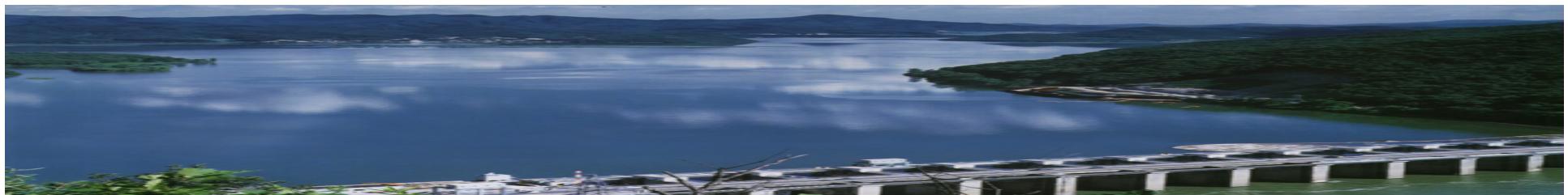
# 3. APFED Recommendations

## II. Multi-stakeholder Partnership

- empowerment of civil society organizations
- eco-drive for the private sector
- public sector to catalyze multi-stakeholder partnership

## III. Major Sectors

- freshwater resources
- marine & coastal resources
- energy and air
- land use management (urbanization, rural development & forest conservation)
- chemical issues



# Key Message



*The challenges facing the Asia-Pacific region remain as daunting as ever, but these challenges can be turned into opportunities if we make conscientious & concerted efforts.*

# APFED Side-Event at MCED2005

## Multi-stakeholder Forum for Equitable and Environmentally Sustainable Society

*Message from the Asia-Pacific:*

*A New Era for Sustainable Development and a Knowledge Network*



*Seoul, Korea*

*27 March 2005*



The APFED Report was presented and welcomed by participants.



Participants discussed the next steps toward successfully implementing the APFED Recommendations.





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**The importance of creating a knowledge-based network linking strategic research institutes in the region was emphasized at the side-event.**



## **In APFED Appeal to MCED**

**APFED expressed its intention to continue to be an advocate for a sustainable Asia-Pacific, seeking implementation of its recommendations in collaboration with like-minded stakeholders.**

**Join the Action!!**







**“We must be the change  
we wish to see in the world.”**

