

## **APN INSTITUTIONAL AGENDA**

### **Involvement of Member Countries**

It is important that each member continues to recognise the APN as an inter-governmental network that belongs to all of its members and is actively involved in addressing regional and national global change research priorities.

The APN's strategies are to:

1. Continue to strengthen member countries' sense of ownership and assist them in facing the challenges presented by global change;
2. Encourage member countries' representatives to play an active role in promoting the APN programmes at the national, regional and international levels; and
3. Enhance year-round communications among all APN stakeholders.

### **Alignment with Programmes of the Global Change Community**

The APN believes that working in partnership with other organisations involved in global change research and policy development is essential to maximise available resources and to deliver the best possible results. Currently, APN's key partners include: **1)** APN's sister organisation - Global Change SysTEM for Analysis, Research and Training (START); **2)** The International Council for Science (ICSU)'s Global Change Programmes – the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (IGBP), the International Human Dimensions Programme on Global Environmental Change (IHDP), the International Programme of Biodiversity Science (DIVERSITAS), the World Climate Research Programme (WCRP) and their Earth System Science Partnership (ESSP), and the ICSU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ICSU-ROAP); **3)** APN's sister network(s) – the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI) and, potentially, the African Network for Earth System Science (AfricanNESS); and **4)** Global Earth Observations. Moreover, opportunities inside and outside the Asia-Pacific region are constantly emerging for the APN to find new synergies (for funding, research, and network building, etc.).

The APN's strategies are to:

1. Communicate and collaborate closely with organisations in the global change community to achieve shared goals. Such collaboration will include joint research projects, scientific capacity development activities, science-policy interfacing, enabling Asia-Pacific participation at international conferences, scoping workshops and developing and strengthening networks of scientists and policy-makers. In order to build momentum, whenever possible, the APN will plan joint activities using a multi-year timeframe (e.g. two to three years);
2. Encourage APN-initiated and APN-funded projects to proactively seek collaboration with institutes and organisations that provide co-sponsorship and in-kind contributions. APN will also seek the active involvement of host institutions;
3. Consider entering into formal arrangements with partners, where appropriate; and
4. Consider establishing partnerships with institutions outside the Asia-Pacific region that have an interest in global change research and scientific capacity development being conducted inside the region.

### **Financial Resources**

The APN's strategies are:

1. The APN will implement its Resources Development Strategy and the Steering Committee, in particular, will coordinate resources development and will look into diversifying APN funding resources, encouraging more financial and in-kind contributions from members, and strengthening the matching-fund mechanism.

2. With continued generous support (financial and in-kind contributions) from the Hyogo Prefectural Government, the APN Secretariat will remain in Kobe. APN will also continue to extend its relationship with Hyogo Prefecture in areas of common interest.

### **Communications and Outreach**

The APN will implement its Communications Strategy including developing new communication tools, organising outreach activities, establishing/strengthening partnerships, and raising APN visibility.

### **Developing the Network and Institutional Arrangements**

The APN will develop mechanisms that will strengthen the engagement/involvement of non-member countries and organisations in APN activities in an effective and efficient manner.

The Framework document will be updated as appropriate to address the development of APN.