

AP-PLAT Capacity Development Regular Meeting Report 2023

March 23, 2023

Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Information Platform
(AP-PLAT)

1. Introduction

Date & Time: February 15, 2023, 13:00-16:00 JST(Online)

Participants: A total of 37 participants from government agencies, international organizations, research institutes, universities

Objective: To discuss the content of the “Strategy for AP-PLAT Capacity Development program 2023-2025” with AP-PLAT capacity development partner organizations and build consensus on specific collaboration from FY2023 onward.

Agenda:

Part 1: Introduction of Strategy for AP-PLAT Capacity Development Program

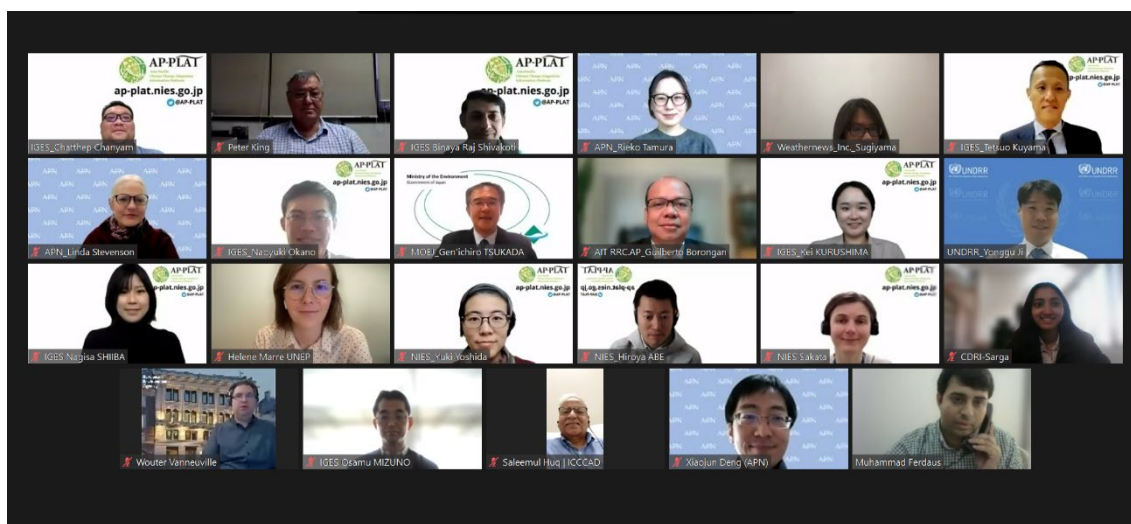
1. Reflection on the AP-PLAT Plenary Meeting
2. On-going AP-PLAT capacity development activities
3. Introduction of Strategy for AP-PLAT Capacity Development Program 2023-2025

Part 2: Discussion on Partner Collaboration of AP-PLAT Capacity Development

1. Introduction of capacity development activities by participating organizations
2. Discussion on future collaboration among participating organizations
3. Summary of activities for FY2023

Overall Summary:

On February 15, 2023, the Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ) and the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), together with other relevant organizations of the Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Information Platform (AP-PLAT), held a meeting on the future development of AP-PLAT Capacity Development Program. The main content of the meeting was an introduction to current activities of the AP-PLAT Capacity Development Program, an introduction to the development of the next year's projects, and a discussion on activities through partner collaboration. Another major objective was to discuss the " Strategy for AP-PLAT Capacity Development Program 2023-2025 " with participating institutions, who gave their support on the contents.



2. Results of Discussion and Future Actions for Collaboration

During the AP-PLAT Capacity Development Regular Meeting, discussions were held on collaboration with partner organizations in AP-PLAT with regards to capacity development. Specifically, the meeting began with an introduction of capacity development activities by participating organizations that are already working with AP-PLAT, followed by a discussion of possible future collaboration among participating organizations. The following is summary of possible future collaboration proposed in discussions.

- **Contribution to recently discussed topics in climate change adaptation**

When implementing specific collaborative activities with partner organizations in AP-PLAT, focusing on areas that have been the focus of international discussions on climate change adaptation in recent years can have a significant impact and outcome. In particular, international attention is increasingly focusing on approaches such as early warning systems, development and implementation of national adaptation plans, and promotion of Locally Led Adaptation (LLA) to address issues such as transboundary climate change risks and multiple cascading disaster risks, which also attracted attention at this meeting. These should be addressed by multiple partners, and are appropriate as collaborative projects for AP-PLAT.

- **Linkage with existing platforms and initiatives**

Although there are many information platforms and initiatives related to climate change adaptation, they are not yet linked. Understanding the characteristics, strengths, and weaknesses of each of them, and linking them together will be highly effective in improving the region's climate change adaptation capacity. For example, the Asia Pacific Risk and Resilience Portal being developed by ESCAP is particularly strong in economic and social data, and could be developed into a capacity development program that is complementary to the scientific tools and knowledge possessed by AP-PLAT. It is worth discussing the possibility of collaboration and mutual use of the two.

- **Input to International Discussions**

It is crucial to provide input to international discussions in collaboration with capacity development partner organizations. In addition to the results of each activity, the results of collaboration between AP-PLAT and its partner organizations could be presented at international conferences. This would create a global impact whereby the results and lessons learned in the Asia-Pacific region can be used in other regions. In addition to COP and APCW, opportunities for dissemination should be sought at the Adaptation Futures Conference, Gobeshona Global Conference, etc.

3. Next Steps

In order to materialize the results of the above discussions, further discussions will be held with partner organizations at progress meetings (scheduled for July/August 2023), hybrid plenary sessions, and events at the APAN Forum, to develop an Activity Plan for FY2024 (Capacity Development Program) and an Action Plan 2023-2025 (Capacity Development Program).