

PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES INFORMATION SHEET

Name of the Partnership/Initiative

SOUTH EAST ASIA CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE FOR YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN ECO-VILLAGES

Expected date of initiation: January 2003

Expected date of completion: (initial piloting stage ends December 2005 but self sustaining results of this initiative shall operate continuously and support the creation of new initiatives in other areas of expansion and mainstreaming)

Partners Involved:

Governments:

Republic of the Philippines
Kingdom of Thailand
Republic of Indonesia
Republic of Malaysia
Republic of Singapore

Intergovernmental organizations:

Association of South East Asia Nations (ASEAN)

Major groups:

World Assembly of Youth (WAY)
Global Alliance for Youth Employment (GAYE)
Global Youth ACTION Network (GYAN)
International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI)
International Cooperative Alliance (ICA)
Earth Council
TakingIT Global

Others:

APEC Education Foundation
United National Development Program (UNDP) – Capacity 2015 Program
United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) – Youth Program
Global Environment Fund

Leading Partner:

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Main objectives of the Partnership/Initiative

Please provide a brief description:

This initiative aims to pilot at the sub-regional level a self-sustaining capacity development mechanism for the continuous and direct involvement of local and national youth organizations in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of community-level (village level) sustainable development efforts (eco-village initiatives) in 10 pilot communities in each of the following target countries in the South East Asia Sub region: Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore.

The initiative will link both information and community organizing technologies to facilitate through capacity development interventions, the transformation of existing local community groups supported by national youth networks to self sustaining and politically strong youth cooperatives or enterprises engage in sustainable livelihood in such eco-preneurial (conservation-based) enterprises as: a) community-based coastal resource management, b) community-based forest management, c) community-based sustainable agriculture, d) community based ecological solid waste management and e) community-based eco-tourism.

The information generated and manage through an electronic information system once transformed into non-electronic forms of information sharing tools useful and usable at the community level can then be used both for accessing relevant information and opportunities and as a marketing & promotions mechanism for the products and services that will eventually be developed out of the expected community youth-led eco-enterprises to sustain the respective operations of the target community youth groups.

This initiative will substantially contribute to achieving the following objectives set in Chapter 25 (Youth and Children in Sustainable Development) of Agenda 21 which read:

25.4. Each country should, in consultation with its youth communities, establish a process to promote dialogue between the youth community and Government at all levels and to establish mechanisms that permit youth access to information and provide them with the opportunity to present their perspectives on government decisions, including the implementation of Agenda 21

25.6. Each country should undertake initiatives aimed at reducing current levels of youth unemployment, particularly where they are disproportionately high in comparison to the overall unemployment rate.

As for the Millennium Development Goals, this initiative shall substantially contribute to the target of developing and implementing strategies to realize "...decent and productive work for youth" while contributing also to "... integrat(ing) the principles of sustainable development into country policies and program and reverse the loss of environmental resources"

Expected results:

At the end of five years, it is expected that at least 50 fully developed, self sustained and politically strong youth eco-enterprises would have been set-up and would begin to pay a users' fee for the continued use of the electronic information and training mechanisms to further develop their capacities and to provide substantial marketing and promotions mechanisms for their products and services, thus leading to the sustainability of the sub-regional mechanism.

Specific targets of the Partnership/Initiative and timeframe for their achievement:	
<u>Phase 1: Inception</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify potential youth organization partners and communities where this piloting project can be implemented through the conduct of National Youth Compendium in each participating countries Conduct of baseline research and capacity development needs assessment. Resource mobilization for local and national counterpart 	Year 1 – 1 st half (6 months) Continuing...
<u>Phase 2: Setting up the Information Clearing House Mechanism</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of an interactive website and global electronic email list serve and e-forum systems on youth involvement in community sustainable development based (for youth, academe, funding institutions, experts, international development institutions, others) Development of national non-electronic information clearing house mechanism that will transform the electronic-based information into community-friendly and useful information sharing tools (newsletter, community radio ads, PA system script, posters, manuals and others) 	Year 1 – 2 nd half (6 months)
<u>Phase 3: Conduct of Community Organizing and Trainings on Sustainable Livelihood</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct on the fundamental principles and practice of sustainable development and sustainable integrated area development, including community-based natural resource management Conduct of organizational development interventions to strengthen the capability of each target youth organizations (planning, projects development, network building, organizations management-financial, human resource, others) Conduct of skills training on community-based natural resources management Conduct of skills training on sustainable livelihood in service& production, product/service development and marketing Conduct of skills in sustainable development advocacy and green governance 	Year 2
<u>Phase 4: Provision of Necessary Support to Enhance Sustainable Livelihood Enterprise Development and Business Incubation</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of support to develop viable business plan based on market and production studies conducted Provision of Micro Credit mechanism Provision of marketing support and promotions Transforming the information clearing house mechanisms (both electronic and non-electronic) in to marketing and promotions mechanism for eco-enterprise products and services (e.g. ecotour packages, organic farm produce) 	Year 3 to 5
<u>Phase 5: Case Study Building and Sustainability Testing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development and institutionalization of users' fee mechanism for the continued use of the relevant information clearing house mechanism Conduct of field validation and impact studies to develop case studies on best practices and learning from failed interventions as well as validate implementation tools and manuals developed 	2 nd half of 5 th year

Coordination and Implementation mechanism

At the Sub-Regional Level

A project coordination council shall be set-up among representatives of each project involved supported by a Project Secretariat shall be set-up to provide overall direction of the initiative. The project secretariat shall develop and manage the electronic based information clearing house mechanism

At the National Level

A multi-stakeholder (government, business and civil society) country youth network shall be built upon the closest existing social structure to act as national implementing mechanisms. They shall provide the training aspects of the project, as well as provide financial management and project monitoring and evaluation. The country network shall be supported by a full-time secretariat composed of youth development professionals and volunteers

At the Local Level (Village Level)

A local youth organization, preferable a network or coalition of various smaller community-based groups shall be identified through the initial phase of the project to be frontline implementers and beneficiaries of the project. They shall be governed by a structure and mechanism that they themselves have identified and institutionalized.

Arrangements for funding

Areas	Potential Donor/Sources of Funds	
Skills Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNDP Capacity 2015 Program • UNEP Youth Program • Earth Council • Global Environment Fund • International Cooperative Alliance • Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) 	
Credit Facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Corporate Sponsors • Local Government Units • International Cooperative Alliance • Global Environment Fund 	
Information Clearing House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APEC-Education Foundation • TakingIT Global • Global Alliance for Youth Employment (GAYE) • Global Youth ACTION Network (GYAN) 	
Secretariat Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth, Employment, Environment, Rural Development Ministries of each participating country and/or Office of the President/Prime Minister • International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) • World Assembly of Youth (WAY) • Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) 	

Arrangements for capacity building and technology transfer

The skills training needs shall be provided primarily by the members of the partnerships based in their respective areas of competencies. Technology transfer shall also be facilitated together with skill trainings to be conducted by the following partners:

Areas of Training	Potential Partners
Multi-Stakeholder Approach to Sustainable Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Council • International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI)
Cooperative and Enterprise Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) • Global Alliance on Youth Employment
Community-Based Natural Resource Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respective Governments, UNEP, UNDP
Organizational Development & Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) • World Assembly of Youth (WAY) • Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)
Information Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TakingIT Global
Youth Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Youth ACTION Network
Sustainable Development Education and Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNEP • National Civil Society Sustainable Developments Networks • Respective Governments

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

Monitoring Arrangements

Local level project monitoring shall be conducted monthly via site visitation and validation by the project coordinator in each of implementing youth organization. Monthly monitoring reports shall be submitted to the Country Network Secretariat.

The Country Network Secretariat shall convene a quarterly monitoring meeting among the council members of the network where they will present a quarterly update report which will also be posted in the project website and circulated through newsletter.

The Project Multi-Stakeholder Council will be convened annually to review and assess the overall implementation of the project. Validation teams will be organized by the Council after 3 years and every year thereafter to visit all selected sites.

At the last half of the 5th year of the initiative, five validation and documentation teams will be organized by the council and sent to the five participating countries to meet with the National Network and conduct some key site visits and dialogues.

Other relevant information:

Web-site (if available):

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