

## PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES INFORMATION SHEET

### Name of the Partnership/Initiative

Enhancement of regional strategy on climate change through the Asia-Pacific Network on Climate Change (AP-Net)

**Expected date of initiation:** September 2002

**Expected date of completion:** 2005

### Partners Involved: (Tentative)

Governments: Japan, Australia, Cambodia, China, Fiji, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Samoa, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Thailand, Tonga, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu and Vietnam

Intergovernmental organizations: United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

Major groups: Global Environment Center Foundation (GEC) and AP-Net secretariat

Other:

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### Main objectives of the Partnership/Initiative

Greenhouse gases emissions from the Asia-Pacific region are increasing while climate change can have serious impact on some countries in the region. In order to implement the UNFCCC and the Kyoto Protocol, which is a first step for addressing climate change, the region requires fruitful policy dialogues among countries. Further, it needs to develop and implement a regional strategy addressing climate change. The Asia-Pacific Network on Climate Change (AP-Net) aims to facilitate policy dialogue, exchange of experiences, data, and information among all relevant actors in the region to build institutional capacity. The AP-Net has been operational since 1998, as both a gateway website and an individual website. The partnership will be formed to elaborate the AP-Net cooperatively and utilise it for implementation of joint activities among participant countries and organization.

**Expected results:**

The partnership is expected to achieve the following results:

- (1) Improved capacity of partner developing countries in implementing UNFCCC and the Kyoto Protocol, including, collection, analysis, and dissemination of climate change related information, such as CDM information, via the internet;
- (2) Information cost reduction for not only countries but also prospect stakeholders (e.g. private companies);
- (3) Development and implementation of regional strategy on climate change with appropriate and sufficient information

**Specific targets of the Partnership/Initiative and timeframe for their achievement:**

Further strengthening the existing functions of the AP-Net, the partnership will specifically target the followings:

- Establishment of a clearinghouse for the UNFCCC and the Kyoto Protocol related information, focusing on issues specific to the Asia-Pacific region (2002)
- Capacity building, including, launch of an e-learning system for promotion of knowledge related to CDM and other GHGs abatement projects (2002) and other themes such as adaptation (2003)
- Information gathering of climate-friendly technologies (2003)
- Database of existing GHG inventories, CDM and other GHGs abatement projects and each country's related information (2004-2005)
- Strategy development, review and improvement of the network (2005)

**Coordination and Implementation mechanism**

The AP-Net, sponsored by the Ministry of the Environment (MOE), Japan, and supported by ESCAP, will be improved regularly, based on comments and requests from participant countries. Results of the ongoing programs, including CDM feasibility studies, will be input into the AP-Net. AP-net will work in close collaboration with existing bodies under the UNFCCC and other institutions to avoid duplication of effort. The progress will be discussed annually at the Asia-Pacific Seminar on Climate Change which is organized by the MOE, ESCAP and the hosting country. The Seminar will function as the coordination and implementation place of the partnership. The 2003 Seminar is scheduled to take place in Miyazaki, Japan.

**Arrangements for funding**

Ministry of the Environment, Japan

**Arrangements for capacity building and technology transfer**

Capacity building and technology transfer will be made through training programs and seminars, such as the Asia-Pacific Seminar on Climate Change.

**Links of Partnership/Initiative with on-going sustainable development activities at the international and/or regional level (if any)**

The AP-Net has links with some on-going programs on climate change and will develop more links in the future.

**Monitoring Arrangements**

AP-Net will be a dynamic website, monitored and improved regularly. Monitoring will be conducted in collaboration with participating countries.

**Other relevant information:**

Web-site (if available): <http://www.ap-net.org/index.htm>

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