

**Network for Integrated Planning and Sustainable Development
Strategies in Asia-Pacific Regional (SDplanNet-AP)
Annual Conference 2009**

Conrad Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

16-18 September 2009

Background

Rapid economic growth of the Asia-Pacific region where more than a half of the world's population dwells has brought about better living standards and poverty alleviation. At the same time, it has had enormous environmental and social costs. Conventional practices in government planning through development of short-term or medium-term plans, emphasizing economic growth but lacking any integrated sustainable development approach are not sufficient in addressing current problems. In order to move away from the region's unsustainable pathway, governments are striving to "improve or restructure the decision-making process so that consideration of critical socio-economic and environmental issues is fully integrated and a broad range of public participation assured" (paragraph 8.3, Agenda 21 – UNCED 1992).

At present, there are many innovative approaches and tools being implemented within the region and abroad that can help government planners and policy makers prepare and implement development plans and strategies in a more sustainable, strategic and holistic manner, but these approaches and tools are not readily shared across the region.

SDplanNet – Asia & Pacific, a network of professionals involved in sustainable development planning in Asia-Pacific at the national and sub-national levels, offers a unique on-line venue to share approaches and tools for integrating sustainable development into national plans, strategies and budgetary processes, and to discuss various substantive and topical issues in national planning for sustainable development. As an additional and important part of this sharing, SDplanNet will host its first annual face-to-face conference on September 16 to 18 2009 in Bangkok, jointly organized with the following organizations.

- International Development Research Center Canada (IDRC)
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ)
- UNEP- Regional Office for Asia and Pacific
- UNEP- Regional Resource Center for Asia and Pacific
- International Union for Conservation of Nature Oceania Regional Office Suva (IUCN)
- UN-Division for Sustainable Development (UN-DSD)
- UN-Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP)

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- UNDP- Pacific Centre
- Earth Council
- The Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS)
- Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)
- International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)
- Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)

Conference Objectives and Themes

The SDplanNet-AP annual conference will be a platform to exchange views and ideas among network members and sustainable development practitioners in Asia-Pacific and with similar networks in other regions. As a result, network members will be able to take stock of sound policy and planning recommendations on the thematic areas listed below, and consider implementation in their home country.

The conference will focus on three main themes including:

- Theme 1: Integration of Climate Change into National Planning of Countries in Asia-Pacific;
- Theme 2: Sustainability, Economic Stimulus Packages, and Green Growth of Countries in Asia-Pacific; and
- Theme 3: Strategic Policy Assessment Tools in National Planning and Policymaking of Countries in Asia-Pacific.

Committee- 2009 SDplanNet-AP Annual Conference Organizing committee

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Mr. Seve Paeniu	South Pacific Regional Environmental Programme (SPREP)	Samoa

SDplanNet-AP Annual Conference Agenda

Day 1: Wednesday, 16 September 2009

Date/Time	Agenda	Speaker
Wednesday, 16 September 2009		
08:30-09:00	Registration	
09:00-09:20	Opening Remarks and Welcome Statements	Dr. Bill Glanville, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)
09:20-09:30	Introduction of the Network	Ms.Wanida Wanichpongpan, SDplanNet-AP Coordinator
Session I:	Integration of Climate Change into National Planning of Countries in Asia-Pacific	
	Chairperson: Mr. Mahesh Pradhan, UNEP RRC.AP	
9.30-10:00	Key session speaker: "Integration of climate change into national planning of countries in Asia-Pacific"	Dr. Peter King, Senior Policy Advisor, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Bangkok Office, Thailand
10:00-10:30	"Mainstreaming and NSDS Strengthening"	Mr. Seve Paeniu, South Pacific Regional Environmental Programme (SPREP), Samoa,

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10:30-11:00	To be informed	Dr. Nares Damrongchai, Executive Director, APEC center for Technology Foresight, STI, Thailand
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break	
11:15-11:45	“Integrating climate change and national planning- A sustainable development framework for India”	Mr. Amir Bazaz and Prasoon Agarwal, Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad, India,
11:45-12:30	<p>Panel discussion: 1) Is there a danger that over emphasis on climate change is detracting from other sustainable development issues?; 2) Does climate change form part of current sectoral planning approaches in most developing countries?; 3) What approaches to integration of climate change with sustainable development planning seem to be most effective?</p> <p>Panelist:</p> <p><i><u>Prof. Sirintornthep Towprayoon</u></i>, Deputy Director, The Joint Graduate School of Energy and Environment and Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) expert</p> <p><i><u>Prof. John Soussan</u></i>, Director, Stockholm Environment Institute Asia Centre in Bangkok (Accepted invitation by considering to send representative)</p> <p><i><u>Prof. Sitanon Jesdapipat</u></i>, Technical Advisor for Red Cross/ Red Crescent Climate Centre, the Netherlands Acting Director of the Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Management, Mae Fah Luang University, Chiang Rai</p> <p><i><u>Mr. Christopher Seeley</u></i>, City Director, Bangkok Clinton Climate Initiative, William J Clinton Foundation (Accepted invitation, but will send representative)</p>	

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12:30-13:30	Lunch break	
Session II	Sustainability and Economic Stimulus Packages of Countries in Asia-Pacific Chairperson: Mr. Masakazu Ichimura, UNESCAP	
13:30-14:00	Key session speaker: “Background paper on sustainability, economic stimulus, and green growth”	Dr. Shuvojit Banerjee, Macroeconomic Policy and Development Division, UNESCAP
14:00-14:30	“Introduction to the stimulus check framework”	Mr. Darren Swanson, Senior project manager, International Institute of Sustainable Development, Canada and SDplanNet-AP Manager
14:30-15:00	“For green jobs and decent work in the new economy”	Mr. Vincent Jugault, Senior Specialist, Environment and , ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Thailand
15:00-15:30	To be informed	Prof. Ji Xing, Research Center of Chinese Academy of Engineering, China
15:30-15:45	Coffee break	

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15.45-16.30	<p>Panel discussion: How could economic stimulus best advance green economies in the short run in Asia and the Pacific? What other critical changes are necessary to transition to a long-term sustainable economy?</p> <p>Panelist:</p> <p><i>Mr. Bandhoo Supakavanich</i>, Director, Bureau of the Budget, Thailand</p> <p><i>Dr. Bill Glanville</i>, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, IISD, Canada</p> <p><i>Prof. Patamawadee Suzuki</i>, Dean, Faculty of Economic, Thammasart University</p> <p><i>Ms. Manida Unkulvasapaul</i>, World Bank Bangkok Office</p>	
17:30-19:30	Welcome reception	

Day 2: Thursday, 17 September 2009

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Session III	Strategic Policy Assessment Tools in National Planning and Policymaking of Countries in Asia-Pacific	
	Chairperson: Dr. David Annandale, Environmental Policy Specialist for UNESCAP and ADB	
09:00-09:30	Key session speaker: "Strategic policy approaches in national planning and policy making of countries in Asia"	Dr. David Annandale

and the Pacific”

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09:30-10:00	“NDSO strategies in Asia-Pacific”	Dr. Subrato Sinha, UNEP-ROAP
10:00-10:30	“Strategic policy assessment tools in national planning and policymaking: case study of Dubai sustainable building policy”	Prof. Mohsen Aboulhaga, Strategy & Policy Department, The Prime Minister’s Office, UEA
10:30-10:45	Coffee break	
10:45-11:15	“Application of ICT for state of environment (SOE) reporting process”	Mr. Anand Kumar, Programme Manager, Development Alternatives, India
11:15-11:45	To be informed	Ms. Ella Antonio, Earth Council
11:45-12:30	<p>Panel discussion: What are some of the main barriers to the use of strategic assessment approaches in Asia and the Pacific and how might these barriers be overcome? This panel will focus on the use of strategic assessment approaches National Planning and Policymaking of Countries in the Asia-Pacific region. The Panel will examine how such tools could lead to a green economy, and also enhance climate change alleviation or adaptation. The Panel will examine experiences in specific countries, and will focus on the following questions: 1) why have Asia-Pacific countries not used strategic assessment approaches as much as developed countries?; 2) what examples are there of SAA currently being used in the region?; 3) how could the benefits of SAA be best shown to decision-makers?; 4) what are the best “entry points” for use of SAA in developing countries?</p> <p>Panelist:</p> <p><u>Prof. Shabbir Gheewala</u>, Strategic Environmental Assessment team leader, The Joint Graduate School of Energy</p>	

and Environment, King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi, Thailand

Dr. Chuwit Mitrchob, Executive Director, Agriculture, Natural Resource and Environment Planning Office, Office of the National Economic and Social Development Board

Dr. Subrato Sinha, NSDS project, United Nations Environment Programme –Regional Office for Asia-Pacific

Mr. Akratood Chareonwongsak, Research Associate, Institute of Future Studies for Development, Thailand

12:30-13:30	Lunch break	
13:30-13:40	Overview of sessions and general observations	Dr. Peter King, SDplanNet-AP supervisor
13:40-14:00	Plenary discussion on important governance improvements for the integration of sustainable development into national planning	Dr. Bill Glanville, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)
14:00-14:15	Room discussion: "Integrating climate change into national plans"	Moderator: Dr. Subrato Sinha, UNEP-ROAP
14:15-14:30	Room discussion: "Greening economic growth and economic stimulus efforts"	Moderator: Mr. Masakazu Ichimura, UNESCAP
14:30-14:45	Room discussion: "The use of strategic policy assessment"	Moderator: Mr. Peter Buri, GTZ
14:45-15:15	Report and plenary discussion	Moderator: Dr. Peter King Plenary discussants:

		Dr. Subrato Sinha, UNEP-ROAP
		Mr. Masakazu Ichimura, UNESCAP
		Mr. Peter Buri, GTZ
15:15-15:30	Coffee break	
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15:30-16:00	Closing remarks from SDplanNet-AP Advisory Group Members	Ms. Ella Antonio, Earth Council, Philippines
		Mr. Subrato Sinha, UNEP-ROAP, Thailand
		Ms. Hitomi Rankine, UNESCAP, Thailand
		Mr. Peter Buri, GTZ, Germany
		Mr. Seve Paeniu, SPREP, Samoa

Day3: Friday, 18 September 2009

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<p>Objectives of the training:</p> <p>The purpose of this training is to introduce the participants to the conceptual and methodological approaches of SEA and to illustrate the benefits of SEA through real examples mainly from Europe and the Asian Region. It also outlines how the participants can use SEA in their daily work.</p>		
08:30-08:45	Welcome and opening	GTZ
08:45-09:15	Warm-up exercises: <i>Corner game-countries, professional background and experience with EA of plans</i>	Jiri Dusik
09:15-09:20	Introduction to the training	
09:20-10:00	Introduction to SEA	Jiri Dusik
10:00-10:30	Coffee break	
10:30-11:20	SEA: No blue-print process	Jiri Dusik
11:20-12:00	Example of simple SEA: SEA of GMS Economic Corridor	Peter King
12:00-12:20	Example of semi-detailed SEA: SEA of Socio-Economic Development Plan of Con-Dao Archipelago (Vietnam)	Martin Smutny
12:20-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-14:00	Energizer: Key functions of SEA	Jiri Dusik
14:00-14:30	Example of detailed SEA: SEA for Revision of Master Plan of Dali Municipality (China)	Jiri Dusik
14:30-15:00	Outcomes of the World Bank review of evolving SEA systems in East and South East Asia	Jiri Dusik
15:00-15:20	Coffee break	
15:20-16:40	Using SEA within national development planning in Asia: Opportunities & constrains	David Annandale
16:40-17:00	Wrap-up	GTZ, SDplanNet

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We look forward to meeting you at SDplanNet-AP annual conference 2009!