

# Setting the Scene Roles & Objectives

Dr. Linda Anne Stevenson

**APN, LoCARNet and AIT-RRC.AP Capacity Building Workshop  
And Science-Policy dialogue on Climate Change:  
Low Carbon and Adaptation Initiatives in Asia**

# Objectives of the Dialogue

**These are simple. There are only five:**

- ✓ To hear about **Low Carbon Initiative Projects'** outputs from APN's Low Carbon Initiatives Framework (LCI) as well as APN projects on adaptation/mitigation under our CRRP research programme
- ✓ To listen to perspective on low carbon development from **policy makers**
- ✓ To hear about regional programs such as ICLEI South and Southeast Asia's perspective on Low Carbon Development as well as ADAPT Asia's initiatives in the Asia-Pacific region
- ✓ To share **knowledge & best practices in 3 areas:**
  - **Science-Policy Interactions**
  - **Knowledge Management**
  - **Communication & Networking**
- ✓ To **network, communicate, make friends through game playing** and **build relationships** that last.



# Activities & Engagement: **Everyone has a Role!**

- ✓ Keynote presentation from (**one of our champions**) Dr. Shobhakar Dhakal
  
  - ✓ Rapid Talks around 3 main themes:
    - ❑ APN LCI Framework Projects
    - ❑ Cases studies from other LCD Projects run by APN
    - ❑ Adaptation and Mitigation under the Paris Agreement
  
  - ✓ Interactive Panel Sessions
  
  - ✓ Participatory game on resilience to climate impacts
  
  - ✓ Café Kiosks (**look at the back of your name tag**)
    - ✓ **Science-Policy**
    - ✓ **Knowledge Management**
    - ✓ **Communication and Networking**
  
  - ✓ Panel and Roundtable Discussions
- 

# Successfully addressing regional-level climate issues in the Asia-Pacific region requires some basics

- ✓ **UNDERSTANDING:** regional and cultural diversities that exist in the region; traditional knowledge is powerful (one size does not fit all)...
- ✓ **CREATING:** opportunities for informal dialogues with stakeholders at sub-regional levels (addressing common issues, builds trust sense of ownership and less intimidating)...
- ✓ **ENGAGING:** in activities that involve all stakeholders and engaging in and listening to those who are most at risk...
- ✓ **SHARING & COMMUNICATING:** the most important factor across the region is the human factor: sharing information, data, transferring knowledge, experiences and best practices...

# History & Content of Science-Policy Dialogues

## 1. Thailand, Bangkok mid-2013 (Southeast Asia)

- Science-policy
- Knowledge management
- Networking and communication

## 2. Bhutan, January 2015 (South Asia)

- Science-policy
- Knowledge management
- Networking and communication

## 3. Mongolia, November 2015 (East Asia)

- Science-policy
- Knowledge management
- Networking and communication



# BHUTAN SPD





# Science-Policy Effectiveness



1. Mechanism is needed to monitor and evaluate research findings that have been effective on the ground in developing policy and REWARD such incentives.
2. Intermediate agents need to take an active role to narrow gaps in communication between policy makers and scientific community
3. For science-policy dialogues to be more attractive, involvement of a champion is desirable
4. Regional dialogues provide opportunities to gain knowledge from other countries and scientific studies

# Outcomes & Outputs

## ✓ **Expected Outcomes:**

1. Dialogue at the sub-regional levels of South and Southeast Asia were participants don't feel that they are representing their institutions' or parties' perspectives
2. "Serious" fun through interactive games and café carousels
3. Shared understanding on **Low Carbon Initiatives and Adaptation in South Asia and Southeast Asia and under the Paris Agreement**
4. Strengthen interactions among scientists and policy makers.
5. understanding the uncertainty of environmental changes and boosting the importance on low carbon society, adaptation, preparedness

## ✓ **Expected Outputs:**

1. Questionnaire feedback on usefulness of dialogue (this will be sent to participants later)
  2. Science-Policy Dialogue "Policy Brief" for dissemination
  3. Contribution to the Synthesis of dialogues in the Asia-Pacific region.
- 

ขอขอบคุณ

**THANK YOU**

