

# **AP-PLAT Plenary Meeting Outcome Report 2023**

March 23, 2023

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

# 1. Introduction

Date & Time: February 14, 2023, 13:00-16:00 JST (Online)

Participants: A total of 52 participants from government agencies, international organizations, research institutes, universities and private companies.

Objective:

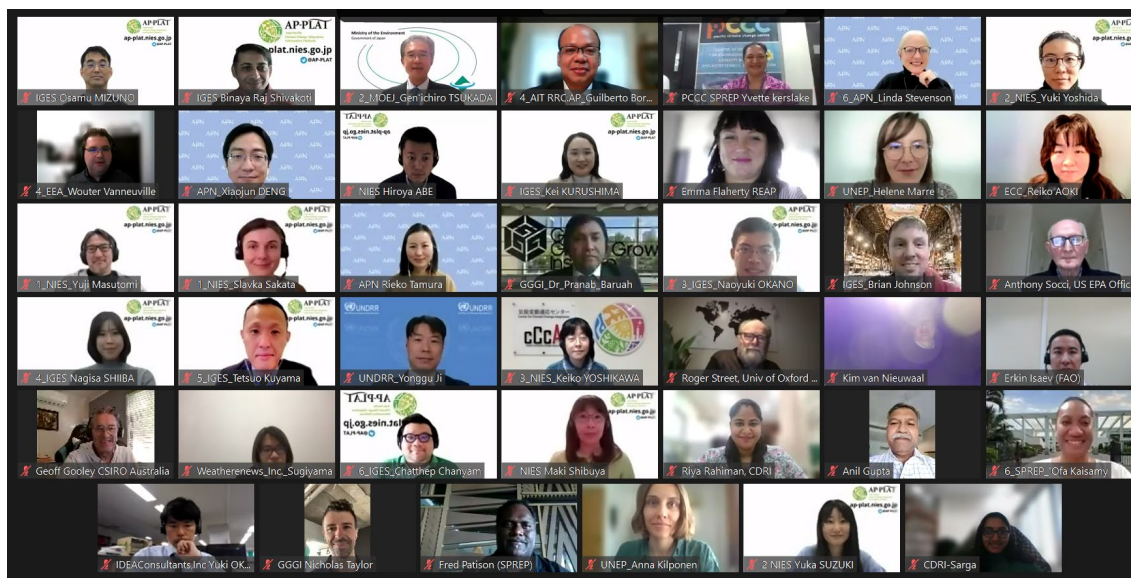
To introduce the content of "AP-PLAT Framework for Action 2023-2025", and discuss ideas on specific collaboration with supporting organizations over the next two years and beyond.

Agenda:

1. Introduction of AP-PLAT activities
2. Introduction of partner collaboration activities through AP-PLAT in FY2023
3. Introduction of activities of participating organizations
4. Discussion on collaboration through AP-PLAT

Overall summary:

On February 14, 2023, the Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ), the National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES), 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. The main content of the meeting was an introduction to current AP-PLAT's activities, an introduction to the development of next two year's projects, and a discussion of activities through partner collaboration. The contents of the "AP-PLAT Framework for Action 2023-2025" were also discussed with the participating institutions. It was decided to finalize the document at the end of February, after a certain period of time for comments.



## 2. Results of Discussion and Future Actions for Collaboration

In the second part of the meeting, IGES made a proposal for the creation of AP-PLAT collaboration opportunities in FY2023. Specifically, IGES introduced the priority issues listed in the "AP-PLAT Framework for Action 2023-2025" and then proposed specific activities envisioned for FY2023 in order to explore collaboration with particular emphasis on these areas. Activities include holding a progress meeting, a hybrid plenary meeting, and events at the APAN Forum to develop the "Activity Plan for FY2024" and "Action Plan 2023-2025".

Individual issues of AP-PLAT...	Activities for the overall AP-PLAT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Better decision-making and early action based on climate information</li><li>• Practice Locally-led Adaptation</li><li>• Addressing compound and cascading disaster risks</li><li>• Monitoring and Evaluation</li><li>• Mainstreaming synergies between climate change and biodiversity (NbS)</li><li>• Promotion of public-private partnerships</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A progress meeting will be held around July/August<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• introduce the activities of each organization</li><li>• Explore possibilities for collaboration</li><li>• Share the needs of each organization.</li></ul></li><li>• Hybrid plenary meeting</li><li>• Event at the APAN Forum</li></ul> <p>➔ "Activity Plan" for FY 2024 "Action Plan" for 2023-2025</p>

While the details of the collaboration will be discussed at the progress meeting, the following is a description of possible future collaboration proposals for FY2023 that emerged from the discussions held in the third part of the plenary meeting. The collaboration proposals described below are a collection of common proposals that emerged from several discussion groups.

- **Strengthening Regional Partnership**

The Climate Change Adaptation Information Platform (A-PLAT), which promotes domestic adaptation efforts in Japan, has been working on local specific initiatives. In the same way, it is also important for AP-PLAT to collaborate with supporting organizations engaged in the Asia-Pacific region and develop approaches that are tailored to the context of each country and region. AP-PLAT will also create mechanisms to effectively deliver its technology, information infrastructure content, and capacity development programs to those in need through these collaborations. These collaborative activities will also be effective in understanding local needs. Such collaboration with organizations located in the Asia-Pacific region could become the hub for AP-PLAT in the future.

- **Provide a Forum for Matching Needs**

It is vital to provide a forum for funders and policy/project implementers to match their needs and develop them into projects. Information should be made available on the AP-PLAT website, thereby enabling actual negotiations to take place at plenary meetings and other gatherings of participants. To facilitate this kind of matching, it would also be useful to provide a forum for discussion and capacity development for both funders and policy/project implementers to understand each other's needs and potential opportunities.

In addition, early warning systems, which have recently received particular attention, will be promoted along with regional efforts described above to create opportunities to match local needs with early warning information, while also utilizing the REAP network of supporting organizations.

- **Addressing Local Needs**

For local governments and local communities to understand the benefits of adaptation and resilience building and take appropriate adaptive actions, local information dissemination must be strengthened and precise needs identified and addressed. First, it is important to

translate information into local-specific contexts and provide more user-friendly information and tools. It would also be effective to enhance information on specific adaptation efforts at the local level by posting case studies on AP-PLAT with regards to themes and regions in which endorsing organizations specialize. In doing so, it is important not only to introduce good practices but also to discuss necessary adaptation efforts, including examples of failures.

### **3. Next Steps**

In order to further deepen the above discussions at the next progress meeting, information will be shared prior to the meeting, and specific collaboration proposals will be created by setting discussion themes based on needs. The progress meeting will be held online in July or August 2023.