

Seminar on a Cobenefits Approach
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Introduction of the objectives of the Seminar

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Why co-benefits now

- More cost-effective;
- May bring finance, capacity building and other forms of support to projects and policies; and
- Abating some air pollutants such as O₃ and black carbon can be beneficial for both local air pollution and climate.

What is co-benefits

- Diverse views
- Co-benefits between
 - **Development policies and climate policies;**
 - Environmental pollution control and climate policies;
 - Air pollution control and climate policies.
- GHG reduction under the Kyoto Protocol or all GHGs

Discussion on co-benefits in Asia

- Co-benefit session at the First Annual International Symposium for Asia and the Pacific (ISAP), June 2009;
- Two follow-up meetings in October 2009;
 - To introduce co-benefits activities by various relevant organizations; and
 - To discuss ways and means to further promote co-benefit approach in Asia and the Pacific.

Network on Co-benefits for Asia

- A possibility of a “Network on Co-benefits for Asia” with leading institutions and international organizations
 - To disseminate co-benefits approach to various stakeholders;
 - To improve coordination between organizations working on co-benefits and other relevant initiatives/networks; and
 - To assist in identifying and developing possible co-benefit projects in Asia and the Pacific

Objectives of the Seminar

- To disseminate the concept and effectiveness of co-benefits approach among countries in Asia and the Pacific;
- To share the latest information and knowledge on co-benefits and experiences on some co-benefits projects in Asia; and
- To get views and comments on a possible network on co-benefits.

Organizer and participants

- Organizer

IGES sponsored by the Ministry of the Environment, Japan and in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and other relevant international organizations and initiatives.

- Participants

Approximately 70-80 participants from Asian countries and relevant international organizations, and resource persons.

Organization of the Seminar

Session 1. Experiences with co-benefits projects in Asia

Session 2. **Co-benefits activities by international organizations**

Discussions

Wrap-up by the Chair