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NIES concluded an MOA with UNESCAP at COP28. In line with a call from the UN Secretary General with regards to Early Warning for All (EW4A), NIES and UNESCAP have been working together to develop a climate change risk prediction tool. The tool is customized for each target country by improving ESCAP's Risk and Resilience Portal, using data accumulated by AP-PLAT and other tools. The potential countries within the scope include Bangladesh, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Maldives, Nepal, Tajikistan, Fiji, Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands, and Tonga. For the initial project in Maldives, you can refer to the Adaptation Database article [here](#).

IGES hosted Capacity Building Workshop on Compound and Cascading Disaster Risks in Bangladesh

On 3-4 March, IGES hosted the "Second Capacity Building Workshop on Harnessing Integration of Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction for Enhancing Resilience to Compound and Cascading Disaster Risks (CCDR)" in collaboration with the Department of Disaster Management (DDM), Bangladesh, and with the technical support of Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ) under the capacity development program. Participants discussed potential areas of project formation on CCDR in Bangladesh. The workshop was also attended by both the Minister and the Secretary of Disaster Management and Relief. It will begin the process of approval for the guidebook on CCDR as official government training material.



AIT RRC. AP: Regional Training Workshop on Building Cities' Resilience to Climate and Disaster Risks

The Asian Institute of Technology Regional Resource Centre for Asia and the Pacific (AIT RRC.AP), with financial support from MOEJ and in collaboration with UNDRR, UN-Habitat, IFRC, UCLG, ICLEI, ADPC, and EPIC-NET, successfully conducted the "Regional Training Workshop on Building Cities' Resilience to Climate and Disaster Risks" from 19 to 22 February at Sukosol Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand. This workshop was part of an annual series conducted in support of the Making Cities Resilient (MCR) 2030 campaign. Fifty-five participants were invited from seven countries spanning nine cities across ASEAN and South Asia, along with partner organizations. The training workshop focused on addressing challenges in integrating climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction into national and local development planning.



[IGES, APN and AIT RRC. AP: Session on LLA at 4th Annual Gobeshona Global Conference Session](#)

IGES, in collaboration with Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN) and AIT RRC.AP, organized a seminar on “Bridging Science and Policy: AP-PLAT’s practices on Locally-led Adaptation for Climate Resilient Asia-Pacific” on 7 March as a part of the 4th Annual Gobeshona Global Conference Session. This session showcased AP-PLAT’s practices on locally-led adaptation (LLA), as one of the priority areas of the AP-PLAT Framework for Action, highlighting how to develop individual and institutional capacity for promoting LLA in the Asia-Pacific. The invited speakers presented the new e-learning course on LLA developed by AIT RRC.AP as well as the APN-IGES joint LLA project in Fiji, Nepal, and Viet Nam.

[REAP: Early Action: The State of Play 2023 published](#)

REAP published its flagship report, Early Action: The State of Play. Now in their third year, the State of Play reports provide snapshots of international, regional, and national investments, commitments, and activities linked to early warning and early action. This year’s report focuses on the work of REAP Partners following the recommendations of the 2022 report; identifies both upcoming (for 2024) and longer-term issues and opportunities for addressing them; and provides an overview of commitments and activities that contribute towards REAP’s four Targets.

[UNEP GAN: Maldives rests hope on new National Adaptation Plan to tackle climate change](#)

The Government of Maldives, in partnership with UNEP, is increasing the climate resilience of the island nation by developing a National Adaptation Plan (NAP). The NAP process aims to reduce the country’s vulnerability to the impacts of climate change by identifying and addressing long-term adaptation needs through strategic planning that is guided by the latest climate science and projections. The USD 2.8 million project, funded by the Green Climate Fund, will support Maldives to develop its adaptation plan, enhancing the capacity to plan and implement solutions that will boost the climate resilience of the country and its population.

2. Introduction to AP-PLAT deliverables and achievements

Publication of two e-learning courses

AIT RRC.AP, in partnership with IGES and funded by MOEJ, is introducing two e-learning module courses: “Integrating Gender and Indigenous Factors into Locally Led Adaptation (LLA)” and “FloodS: Using the FloodS Flood Forecasting Tool for Adaptation Planning at the City Level.” These courses are integrated into the Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Information Platform (AP-PLAT), a collaborative initiative aimed at strengthening climate resilience in the Asia-Pacific region. Both e-learning courses were launched on the AP-PLAT website in March 2024.



The LLA course is designed to emphasize the significance of locally-led adaptation, with a focus on integrating gender equality and addressing indigenous concerns, targeting stakeholders engaged in local-level climate change adaptation. Moreover, FloodS, a web-based flood simulation tool, aims to meet the climate adaptation needs of the region by forecasting floods and their expected impact, facilitating the development of appropriate adaptation strategies within broader climate adaptation plans.

3. Call for your contributions to the AP-PLAT newsletter

We are seeking the active participation of partner organizations and other stakeholders in AP-PLAT activities to strengthen our network. If you have any events, activity updates, announcements, or other information that you wish to circulate to our community, please send it to the AP-PLAT secretariat by email <ap-plat@iges.or.jp>.

4. Want to become a member?

If you are interested in becoming a supporting organization and/or capacity development partner organization, please apply using the following links.

[Application form* – AP-PLAT Supporting Organization](#)

[Application form* – AP-PLAT Supporting Organization and Capacity Development Partner Organization](#)

Please spread the word!

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