

Climate Policy Project

Mission and Background

The mission of the project is to evaluate and recommend pragmatic climate policies for sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific in an era of evolving global climate regime.

In the past two phases (1998-2004), the project made significant progress in the analysis of the Kyoto mechanisms, domestic policies and measures to promote international collaboration in climate change issues. The achievements were recognised internationally as evidenced by the keen interest shown by several organisations to collaborate with us in various research and information outreach activities.

Research Outline

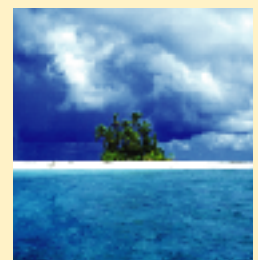
By reflecting on our past work against the backdrop of developments such as the publication of the Third Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in 2001, the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in 2002, and ongoing negotiations under the auspices of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), we reorganised our research to achieve four main objectives in Phase 3 (April 2004-March 2007):

- To evaluate **domestic policies** in Annex 1 countries and assess their implications for Asian countries
- To propose measures for effective implementation of the **Kyoto mechanisms** in Asia
- To identify ways to achieve global participation and strengthen the **future climate regime beyond 2012**
- To recommend policies for enhancing **adaptation** in Asia



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Shrinking glacier
in the Himalayas



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Tuvalu Overview

Research Activities

Domestic Policies

Outline

- Designing effective domestic policy measures for Japan and monitoring their progress in implementing the Kyoto Protocol, including implications for Asia and the Pacific.
- Evaluating policy measures of developed countries including state/local initiatives.

Selected Activities

- IGES/Wuppertal Institute Symposium "Climate Policy 2005 and Beyond – Japanese-German impulses" – Tokyo/ November 2005
- Mainstreaming Climate Concerns in Development of Asian countries – Special Session at IHDP Open meeting – Bonn/ October 2005
- IGES/RFF Joint Workshop "Climate Policy in the US and Japan: Prospects in 2005 and Beyond" – Tokyo/ May 2005



IGES/RFF Workshop on
Climate Policies in US & Japan

Kyoto Mechanisms

Outline

- Examining ways for effective implementation of the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) and Emissions Trading (ET) in the Asia-Pacific region.
- Analysing options for Japan to acquire carbon credits from central and eastern Europe.

Selected Activities

- Workshop on financing modalities for the CDM – Jakarta/ June 2005
- COP10 side event: Next Steps for CDM Activities: Gaps and Ways to Overcome them – Buenos Aires/ December 2004
- Seminar on "CDM in the Pacific Island Countries - Issues and Challenges" – Samoa/ October 2004



Workshop on Financing
Modalities for the CDM

Future Climate Regime beyond 2012

Outline

- Identifying critical incentives for the participation of all Annex 1 countries in the future climate regime.
- Examining ways to promote the involvement of major developing countries in the climate regime within the framework of sustainable development.
- Analysing the future international framework from a legal perspective.

Selected Activities

- Asia-Pacific Dialogue on the International Climate Regime Beyond 2012 – China, India, Indonesia, Korea, Vietnam and others/ 2005-2006
- COP10 side event: The Kyoto Train: Where Do We Go Next? (co-organised with TERI) – Buenos Aires/ December 2004
- IGES/NIES open symposium: "International Climate Regime beyond 2012 – Long-term Goals and Near-term Actions" – Tokyo/ September 2004



Asia-Pacific Dialogue on Climate Regime beyond 2012 -Beijing



IGES/NIES open symposium 2004

Vulnerability & Adaptation issues

Outline

- Proposing policies to enhance adaptive capacity in Asia through building on bottom-up approaches and integrating with other poverty alleviation efforts.
- Identifying ways to mainstream the adaptation in national development plans by addressing barriers in technology transfer and capacity building.
- Analysing cost-benefit issues of selected adaptation options.

Selected Activities

- Consultation meeting on proactive micro-adaptation – Tokyo/ July 2005
- COP10 side event: Mainstreaming Adaptation in Development – Idealistic or Realistic? – Buenos Aires/ December 2004
- International workshop on "Facilitating Adaptation to Climate Change in the South Pacific Region – Bridging Research, Policy and Implementation" – Samoa/ October 2004



COP10 side event: Mainstreaming Adaptation in Development

Publications

● Climate Policy Information Package 2005 (CD-ROM)

A comprehensive guide covering research and information outreach activities of the IGES Climate Policy Project.

● Selected Working Papers

- Climate Policy in Republic of Korea / Seung-Hwan OH and Tae Yong JUNG
- Design of Japanese Emissions Trading System – Issues and Options / Kunihiko SHIMADA and Tae Yong JUNG
- Would the Kyoto Protocol Affect Growth in Russia? / Kunihiko SHIMADA
- Technology Choice and CDM Projects in China: Case study of a small steel company in Shandong Province / Shinji KANEKO, Asaka YONAMINE, Tae Yong JUNG
- Local Knowledge for Facilitating Adaptation to Climate Change in Asia and the Pacific: Policy implications / Ancha SRINIVASAN

● Research reports & Proceedings

- Framing Climate Protection Regime: Long-term commitments and institutional options (Joint Research with NIES)
- Executive Summary of the International Workshop on Facilitating Adaptation to Climate Change in the South Pacific – Samoa/ October 2004



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