

Goals

Supporting regional cooperation in global change research on issues particularly relevant to the region

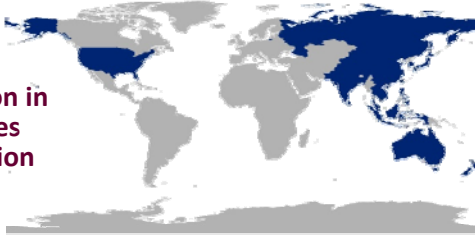


Strengthening appropriate interactions among scientists and policy-makers, and providing scientific input to policy decision-making and scientific knowledge to the public

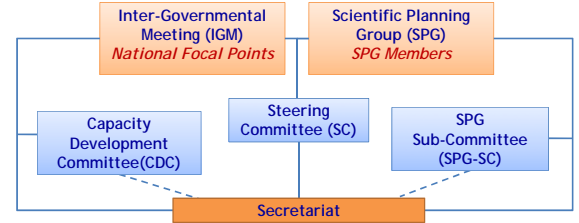
Improving the scientific and technical capabilities of nations in the region, including the transfer of know-how and technology



Cooperating with other global change networks and organisations



Structure



The structure of the APN is built around a joint annual meeting of policy-makers (**IGM**) and scientists (**SPG**). The IGM is the main decision-making body of the APN and approves its programme of work and budget for the ensuing year(s), including scientific research, capacity development and related activities, based largely on recommendations from the SPG. The **SC** is core to APN's activities and functions as a steering body and a governing body during the IGM inter-session(s). The APN **Secretariat** provides full-time professional support.

To implement IGM decisions, APN receives expert advice from the **CDC** and **SPG-SC** who also review the APN scientific research & capacity agendas and proposals submitted for APN funding and for further consideration by the SPG. **The APN funds its regional research (ARCP) and capacity development (CAPABLE) programmes based on two annual open calls for proposals.**

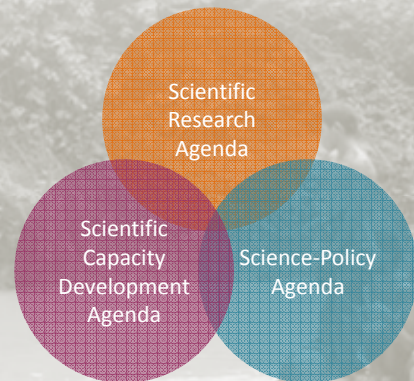
Science Agenda

Scientific Themes

- Climate Change and Climate Variability
- Ecosystems, Biodiversity, and Land Use
- Changes in the Atmospheric, Terrestrial and Marine Domains
- Resources Utilisation and Pathways for Sustainable Development



APN also supports research on crosscutting issues, science-policy linkages and human dimensions of global change



Institutional Agenda

- Strengthen member countries' engagement in APN activities
- Align activities with programmes of the global change community
- Implement its Resource Development Strategy
- Develop new communication tools, organise outreach activities, establish/strengthen partnerships, and raise APN visibility
- Develop mechanisms to strengthen the involvement of non-member countries and organisations in APN activities and enhance institutional arrangements



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