













United NationsFramework Convention on Climate Change

7th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum

Side Event

Partnerships to Harmonize Science Information and Knowledge at Regional Scales for Enabling Adaptation

Date: Wednesday 10 March 2021

Time: 16:15-17:45 (Thailand)/18:15-19:45 (Japan)/10:15-11:45 (Central Europe)

Attendees: APN, AP-PLAT, ICHARM, MOEJ, UNFCCC, WCRP-CORDEX

Registration:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/6916148233709/WN_eEN3ilJ8T7KIMBMWGuDxYg

Background

Scientific knowledge, data, technology and innovation contributes to building resilience by empowering communities of users and beneficiaries. Climate information, for instance, needs a great degree of accuracy and requires harmonization of multiple datasets to be able to minimize nuances and enhance data quality. The widening of the divide between providers and end-users is also a critical challenge and, in some cases, the information does not reach the intended users. With this, partnerships at the regional scale are very important in overcoming barriers to accessing and using knowledge and information. There is also a gap between what is needed by the users and what is available and thus, scientific information such as impact assessments and climate prediction and projection findings that are aimed at informing policies should be co-created with the participation of relevant stakeholders and should be specific to the needs of the communities.

I. Introduction

Brief introduction of the session, interactive icebreaker with the audience, and introduction to the high-level remarks

Dr Linda Anne Stevenson, APN Secretariat

II. High-level remarks

 a) Opening remarks: Mr Kazuaki Takahashi, Director of Climate change Adaptation Office, MOEJ















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b) Keynote speech: Concerted actions across the Sendai Framework, the SDGs, and the Paris Agreement Prof. Toshio Koike, Director of International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management under the auspices of UNESCO (ICHARM), Japan

III. Brief Presentations

Moderator: Christmas Uchiyama, APN Secretariat

- a) Framing, background to the discussion and session objectives
 Mr Gen'ichiro Tsukada, APN Secretariat
- b) AP-PLAT bridges between stakeholders and scientists **Dr Yuji Masutomi**, **NIES/AP-PLAT**
- c) How CORDEX can help bridge the gap

 Dr Iréne Lake, WCRP-CORDEX IPO
- d) Science information and the UNFCCC

 Dr Joanna Post, Adaptation Programme, UNFCCC Secretariat
- e) CORDEX-SEA: Providing Future Climate Change Information in Southeast Asia

Prof. Fredolin Tangang, SEACLID/CORDEX-SEA

- f) Exploring APN's role as a knowledge broker to bridge science and action on adaptation in the Asia-Pacific region
 Mr Xiaojun Deng, APN Secretariat
- IV. Audience Q&A
- V. Audience and panel interactive discussion with Mentimeter
- VI. Summary and closing remarks

Moderator will summarize and close the session.