

International Workshop on Partnership to Strengthen Transparency for co-Innovation

10 March, 2021

Organized by the Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ)
Co-hosted by the ASEAN Secretariat Environmental Division (ASEC-ED)
Secretariat: the Overseas Environmental Cooperation Center, Japan (OECC)

1. Background

To enhance data credibility, each country needs to develop transparent Measuring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) systems for their GHG emissions and reductions which involve non-state actors. Strengthening the transparency cannot be achieved by governments alone, as communication among governments and non-state actors have a crucial role. Under the Paris Agreement, each Party needs to engage in the progress management of its NDC's implementation. For most of developing countries, who are less experienced it is challenging to understand/follow the progress of their own GHG emissions reduction. Therefore, it is important that coherence and coordination of actions and support are discussed among different stakeholders.

Since the 1990s the ASEAN Member States (AMS) have been jointly committed to the fight against climate change, and currently there are several climate transparency activities which are targeted for the ASEAN region.

The Partnership to Strengthen Transparency for co-Innovation (PaSTI) initiated by the MOEJ, has been supporting ASEAN countries to strengthen the transparency of GHG data collections from non-state actors since its establishment.

2. Objectives and deliverables

The WS is formulated in two parts. The first half is an open session in a "Virtual Pavilion" which is an online event platform provided by the Ministry of the Environment, Japan. The second half is a closed session only for PaSTI-partners.

2-1. Objectives of the open session

- To stock-take the current efforts to strengthen the GHG transparency in the ASEAN region, and highlights the role of PaSTI among those initiatives.
- To deepen understanding of the importance of promoting private sector engagement in climate transparency efforts, and discuss about the next actions and its challenges for enhancing transparency in the ASEAN region.

2-2. Objectives of the closed session

- To stock-take the current PaSTI projects among PaSTI-partner countries.
- To share experiences and/or expected actions as the grounded approaches on transparency activities in accordance with country specific situations, and explore the possibility to gain support through the PaSTI initiative.

3. Participants

- Government officials from ASEAN Member States
- Representatives from the private sector of ASEAN Member States (Non-state actors)
- Japanese Private Companies especially those who have a supply chain in ASEAN countries
- International organizations
- ASEAN Secretariat
- Technical experts
- International / local consultants

Tentative Agenda (10 MAR 2021)

As of 3 Mar, 2021

Time	Context	Presenter
PaSTI International Workshop @Virtual Pavilion (Open Session)		
8:45-9:00	Registration	
Opening session		
9:00-9:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening remarks (5min*2) Housekeeping Announcement / Ice break-let's play with your avatar (10 min) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Hiroshi Tsujihara Director for International Strategy on Climate Change, Global Environmental Bureau, Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ) Dr. Vong Sok, the Head of Environment Division, ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC)
Session 1: Overview of current climate transparency related activities in the ASEAN Region <i>Participants will be given an update on current ASEAN region wide climate transparency related projects</i>		
9:20-9:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updating current transparency related initiatives in the ASEAN region (5 min) The concept and overview of PaSTI activities in the ASEAN region (10 min) The concept and overview of GSP MRV Network (10min) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Andrew Saw, National Environment Agency (NEA), Singapore Mr. Yuto Tada Section Chief, Global Environmental Bureau, MOEJ Mr. Buddika Hemashantha, Global Support Programmed (GSP) Network Coordinator
Session 2: Climate transparency related activities towards 2030 in the ASEAN Region <i>Panelist will discuss the next steps of climate transparency related activities towards 2030 in the ASEAN region.</i>		
9:45-10:50	<p>Guiding Presentation (15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introducing a variety of MRVs of GHG emission <p>Panel Discussion (40 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Future aspects of climate transparency activities in the ASEAN towards 2030 ✓ Challenges for ASEAN countries <p>Q&A (10min)</p>	<p>Facilitator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Makoto Kato, Member, Board of Directors, Overseas Environmental Cooperation Center (OECC) <p>Speaker</p> <p>Ms. Aya Marabini, Senior Researcher, OECC</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Damiano Borgogno, UNDP Ms. Alyssa Ng, National Climate Change Secretariat (NCCS), Singapore Mr. Jens Radschinski, Regional Collaboration Centre (RCC), UNFCCC Mr. Bonar A. Laureto, Managing Director, Business for Sustainable Development (BSD), Philippines
10:50-10:55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing Remarks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Hiroshi Tsujihara, MOEJ