Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) and its implications to Africa

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UNFCCC SBSTA at its 28th Session (2008):

“recognized that regional centres and networks undertaking work relevant to climate change play an important role in enhancing adaptation” and

“agreed to promote existing networks for impacts, vulnerability and adaptation and encouraged the establishment of new networks.”

Responding to SBSTA-28 decision, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), in partnership with key UN and other international and bilateral agencies, has been facilitating the development of Global Climate Change Adaptation Network (GAN).
- Asia-Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN)
and
- Regional Climate Change Adaptation Knowledge Platform (AKP)
was launched in October 2009 in Bangkok by the Prime Minister of Thailand
Organizational Structure of APAN

Steering Committee
Secretariat (UNEP ROAP)

Central Asia Sub-regional Nodes

Southeast Asia Sub-regional Nodes

Pacific Sub-regional nodes

South Asia Sub-regional nodes

Northeast Asia Sub-regional nodes

Regional Hub AIT/UNEP RRC.AP, IGES, others

Thematic Nodes

National partners
## APAN – Sub regional Nodes

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Help build climate resilience of vulnerable human systems, ecosystems and economies through the mobilization of knowledge and technologies to support adaptation capacity building, policy-setting, planning and practices.
Specific Objectives of APAN

• Generate & share knowledge & information on adaptation in the region;

• Improve access & timely availability to relevant adaptation knowledge & information;

• Facilitate access to international adaptation finance mechanisms by developing countries in the region;

• Strengthen institutional capacity for adaptation in the region;

• Inform development planning & investment decisions to support adaptation; and

• Develop the capacity of national & local planners, development partners & communities in adaptation.
Activities of APAN

1. Improve availability and accessibility of knowledge for adaptation, i.e. knowledge management, along with the Regional Climate Change Adaptation Knowledge Platform (AKP)
   - Compile currently available information for assessment frameworks, methods and tools for climate impacts, decision support tools, good adaptation practices
   - Organize annual forum, learning seminar, workshop
   - Maintain on-line portal

2. Strengthen knowledge support to governments, communities and development partners
   - Identify sub-regional partners (sub-regional nodes)
   - Identify country-specific needs for adaptation (by sub-regional nodes)
   - Facilitate the provision of targeted knowledge services and products
   - Provide match making opportunities to promote, i) project formulation, ii) capacity building and iii) enhancing necessary researches
3. Improve access to adaptation finance mechanisms
   • Provide advisory services to developing countries in the region to improve their access to adaptation finance mechanisms

4. Increase capacity of national and regional institutions to support adaptation actions
   • Develop capacity of adaptation planning in targeted countries.
     E.g.: a project funded by APN and KEI
     - Training needs assessment workshop
     - Training module development workshop
     - Piloting training course
1. Utilizing Adaptation Network as a platform
   • Sharing technologies, knowledge, and experiences as practical information

2. Adaptation Network to minimize gaps amongst countries in the region
   • Dissemination of practical information of adaptation in the region
   • Capacity Building and Institutional Development

3. Maintaining sustainable long-term network
   • Challenging, but worth to try
APAN website: http://www.apan-gan.net/

Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN)

The Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) was established in October 2009 as part of the Global Climate Adaptation Network (GAN). It aims at building the climate resilience of vulnerable human system, ecosystem, and economies through the mobilizations of knowledge and technologies to support adaptation capacity building, policy-setting, planning and practices. APAN is the first network under the GAN supported by the UNEP, IGES, AIT-UNEP KRCAP, ADB, SIDA, and APN.
Thank you for your attention