

**The United States-Japan Workshop on
The Co-benefits of Climate Actions in Asia
UNESCAP, Meeting Room A, Bangkok, Thailand
22 April 2008**

Rationale:

It is widely understood that mitigating greenhouse gases (GHG) from developing countries in Asia is necessary to keep climate change within safe levels. However, developing countries in Asia cannot divert resources from developmental priorities to invest in climate policies. Policies that address climate and developmental concerns simultaneously could help resolve this dilemma. These integrated measures can deliver co-benefits—the developmental benefits of climate actions.

Over the past decade, several studies have concluded that co-benefits could offset the costs of GHG mitigation in Asia. Given the strong concerns over mitigation costs, these findings would presumably influence a wide range of policies in Asia. But while these studies' influence seems likely to spread, thus far their policy impacts have been limited. Understanding the reasons for their limited impacts will require greater dialogue between researchers and policymakers. **This workshop's main goal is to bring researchers and policymakers together to examine obstacles to and opportunities for enhancing the policy impacts of co-benefits in Asia.**

In line with this goal, the workshop aims to achieve three narrower objectives that correspond with the workshop's three sessions:

- 1. Co-benefit Projects in Asia**-Many of the project-based efforts to promote co-benefits in Asia have been coordinated by government agencies or international organizations. In this session, presenters will discuss the status of initiatives that the United States and Japan have launched to estimate co-benefits as well as other programs intended to move from co-benefit awareness to analysis to action in Asia.
- 2. The Co-benefits of Transportation Policies in Asia**-Asia's fastest growing source of carbon emissions is the transportation sector. In this session, participants will discuss both transportation policies with significant co-benefits as well as barriers to realizing those benefits. Particular emphasis will be placed on analyzing these barriers and proposing countermeasures that could help overcome them.
- 3. Co-benefits in the Post-2012 Climate Regime**-While much of the research on co-benefits has focused on domestic policies, there have been a growing interest in the institutional arrangements needed to recognize and reward co-benefits at the international level. Presenters in this panel will offer their impressions of these post-2012 opportunities (such as SD-PAMs or a policy-based CDM) and possible linkages to national and subnational policies in Asia.

Workshop Agenda

09:30-09:40 Welcome Remarks, Scope and Overview: Dr. Ancha Srinivasan, IGES

Session I: Co-benefit Projects in Asia

What is current status of projects on co-benefits and how might these projects enhance their influence on policies in Asia?

Chairperson: Mr. Makato Kato, OECC, Tokyo, Japan
09:40-10:00 Mr. Jack Fitzgerald, USEPA, Washington DC, United States
10:00-10:20 Ms. Akiko Nakagawa, MoEJ, Tokyo, Japan
10:20-10:40 Ms. Sophie Punte, CAI-Asia, Manila, Philippines
10:40-11:00 General Discussion

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

Session II: The Co-benefits of Transportation Policies in Asia

What are the chief obstacles to and opportunities for integrating co-benefits into transportation policies in Asia?

Chairperson: TBD
11:15-11:35 Dr. Shobakhar Dhakal, NIES, Tsukuba, Japan
11:35-11:55 Dr. Heru Sutomo, Pustral, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
11:55-12:30 General Discussion

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-13:50 Dr. Alberto Ayala, CARB, Sacramento, United States
13:50-14:10 Dr. K.V. Ramani, APPCB, Hyderabad, India
14:10-14:30 Mr. Michael Walsh, IGC, Washington DC, United States
14:30-15:00 General Discussion

15:00-15:15 Coffee Break

Panel Discussion: Co-benefits in the Post-2012 Climate Regime

How can we better recognize and reward co-benefits in the post-2012 climate regime?

Chairperson: Dr. Ancha Srinivasan, IGES, Hayama, Japan
15:15-15:35 Dr. Hu Tao, SEPA, Beijing, China, University of Oregon, United States
15:35-15:55 Ms. Jan Corfee-Morlot, OECD, Paris, France
15:55-16:05 Dr. Kentaro Tamura, UNEP, Bangkok, Thailand
16:05-16:15 Dr. Eric Zusman, IGES, Hayama, Japan
16:15-16:30 Representatives from Asia's Planning/ Environment Ministries
16:30-17:30 General Discussion

18:00- Reception