



Outlook: APCS taking stock and prospects

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Climate Security in the Asia Pacific under a Shifting Geopolitical Context



Key takeaways from the workshop

3 plenary sessions

- Conceptualization of climate security is fragmented across different sectors and actors, and **disciplined, systematic and evidence-based policy framework** is needed.
- To achieve regional peace, Japan and other actors should move beyond traditional military security toward an **integrated framework that prioritizes environmental stability and human-centric development**.
- Climate change is no longer solely an environmental concern but an operational reality with direct national security implications, further complicated by the evolving geopolitical dynamics such as between China and the United States.

5 thematic sessions

- Five thematic sessions were held to discuss the intricate **"risk multiplier" effect** of climate change on energy, mobility, food systems, climate change adaptation and maritime security.
- Beyond the essential initiatives for the global and Indo-Pacific regions, discussions also examined climate security, emphasizing the need to integrate the impacts of climate change into national policies and strategies, while addressing community-level vulnerabilities and risks.

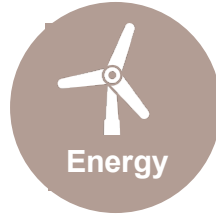
Concluding of 3-years project

Climate Change

Changes in the security environment
(COVID-19, Ukraine Crisis, USChina Relationship, Trade war etc.)

Compounding and Cascading Threats

Multi-faceted analysis by key priority areas



Multi-layered Security Environments

International Security

Regional Security
(Indo-Pacific)

National Security

Human Security

Potential Japan's Diplomatic Channels

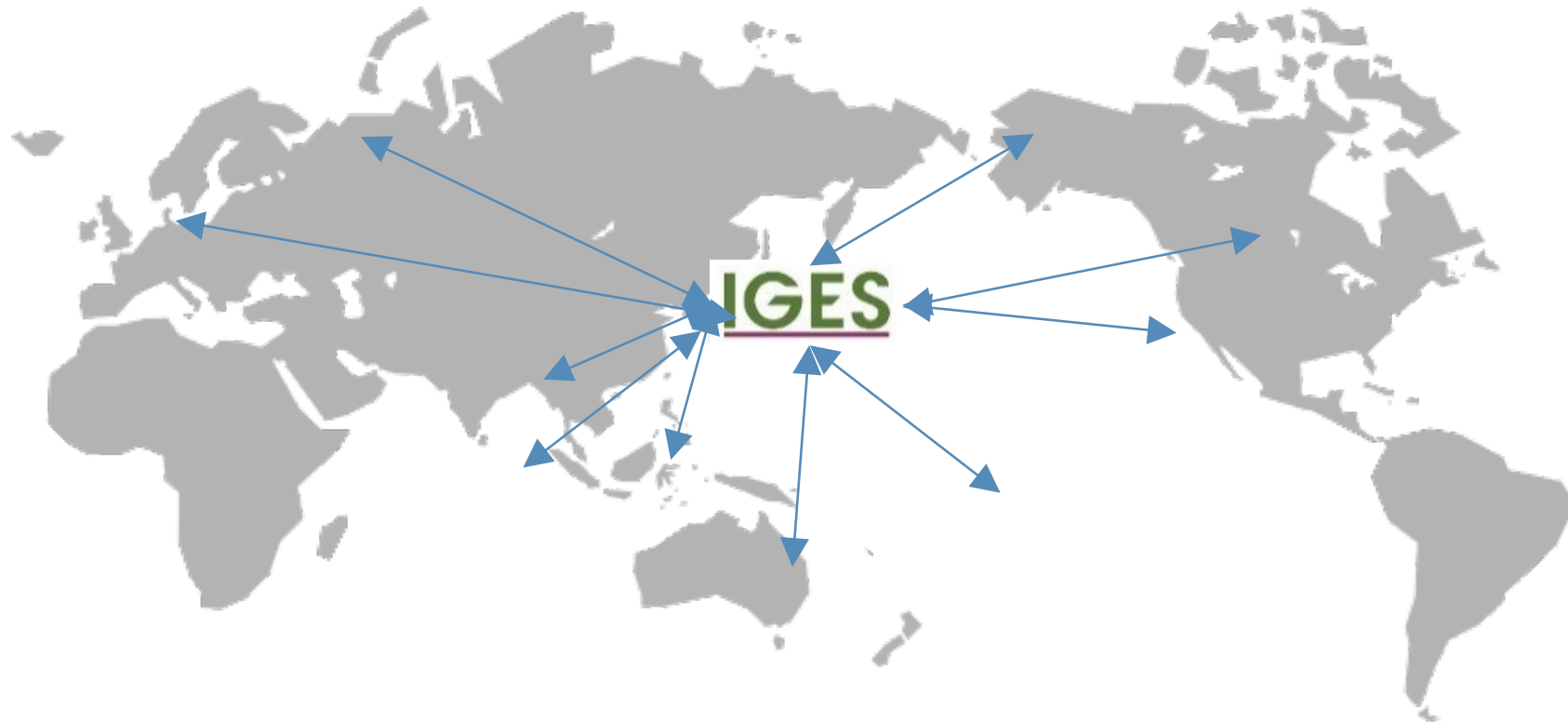
Collaboration with the UN, international organizations, and intergovernmental organizations

Collaboration with Indo-Pacific countries and regional inter-state organizations (QUAD, ASEAN, and PIF etc.)

Bilateral cooperation

Broader governance, including non-state organizations (NGOs, private companies, CSOs etc.)

Networks of Climate Security in Asia Pacific and beyond





Way forward

- **APCS Outcomes:** The three-year APCS project strengthened climate security capacity across researchers and institutions through integrated climate–security research and Indo-Pacific initiatives.
- **Way Forward:** Sustaining this work requires attention to evolving geopolitics, deeper Indo-Pacific analysis, and stronger cross-thematic collaboration to understand climate change as a security “risk multiplier.”

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