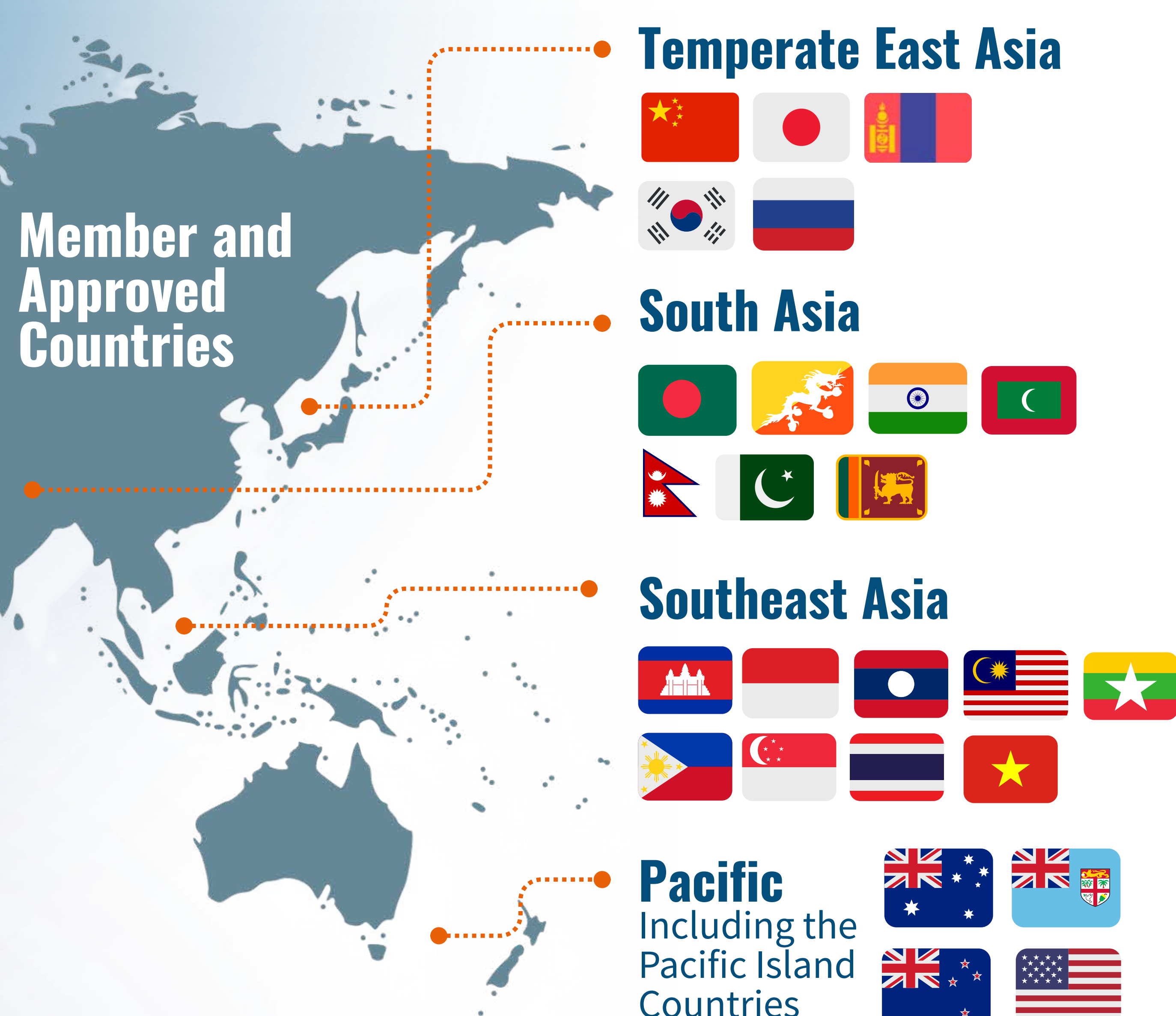


Introducing the APN-ECAP initiative

Initiated in 2023, the **Asia-Pacific Network of Early Career Professionals (APN-ECAP) for Global Change Research** seeks to foster regional networking, exchange ideas and promote global change and sustainability across the region. The initiative is led by the Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN) Secretariat in Kobe, Japan, and is supported by the Centre of Research for Environment, Energy and Water (CREEW) in Kathmandu, Nepal.



“At a small glance, the densely populated countries of South Asia and the smaller, widely dispersed island states of the Pacific seem worlds apart. Yet, both regions confront many of the same pressing challenges, such as climate resilience, water security, and equitable development. APN-ECAP bridges this

geographical cultural diversity by providing a shared platform where early career professionals can connect with peers, exchange knowledge and co-create solutions that benefit our entire region.”

— **Dr Douglas Hill**, APN Steering Committee Chair and Associate Professor at the School of Geography, Te Ihowhenua, University of Otago (New Zealand)

Participation and eligibility

The APN-ECAP initiative targets early career professionals (ECPs) under **40 years of age who live and work in APN’s member and approved countries** and **actively contribute to global change research**. Members should also meet one of the following criteria:

- * University degree holder and 5+ years of relevant experience
- * Postgraduate working towards a PhD or a Master’s
- * Master’s degree holder, with 2+ years of relevant experience
- * PhD or postdoctoral student, or holder

Opportunities with APN and APN-ECAP

While targeted APN-ECAP initiative activities may be offered in the future, early career scientists and researchers can participate in APN’s **regular events and opportunities contributing to scientific capacity development**. We welcome you to take a look and join a community of early career professionals to inspire a new generation of global change research in the Asia-Pacific region!



Proposal Development Training Workshops (Subregional)

PDTWs seek to empower ECPs in the Asia-Pacific region to develop and submit competitive research proposals. Workshops integrate interactive training, regional networking and mentorship by APN members and invited experts. Since 2008, over 400+ trainees have participated in 22+ subregional workshops.

APN or partner-led events, conferences and webinars



Poster and Networking Session

On a biennial basis alongside the APN Intergovernmental Meeting, ECPs from the host country are invited to showcase their research to an audience of scientists, policymakers and practitioners. The winner of the competitive poster session is awarded the Mitra Award and given a coveted space to present their research at the meeting plenary.

Call for Proposals

APN invites proposals for funding on an annual basis under programmes supporting its core activities. Proposal teams led by or comprised of ECPs may be given special consideration during the competitive selection process.

External Reviewer Board and Editorial Advisory Committee

Researchers and experts are invited to join APN’s database of external reviewers. Registrants may be called upon to review proposals or scientific articles submitted to APN on a voluntary basis.

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