

Fifteenth Asia-Pacific Seminar on Climate Change
and
Asia and the Pacific Regional Workshop on the Implementation of UNFCCC Article 6
(Education, Training and Public Awareness)

Yokohama, Kanagawa, Japan
11 -15 September 2005

Tentative agenda for the Fifteenth Asia-Pacific Seminar on Climate Change
(Days 1, 2 and 5)

Introduction

1. The Ministry of the Environment of Japan has been convening the Asia-Pacific Seminar on Climate Change since the early 1990s in support of regional efforts to address climate change. The seminar has been steadily growing in significance as a regional forum to promote awareness and exchange experiences on many issues of common interest to Asia-Pacific.
2. Many countries in the Asia-Pacific region, both at a national and international level, have made substantial efforts to address climate change in many ways. The Asia-Pacific Seminar offers an opportunity to discuss these achievements at a regional level, and increase awareness and understanding of the lessons they offer as countries continue to develop their responses to climate change.
3. The Fifteenth Asia-Pacific Seminar on Climate Change will be organized back-to-back with the Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on Article 6 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. In this context, in addition to its regular activities to discuss climate change issues, the Seminar is also expected to provide an effective vehicle for the Regional Workshop, where participants will exchange views and experiences on the issues relating to education, training and public awareness in the field of climate change.
4. Documents from previous Asia-Pacific Seminars can be found at www.ap-net.org. Also, the substantive aspects will be developed in consultation with participants. To promote active participation and enhance ownership in discussion, your representative may be contacted by the Secretariat of the Seminar to provide a presentation on their area of expertise.

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Purpose and objectives

5. The objective of the Asia-Pacific Seminar is to provide a forum for the countries of the Asia-Pacific region, as well as international organizations working in the region, to share information and build relationships in an informal working environment. In addition to informative presentations, the seminar programme will allow ample time for questions and discussion, so that all participants can contribute to the proceedings and the opportunities for learning from the experiences of others will be greater.
6. Participants are also encouraged to explore the possibility of providing insights to the

Regional Workshop on Article 6 of the Convention, through the exchange of views and experience in each respective thematic issue to be discussed in the Seminar (see agenda below) .

Expected outcomes

7. It is expected that participants will leave the seminar with an enhanced understanding of the breadth of activities in the Asia-Pacific region, and an awareness of the lessons to be learned from the experiences of countries and organizations in the Asia-Pacific region.
8. The proceedings of the seminar will be documented in:
 - 8.1. Chairperson’s Summary, which will include summary of the discussions; and
 - 8.2. Seminar proceedings including Chairperson’s Summary and relevant papers to be presented at the Seminar
9. A separate report will be prepared for the Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on Article 6 of the Convention.

Tentative Agenda of the Fifteenth Asia-Pacific Seminar on Climate Change

Day 1: Sunday, 11 September 2005

Each substantive session will focus on one or two sub-themes of under the agenda item. In order to ensure discussion in a focused manner, first a key presentation of issues will be delivered, followed by 2-3 presentations to support the key presentation. Then, participants will have round-table discussion.

Opening session	
10:00-	Opening Remarks by the Organizers
	Coffee Break
Session I – Co-benefits of GHG Mitigation Efforts	
10:40-	✓ Introductory Remarks/Key Presentation of Issues
	✓ Presentations of Information to Support the Key Presentation
	Discussion
	Lunch
	Continuation of Session I
Session II – Clean Development Mechanism	
14:30-	Part I- Identifying CDM opportunities
	✓ Introductory Remarks/Key Presentation of Issues
	✓ Presentations of Information to Support the Key Presentation
	Discussion
	Coffee Break

	Part II- Promoting CDM in business mode
	✓ Introductory Remarks/Key Presentation of Issues
	✓ Presentations of Information to Support the Key Presentation
	Discussion
17:00	Conclusions of day 1
Reception hosted by Kanagawa Prefecture and Yokohama City	

Day 2: Monday, 12 September 2005

Session III – Strategies for Adaptation to Climate Change in the Asia-Pacific Region	
9:00-	Part I-Mainstreaming adaptation planning
	✓ Introductory Remarks/Key Presentation of Issues
	✓ Presentations of Information to Support the Key Presentation
	Discussion
	Coffee Break
	Part II- Managing climate risks
	✓ Introductory Remarks/Key Presentation of Issues
	✓ Presentations of Information to Support the Key Presentation
	Discussion
	Lunch
Study Tour to be organized by Kanagawa Prefecture and Yokohama City	
18:30	Conclusions of day 2

Day 3(Tuesday, 13) and Day 4 (Wednesday, 14 September) will be allocated for the Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on Article 6 of the Convention. For Information on the Workshop, please see “Tentative Agenda of Asia Pacific Regional Workshop on the Implementation of UNFCCC Article 6 (Education, Training and Public Awareness)” distributed together with this paper.

Day 5:Thursday, 15 September 2005

<p>Final Session of the Events – Joint Wrap-up of the Asia-Pacific Seminar on Climate Change and the Regional Workshop on the Article 6 of the Convention “Voice from the Asia-Pacific “</p>
