

CONTRIBUTION TO THE NAIROBI WORK PROGRAMME AND THE BALI ACTION PLAN

The Platform will initially focus on the NWP areas on Adaptation Planning and Practices, and Methods and Tools, and will be aligned with the Bali Action Plan.

Specifically, the Platform will contribute to the following NWP activities:

- Strengthen regional hubs and networks for knowledge exchange and capacity-building with a view to supporting adaptation at the national level;
- Facilitate regional adaptation projects and activities through regional institutions and networks to address climate change impacts on shared regional resources;
- Map out and take stock of regional and international institutions, networks and projects to facilitate awareness and coordination of adaptation actions and enhance synergies;
- Facilitate the development of national regulatory frameworks for adaptation, national adaptation strategies and corresponding adaptation action plans;
- Establish information-sharing mechanisms, such as a web-based clearing house to give users an interactive way to share information on experiences in applying different methods and tools;
- Establish, support and strengthen user networks and centres of excellence and facilitate sharing of expertise and experiences in the application of methods and tools;
- Promote intersectoral integrated assessments, sharing experiences on criteria and decision-making in different sectors; and
- Enhance coordination in the dissemination, training and use of methods and tools, particularly among bilateral and multilateral programmes and projects, and ensure the dissemination of good practices and lessons learned, taking into account the experiences and expertise accumulated outside the climate change communities.

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Regional Climate Adaptation Knowledge Platform for Asia



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THE NEED FOR A CLIMATE ADAPTATION KNOWLEDGE PLATFORM IN ASIA

Climate change is one of the greatest threats to development and human security. The international community recognizes the urgent need to limit the emission of greenhouse gases and the high priority and the inevitability of adaptation to the experienced and expected changes. A global agenda for climate change adaptation is emerging but requires concerted efforts from all stakeholders.

In the *Bali Action Plan* of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the international community agreed to enhance actions on adaptation and called for cooperation to implement adaptation measures, capacity building for vulnerability analysis and response strategies.

The *Nairobi Work Programme on Impacts, Vulnerability and Adaptation to Climate Change (NWP)* aims to assist all Parties to the UNFCCC to improve understanding and, based on assessment of impacts, vulnerability and adaptation, to make informed decisions on adaptation actions and measures to respond to climate change.

A number of international initiatives have been launched to help Asian developing countries build national capacity to respond to the changing climate. Still, there is a need for enhanced sharing of information, knowledge and lessons learned within and across regional borders.

In recognition of this, the Swedish Government, through its donor agency, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), is supporting the establishment of the Regional Climate Adaptation Knowledge Platform for Asia as a sustainable regional knowledge-sharing mechanism on climate change adaptation.



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WHAT IS THE REGIONAL CLIMATE ADAPTATION KNOWLEDGE PLATFORM FOR ASIA?

The Regional Climate Adaptation Knowledge Platform for Asia (Platform) brings together adaptation researchers, practitioners, policy-makers and the private sector for joint learning. It also facilitates the sharing of experiences, regional consultations and dialogues on climate change adaptation.

This multi-stakeholder platform aims to stimulate knowledge-sharing on climate change adaptation, provide guidance to national and regional policies and enhance adaptation actions.

Responding to regional needs, the Platform will:

- Support efforts to integrate climate change adaptation measures into development processes and plans at the national and regional levels;
- Facilitate and enhance dissemination and application of streamlined methodologies, tools for adaptation planning and vulnerability assessments by engaging research institutions;
- Increase linkages between adaptation and the sustainable development agenda in the region;
- Support pilot studies of specific climate change and adaptation scenarios and promote best practices.

In its first phase (2009-2012) the Platform will cover the Greater Mekong Sub-Region (Cambodia, China PR, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam), and other countries in Asia, including Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Sri Lanka.

The Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) and the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) have been identified as key partners in the implementation of the Platform and will work together with regional partners to develop the programme of activities.

HOW THE PLATFORM DIFFERS FROM EXISTING INITIATIVES

The Platform will:

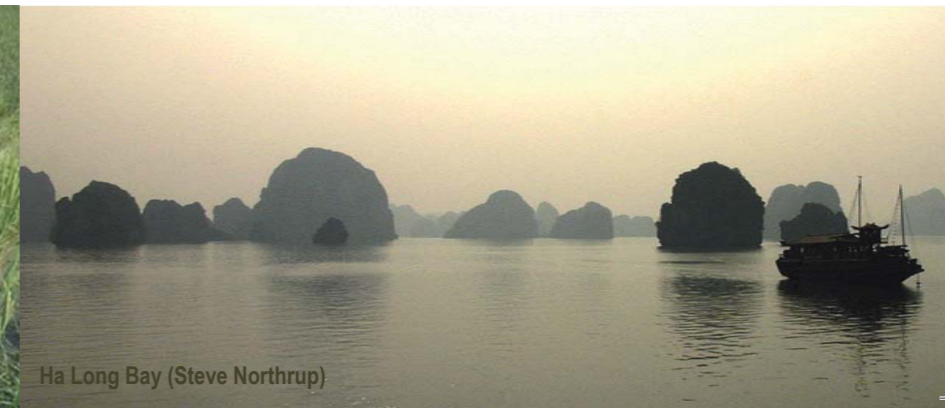
- Serve as a bridge between existing networks and initiatives in the region;
- Expand multilateral and regional cooperation on climate change adaptation and address trans-boundary climate implications;
- Complement other national and regional climate change adaptation initiatives and programmes; and
- Improve the accessibility of analytical information and promote Asia's best practices at the regional and global levels.



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