

Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN)

20 years of policy-relevant global change research in the Asia-Pacific region



Bridging Science & Policy
for a Sustainable Asia-Pacific

**14 July 2016, South Asia Media Visit
Sri Lanka**

Structure

- **APN: overview and impact**
- Main activities
- APN Communication and Outreach
- Get involved

What is APN

An inter-governmental network of 22 countries* in the Asia-Pacific fostering **research**, **capacity development** and **science-policy interaction** in the fields of **global change and sustainability**

* *Pacific Island Countries, Singapore, Myanmar and Maldives* are approved countries whose scientists are eligible to receive funding under APN awards.



- ❑ Established 1996 as a US-Japan Initiative
- ❑ Secretariat in **Kobe**, Japan
- ❑ Financial contribution from: **Japan, Republic of Korea and New Zealand**
- ❑ Financial Resources: **US\$ 4.7 Million** (Fiscal year 2016)

Our donors



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Vision

An Asia-Pacific region that is successfully addressing the challenges of global change and sustainability

Goals

Regional Collaborative Research

Capacity Development

Science-Policy Interaction

Partnership with stakeholders

1. **Supporting regional cooperation** in global change research on issues particularly relevant to the region;
2. **Enhancing capabilities** to participate in global change and sustainability research and support science-based decision-making;
3. Strengthening appropriate **interactions among scientists and policy makers**, and providing scientific input to policy decision-making and scientific knowledge to civil society and the public;
4. **Cooperating** with other global change and sustainability networks and organisations.

Work programme, activities, approaches, and partnerships ...

APN-funded projects

Core Programmes

CRRP: Regional collab. research

CAPaBLE: Capacity dev.

Thematic frameworks

LCI: Low Carbon Initiatives

CAF: Climate Adaptation & Disaster Risk Reduction

BES: Biodiversity & Ecosystem Services

APN organised activities

Science-Policy Dialogues

Proposal Development
Training Workshops

Sub-regional meetings

Mitra Award on Global
Change Research

Publication: APN Science
Bulletin, policy briefs, ...

Young scientist support

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Partnerships

UNFCCC
(SBSTA, NWP, L&D)

LoCARNet

IPBES

ICSU

APAN

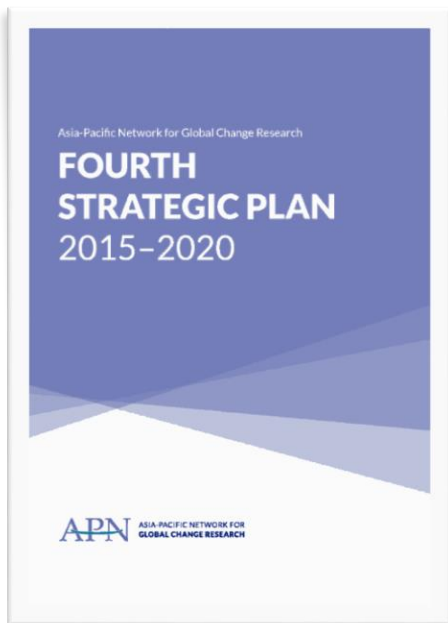
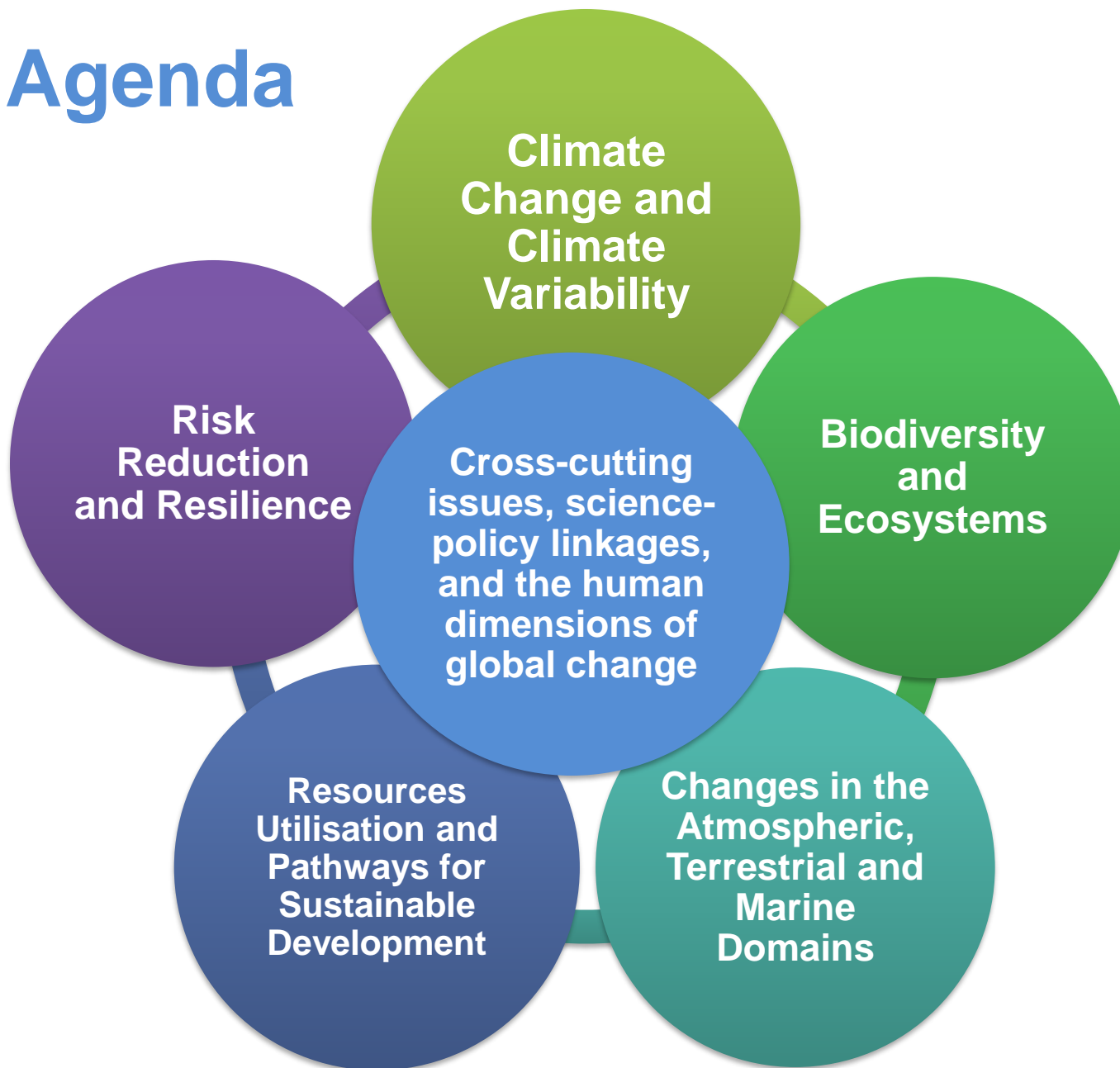
FE Projects

Governments

Dev. agencies

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Research Agenda



<http://apn-gcr.org/r/4sp>

Capacity Development Agenda

Who?

- Young and early career scientists
- Policy makers
- Community leaders
- Resource managers

How?

- CAPaBLE Programme
- Proposal Development Training Workshop
- Science-Policy Dialogue and other forums
- Stakeholder engagement throughout projects
- Mitra Award/poster sessions
- Synthesis and assessments



Science-Policy Agenda

- **APN is committed to:**
 - strengthening evidence-based science-policy linkages
 - informing decision-making
 - enhancing public awareness
- **Science-Policy Dialogues**
 - Bangkok, Thailand (2012)
 - Thimphu, Bhutan (2014)
 - Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (2015)
 - *In collaboration with IPBES (2017)*
- **Synthesis of APN Science-Policy Dialogue Series**



20 Years of Impacts on the Global Change Community

Since 1996:

- ❑ Over 400 projects funded
- ❑ Over \$25 million disbursed for projects
- ❑ Over 60% of projects led by individuals from developing countries

- 182 peer-reviewed publications
- 641 tangible outputs
- 22 (47%) projects directly linked with major GC programmes/projects (WCRP, IHDP, etc)

2010–2015 ARCP (3rd Strategic Phase)

Over **2600** people directly engaged
(scientists, policy makers, practitioners ...)

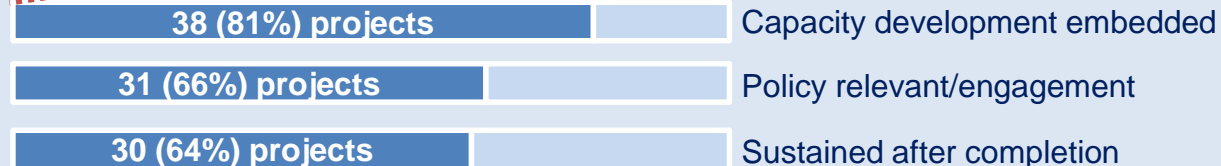
ARCP/CRRP Programme

218

47

218
collaborators

47
project leaders



Source: APN Third Strategic Phase Report (<http://www.apn-gcr.org/resources/items/show/2025>)

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- **43 (47%)** projects were policy-relevant or had policy engagement
- **54 (90%)** projects provided monetary co-finance support

2010–2015 CAPaBLE (3rd Strategic Phase)

60 CAPaBLE Projects

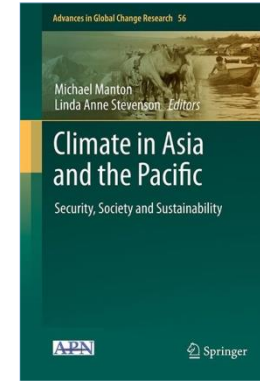
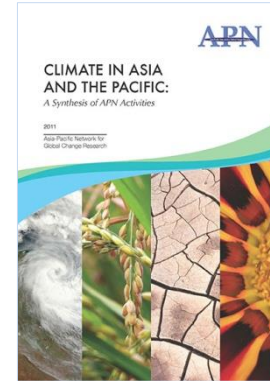
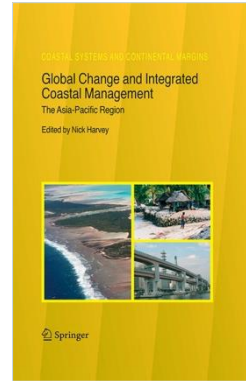
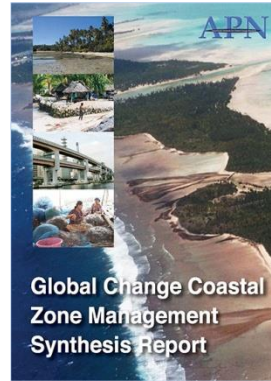
223 workshops/events

4117 people directly engaged

161 publications: proceedings, policy briefs, toolkits, training manuals ...

www.apn-gcr.org/resources/

1998
**1st Regional
 Research Project
 launched**



1996
Founded

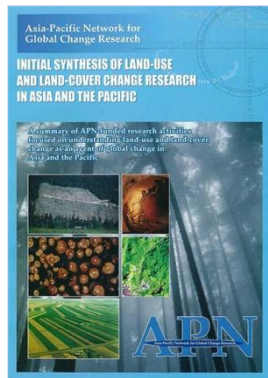
2003
**1st CAPaBLE
 Project
 launched**

2007
\$10m
disbursed

2010
22
members

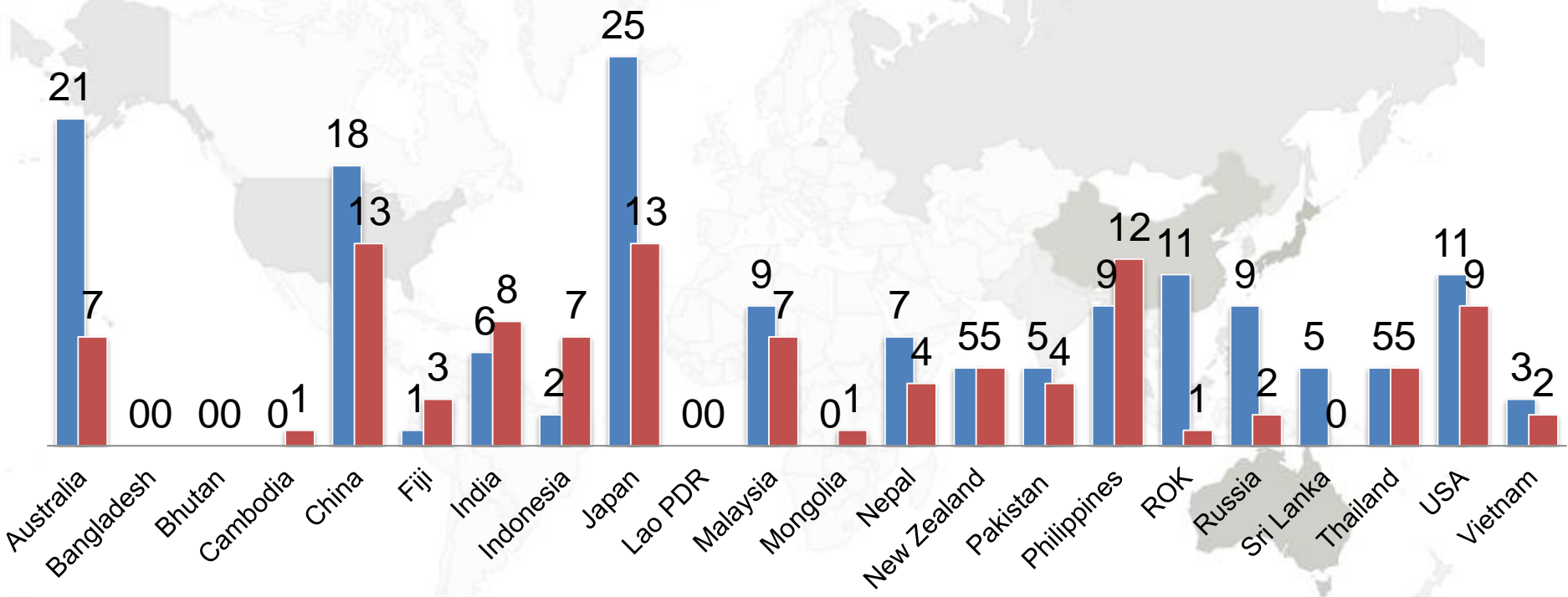
2015
\$25m
disbursed

401
**projects funded
 as of May 2015**



2008-2014 APN Projects: Project Leaders by country

■ ARCP ■ CAPaBLE



- Developing country involvement has increased over the years;
- However, some countries do not have any project leaders yet;
- Need to further increase developing country involvement;
- Co-finance partnerships are a potential way forward that could help achieve this objective.

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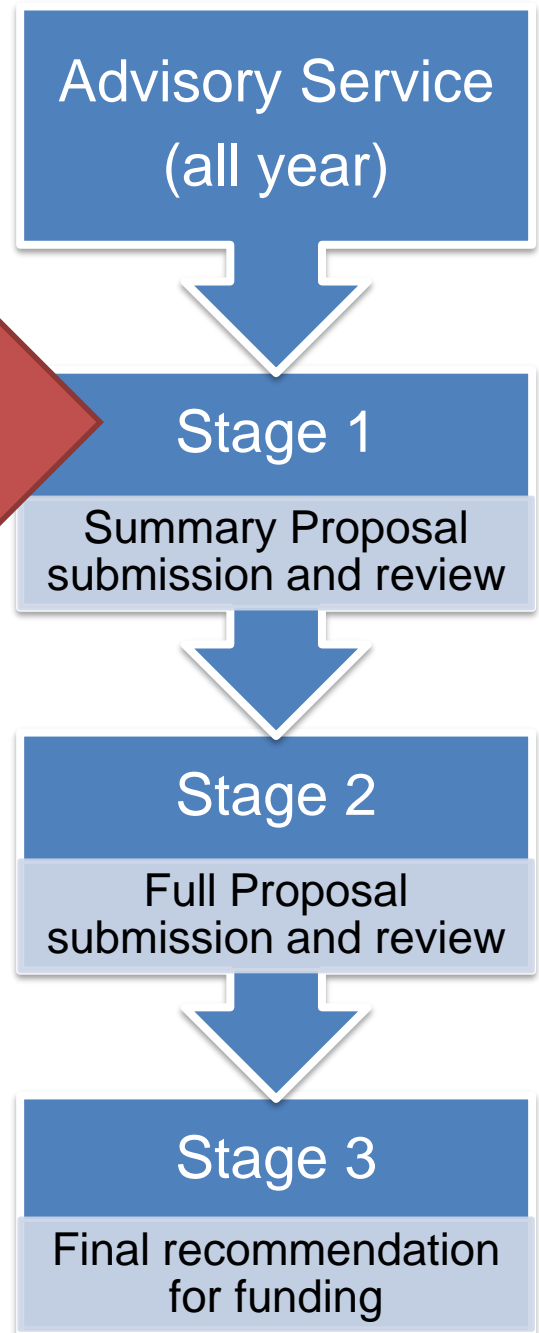
Core Programmes: CRRP & CAPaBLE

APN selects proposals through an **annual calls for proposals process** (normally open in June every year)

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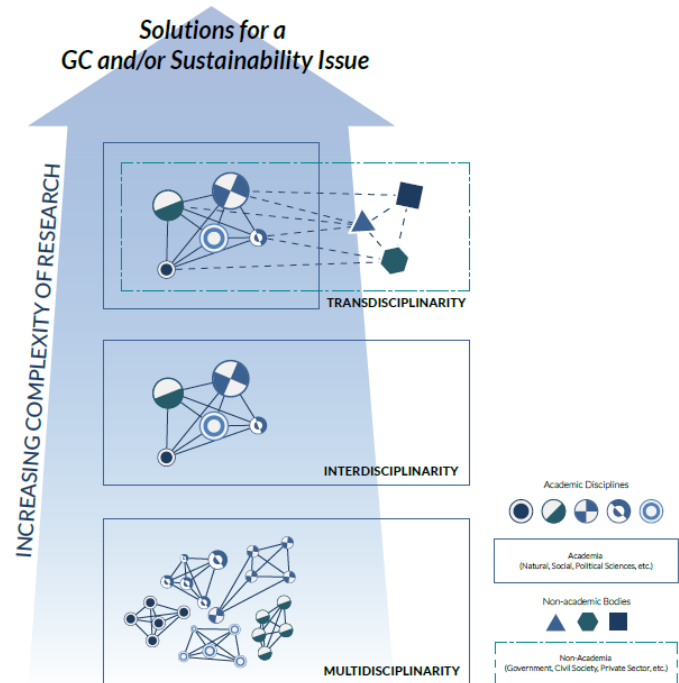
- **CRRP (Collaborative Research Programme)**
 - New research which addresses key scientific areas
 - Synthesis and analysis of existing research
 - Research planning/scoping activities
 - The development of policy products such as integrated assessments, impact assessments, climate models, etc.
- **CAPaBLE (Scientific Capacity Development Programme)**
 - Scientific capacity development for sustainable development
 - Science-policy interfacing
 - Awareness raising activities
 - Knowledge dissemination activities

Now accepting proposals
Apply for funding starting July 2017



Focused Activities

Core programmes	Focused activities
Broad topic (global change)	Specific theme with earmarked funds (CAF, LCI, BES ...)
Research: Synthesis, gap filling, policy tools	Science \Leftrightarrow policy \Leftrightarrow practitioners \Leftrightarrow society
Institutionalised core activities (APN as a funder)	<p>Based on specific member needs (Open role, can be partner, funder, stakeholder)</p> <p>Possible activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - supporting implementation of Paris Agreement (capacity building, technology transfer) - G7 Statement (CC, resource efficiency ...) - NWP - IPBES assessments



Shifting focus towards solutions-oriented research (source: 4th Strategic Plan)

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APN's Communication & Outreach Objectives

- Raise awareness on APN's activities and achievement
- Effectively and widely disseminate solution-oriented outputs, outcomes and findings of APN activities
- Inform about APN's opportunities (funding, partnership)
- Foster effective communication among members
- Facilitate effective communication among researchers, practitioners and other stakeholders

Communication and Outreach Strategy

Communication tools and products:

1. Print media/e-publications (reports, books, information sheets, policy briefs, etc)
2. **Mass media**
3. Electronic media (owned media, social media)
4. Events

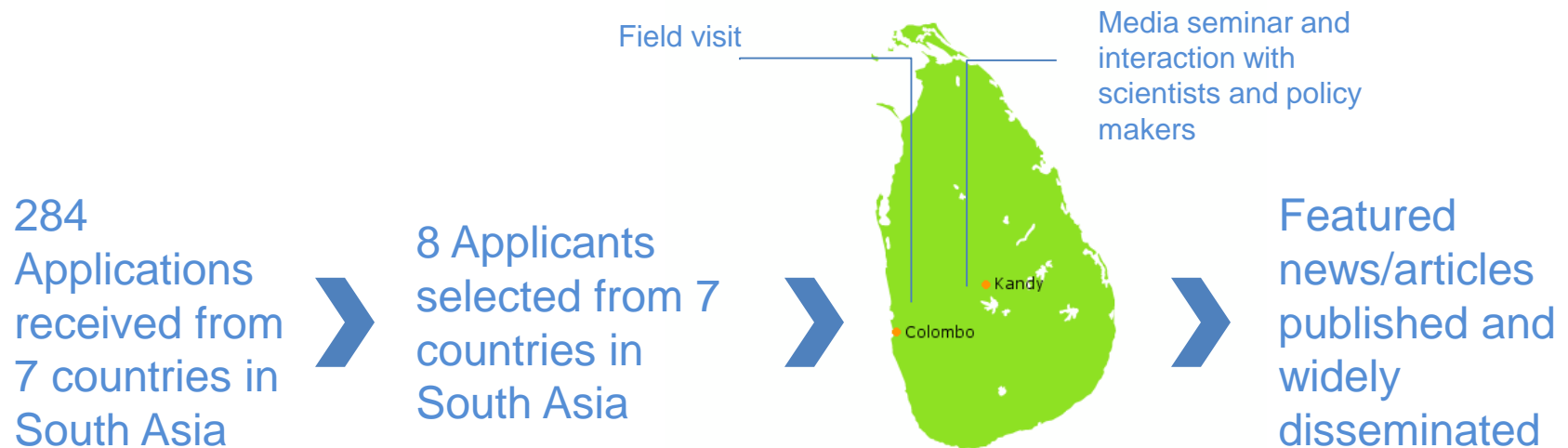
Target Audiences:

1. APN Members, government, international organisations and donors
2. Decision makers and practitioners
3. Scientists, researchers
4. Media
5. Private sector, general public

Engaging **different target audiences** with tailor-designed information using the **most appropriate tools**.

20th Anniversary Celebration – South Asia Media Fellowship Programme

- Inviting young, dynamic Journalists/Media workers/Broadcasters to share findings/knowledge from selected scientific research project
- Raise awareness on environmental issues among non-scientific communities
- Establishing stronger network with media



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Get involved

1. APN 2016 Calls for Proposals (CRRP/CAPaBLE):

- www.apn-gcr.org/call/
- or QR code =>
- Apply by 3 Aug 2016



2. Become an external reviewer

- Review proposals
- Peer reviewer of APN Science Bulletin

3. Become a partner

Thank you!

For more information: <http://www.apn-gcr.org/>

News, announcements and global change community updates.



APN E-Lib: www.apn-gcr.org/resources

Archive of publications, project metadata and outputs of completed/ongoing projects.

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