

Future vision of the AP-Gateway

Essential Elements from Presentations and Discussion

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Integrating Adaptation into Development

- Adaptation needs to be integrated into policy and plans of development.
- Roles of development planning agency is critical in coordinating different ministries in a government into harmonized adaptation policies and measures.
- Effective and efficient adaptation is enabled by sound scientific knowledge basis (eg. Downscaling models using the Earth Simulator) . Information resources such as outcomes of the Earth Simulator are available.
- Environmental ministries can play an important role in helping their partners obtain necessary scientific knowledge to assess vulnerability and move for adaptation.
- Operationalizing adaptation actions in an integrated way requires to take into account of existing development frameworks, budgetary process and other relevant cycles.
- International partners (including donor agencies) have strengthened their menu for capacity-building, financial assistance, science research cooperation etc.

Co-benefits of Climate Change

- Co-benefits present an important window for win-win actions on climate and development.
- The co-benefits approach is most effective in the Asia-Pacific, where the economy is developing rapidly.
- Communication on co-benefits helps build political will.
- Policy decisions must be supported by systematic assessments.
- Policy tools to design and evaluate co-benefits are available. Also some donor agencies initiated and strengthened their support to reduce GHGs with the co-benefits approach.
- To realize tangible co-benefits (GHG reduction benefit & development benefit), it is useful to analyze existing development activities, and check alternative project scenarios
- To make co-benefits projects sustainable, it is essential to assess eligibility vis-à-vis requirements of existing schemes and economic viability.
- Together with project-level efforts, it is important to explore possibilities to introduce the co-benefits approach at policy level is important.

Future Vision of AP Gateway Activities

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Potential Activities 1

Adaptation

- Piling up good practices and information exchange (through Gateway Website)
- Informal domestic communication channels after going back home
(based on existing frameworks if available)

Potential Activities for 2

Co-benefits

- Communication on the co-benefits approach between different stakeholders is necessary (national, local govts, the private sector, etc)
- Survey of Potential Co-benefits Projects
- Use of policy tools: Your feedback is welcome
- Synergies with existing information resources
- Policy dialogue on realizing co-benefits in view of achieving a low carbon society