



## OUR EXPERTISE

We are avid environmentalists at heart. In practice, we are a team of highly-qualified project managers, policy researchers, and technical specialists. Our skills and expertise include:

- On-the-ground **project coordination and implementation** with local governments and development agencies;
- **Technical assistance and capacity building**, including helping officials in ASEAN cities develop innovative, replicable sustainable development practices;
- Applied **policy research and analysis**, focusing on cities' environmental performance, Sustainable Development Goals, climate finance, and other key topics;
- Overall **programme finance, budgeting, and administration** of small- to large-scale capacity building projects that supports developing countries;
- **Logistics and event management** of regional conferences, trainings, and workshops with ADB, ASEAN, JICA, MOEJ, USAID, and other development partners; and
- **Knowledge management**, communications, media, and web services.

### Climate Change Mitigation

On mitigation, we cooperate with the UNFCCC. In 2015, the UNFCCC established its fifth Regional Collaboration Centre in our Bangkok office to boost Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) projects and programme of activities across the Asia-Pacific region.

Together with the UNFCCC, we help to build local capacities on a variety of mitigation-related activities, including developing and implementing Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs/NDCs). We do this by providing direct technical assistance to governments, NGOs, and the private sector through capacity building and advice on low emission development strategies.

In addition, we work closely with development partners – including ESCAP, FAO, UNDP, and UNEP – on a number of focused and cross-cutting themes related to climate policy such as

climate finance, market mechanisms, and measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) of mitigation actions.

We also partner with the Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organisation (TGO) to organise trainings on climate change mitigation for policymakers in ASEAN countries. And together with the IGES Kansai Research Centre, we have conducted a systematic analysis on market and policy barriers to the transfer and diffusion of low carbon technologies in Southeast Asia.

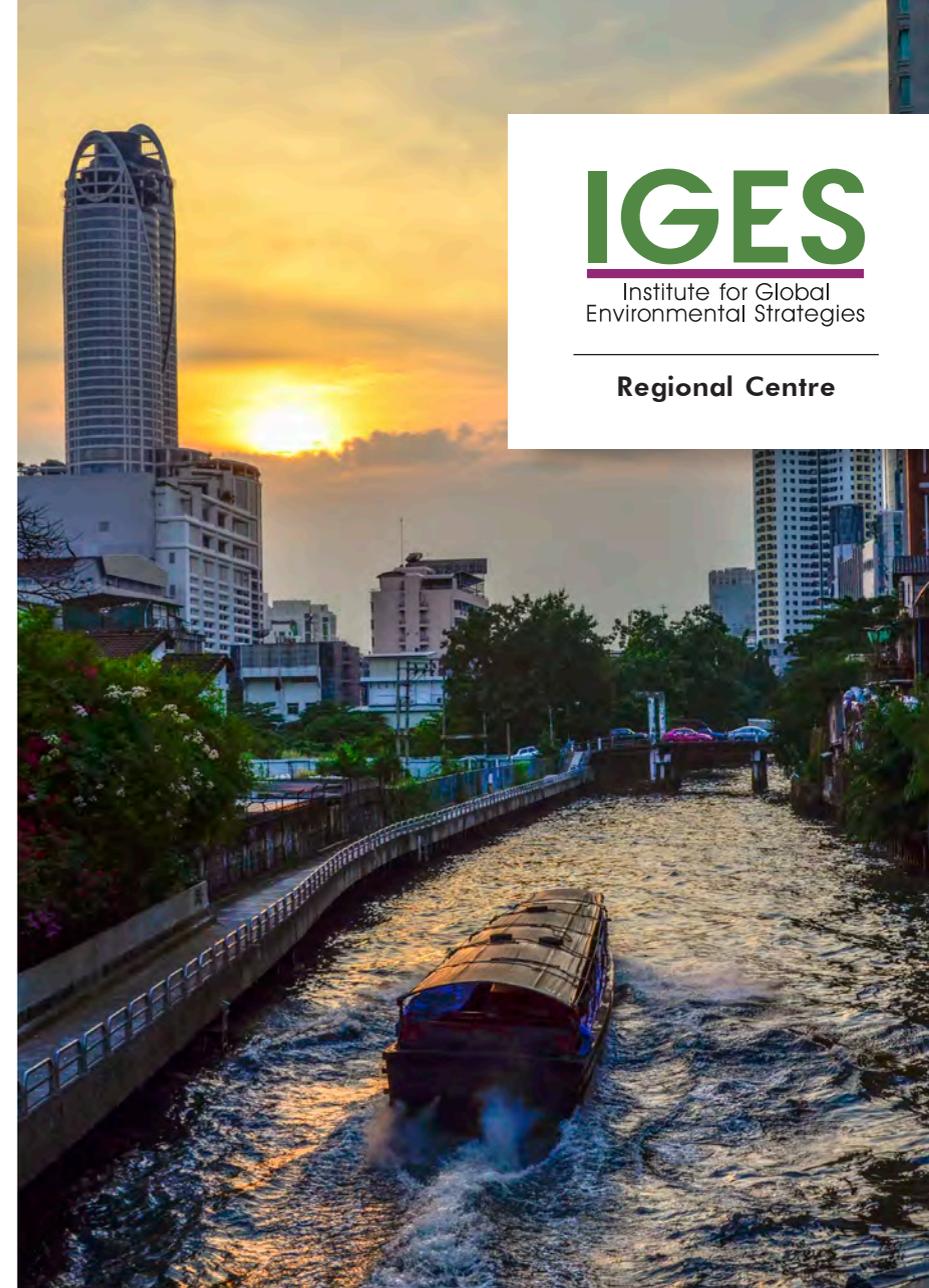
This effort aims to facilitate technology transfer in the region through private sector engagement. It also aims to provide governments, NGOs, and the private sector with better technology and policy options through assessing how well low-carbon technologies and relevant financial schemes can be used and absorbed.



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## WHO WE ARE

The Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) is a nonprofit policy research institute promoting sustainable development across the Asia-Pacific region. Established in 1998, IGES is headquartered in Hayama, Japan and has branch offices and desks in Bangkok, Beijing, Kansai, Kitakyushu, New Delhi, and Tokyo.

The IGES Regional Centre is the Institute's main arm for collaborating with local and international partners in the region and is situated at the heart of Bangkok, Thailand.

We started out in 2004 as a small desk at the [Asian Institute of Technology \(AIT\)](#) with a team of three. Today, we have over 15 experts and staff from Australia, China, Chinese Taipei, India, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand – all of whom work closely with partners and government leaders on critical environmental issues to deliver real change on the ground.

We facilitate dialogue, conduct research, and share replicable practices that are useful for policymakers. Being in the environment field for close to 20 years, we have developed strong networks and good working relationships with many governments, funding agencies, and international organisations, including:

- [ASEAN Secretariat](#);
- [Asian Development Bank \(ADB\)](#);
- [Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations \(FAO\)](#);
- [United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific \(ESCAP\)](#);
- [United Nations Development Programme \(UNDP\)](#);
- [United Nations Environment Programme \(UNEP\)](#);
- [United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change \(UNFCCC\)](#);
- [United States Agency for International Development \(USAID\)](#);
- [Japan International Cooperation Agency \(JICA\)](#); and
- [Ministry of the Environment, Japan \(MOEJ\)](#).

## WHAT WE DO



### Climate Change Adaptation

We help countries adapt to climate change. Since 2010, we serve as the main coordinating body for the [Asia Pacific Adaptation Network \(APAN\)](#) – an expansive network of governments, regional bodies, research institutes, and NGOs that is part of UNEP's Global Adaptation Network. We coordinate APAN's capacity building activities across several Asia-Pacific countries, training government officials from Bangladesh to Samoa. We curate adaptation knowledge that is shared on the [APAN web portal](#). We also support APAN to organise the region's biggest climate change adaptation [forum](#) on a biannual basis, drawing over 500 participants.

We are currently helping to institute key adaptation training courses at the [Regional Resource Centre for Asia and the Pacific at AIT](#) and the

[Climate Change International Technical and Training Center \(CITC\)](#) in Bangkok, Thailand. One of those trainings is an urban adaptation course helping city officials better understand climate risks and design bankable adaptation projects for financing.

We also work on the [USAID Adapt Asia-Pacific](#) project that assists vulnerable countries to obtain financing to address climate change impacts. We help by producing easy-to-understand [information resources](#) for government officials, such as a guide to access UN climate funds; [facilitating topical online discussions](#) between country officials and development partners; and organising regional forums to help governments better access both domestic and international sources of climate finance in [Bangkok, Thailand](#); [Nadi, Fiji](#); and [Siem Reap, Cambodia](#).



### Environmental Safeguards

We improve environmental safeguards in the region – namely, through operating the [Asian Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Network \(AECEN\)](#) to help governments in Asia better administer environmental laws and promote improved compliance. Ensuring that these laws and legal frameworks function effectively is critical to sustainable development in the region.

Established in 2005, we serve as AECEN's secretariat since 2012 and have established numerous [twinning partnerships between countries](#), including [strengthening environmental courts and judiciary systems in Thailand and the Philippines](#), among other [achievements](#).

With support from ADB, we maintain an up-to-date compendium of laws, regulations, news, documents, and case studies that relate to environment impact assessments (EIA) in the region. In collaboration with [Pact](#) and the [Mekong Partnership for the Environment](#), we also conducted workshops on public participation in EIA for governments and civil society organisations in the Lower Mekong region and helped establish a [regional technical working group on EIA](#). AECEN's partners include ADB, UNEP, USAID, and the [United States Environmental Protection Agency](#).



### Local and City Initiatives

We help develop low-carbon, sustainable cities in Asia. In 2011, we established a programme jointly with the ASEAN Secretariat to foster "Environmentally Sustainable Cities (ESC)" in ASEAN member states. The [ASEAN ESC Model Cities Programme](#) is a direct response to a call made by East Asia Summit environment ministers in 2008 to make ESC an immediate priority.

With support from the Government of Japan and other partners, we raise the capacity and visibility of 31 local governments – or what we call "Model Cities" – in eight ASEAN countries: Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam.

We support these Model Cities to produce innovative, replicable practices for sustainable city development. These

include systems to manage waste and wastewater that are small in scale, decentralised and affordable; and novel methods to educate citizens, especially youths, on sustainable development. Currently, we are evaluating each city's environmental performances by using locally-defined indicators to link to the [global Sustainable Development Goals](#), making them more relevant to local governments.

In addition, we connect these cities so that they can learn from each other, as well as from new partners, at country- and regional-level networking events. Our main event is an annual meeting of senior officials called the "[High Level Seminar on ESC](#)" in which countries report on their progress to becoming ESC to the [ASEAN Working Group on ESC](#) and East Asia Summit environment ministers.