

Long-term Perspective and Policy Integration Project

Mission and Objectives

The Long-term Perspective and Policy Integration Project (LTP) examines ways to apply the fundamental principles of sustainable development to the Asia-Pacific region, from a long-term and cross-sectoral perspective, in view of proposing effective and coherent policies. The aim of the LTP is to conduct cross-cutting research for sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific in collaboration with other IGES research projects.

The objectives of the LTP are as follows:

- to conduct strategic research on issues of high priority for sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region.
- to provide technical inputs into regional and international policy fora on sustainable development.

Research Activities

Asia-Pacific Forum for Environment and Development (APFED) II

The Asia-Pacific Forum for Environment and Development (APFED) that was established in 2001 adopted its final report in December 2004. The second phase of APFED activities (APFED II) proposed for 2005 and beyond is based upon the 117 policy recommendations in the APFED final report of 2004.

APFED II consists of several key components including policy dialogues, knowledge management and showcase projects. At the APFED II meeting scheduled in Bogor, Indonesia from 21- 22 November 2005, APFED members will review proposals and discuss the modalities for implementing APFED II activities. APFED II activities will be promoted based on the outcome of the Bogor meeting. The APFED plans to organise a policy dialogue at a subsequent meeting, i.e. the Asia-Europe Environment Forum (1/3 of Our Planet) to be held in Jakarta from 23-25 November 2005. The dialogue will be focussed upon the "Access to Environmental Information in Asia and the Pacific", in which participants are expected to review the status of the public access to environmental information and discuss concrete steps to advance it.

Organisations involved:

Ministry of the Environment, Japan/ United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)/ United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

Website: <http://apfed-db.iges.or.jp/>



APFED Side Event at MCED 2005
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APFED I Final Report

3Rs Initiative for Sustainable Development

The 3Rs Initiative aims to establish a sustainable society by promoting activities to "reduce, reuse, and recycle" across different sectors. The 3Rs Initiative was endorsed at the G8 Summit held in 2004 at Sea Island, USA. As a follow up, the Ministerial Conference on the 3Rs Initiative was held in Tokyo in April, 2005. The conference discussed the following five major items to promote the 3Rs:

1. Strengthening of national policies to implement the 3Rs
2. Reduction of trade barriers that restrict the international flow of goods and materials
3. Cooperation between developed and developing countries
4. Cooperation among various stakeholders
5. Promotion of science and technology suitable for the 3Rs

The initiative is going to hold a 3R Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) in March 2006. Details on how to promote the 3Rs will be discussed at the SOM.



IGES, together with UNCRD and UNEP/ROAP will contribute to the promotion of the 3R Initiative by conducting policy research, examining regional strategies, and promoting networking.

Organisations involved:

Ministry of the Environment, Japan/ United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)/ United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD) and other international aid agencies.



3R Initiative Conference
April 2005

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<http://www.iges.or.jp/APEIS/RISPO/>



RISPO II Kick-off Meeting
October 2005

Research on Innovative and Strategic Policy Options (RISPO) II

“Promotion of Sustainable Development in the Context of Regional Economic Integration: Strategies for Environmental Sustainability and Poverty Reduction”

RISPO II is a partnership project under the United Nations Environment Programme/Network of Institutions for Sustainable Development (UNEP-NISD). This partnership project focusses on the rapidly developing economic integration in Asia through the process of creating an East-Asian community. The overall objective of this partnership project is to provide policy-makers with strategic environmental policy options for promoting sustainable development identifying environmental and socio-economic effects at national and regional levels that will stem from the future regional economic integration in East Asia. For the purpose of in-depth study, this project will conduct country case studies that include: China, Indonesia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Thailand, and Viet Nam.

Organisations involved:

UNEP/DITE/ETB (Division of Technology, Industry and Economics/Economics & Trade Branch)/ Korea Environment Institute (Korea)/ McGill University (Canada)/ National Institute for Environmental Studies (Japan)/ Policy Research Center for Environment & Economy, SEPA (China)/ Indonesian Institute of Sciences, Economic Research Center (Indonesia)/ Thailand Environment Institute (Thailand)/ Institute for Environmental Science and Technology Hanoi University of Technology (Viet Nam)

Resource Institutes:

ASEAN Secretariat/ Seikei University/ Keio University/ United Nation University, etc.

Stakeholder Dialogues

A multi-stakeholder dialogue, a method for promoting participatory consensus building and partnership development, will be held in January 2006 on the topic of “Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR): Environmental management and civil society” and supported by a leading enterprise in collaboration with a wide-range of stakeholders.

Publications

White Paper

This document examines the driving forces of increasing resource use and their environmental and socio-economic impacts, analyses policy measures and institutional development, and presents policy directions for promoting better environmental management and achieving sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific (released in November 2005).

Policy Briefs

#1 “Networking International Recycling Zones in Asia”

This paper proposes that a network of international recycling zones can promote a sound environmental and economic cross-border market for recyclable materials.

#2 “Information Access as a Vehicle for Sustainable Development in Asia”

This paper suggests that the countries in Asia must collaborate now to develop a regional policy instrument to promote access to environmental information for fostering environmentally-sound decision-making, business patterns and behavioural changes.



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