Institute for Global Environmental Strategies



Introduction of LCS-related Research and Activities

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Introduction to IGES

- The Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) established in 1998 is a research institute conducts pragmatic and strategic policy research on global environmental issues.
- Policy research: IGES proposes policies and institutional frameworks that aim to create a new type of environmentally sound and socially equitable society.
- Focus on Asia-Pacific: IGES focuses on sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific, a region experiencing rapid growth in industrial activity and population, with serious implications for the future global environment.
- Outreach to stakeholders: IGES aims to produce outputs that can be utilised in the decision-making of various actors, including national and local governments, businesses, NGOs, citizens as well as international organisations.





Blanch Offices and Partners

A total of 48 signatory organisations as of March 2009



- IPCC-NGGIP Technical Support Unit (TSU)
- Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research(APN)
- Japanese Center for International Studies in Ecology (IGES-JISE)



Thematic Areas of Research







- Issue oriented research:
 - Climate Change (post-2012 regime, adaptation, sustainable development co-benefits, market/financial mechanisms, technology transfer, transportation, LCS in Asia), Biofuels, Forest Conservation, Freshwater Management, and Waste Management and Resource Efficiency.



- Business and the Environment, Capacity Development and Education
- Other cross-cutting issues:
 - Urban/local Initiatives for Sustainable Society/LCS.





IGES LCS-related Research and Activities (1)



IGES White Paper

- "Climate Change Policies in the Asia-Pacific: Re-uniting Climate Change and Sustainable Development" published in 2008.
- Summary of current climate change policies and recommendations.
- Key climate issues in Asia-Pacific context, namely post-2012 regime, adaptation, sustainable development co-benefits, and market mechanisms were discussed.
- Further complexities in aligning climate concerns and sustainable development were also debated in relation to forestry, freshwater, and etc.
- Recommendations focused on that integration of climate change policies and sustainable development and showed the way for new development towards the realisation of LCS.



IGES LCS-related Research and Activities (2)

LCS-Asia Study: Integrated Research on the Mid- and Long-Term Policy Options toward LCS in Asia

- Based on the experience of participating to Japan LCS Scenarios Study
- Joint research with NIES and others
- IGES covers:
 - Development Patterns: "Are countries in Asia in a good position to pursue Low Carbon Development?" "Unique context in each country?
 - Sustainable Development Co-benefits
 - Leap-frog technologies (energy, industry, transportation, agriculture, etc.)
 - Value and wisdoms to anchor Low Carbon Development



IGES LCS-related Research and Activities (3)

Facilitation of global/regional discourses/dialogues

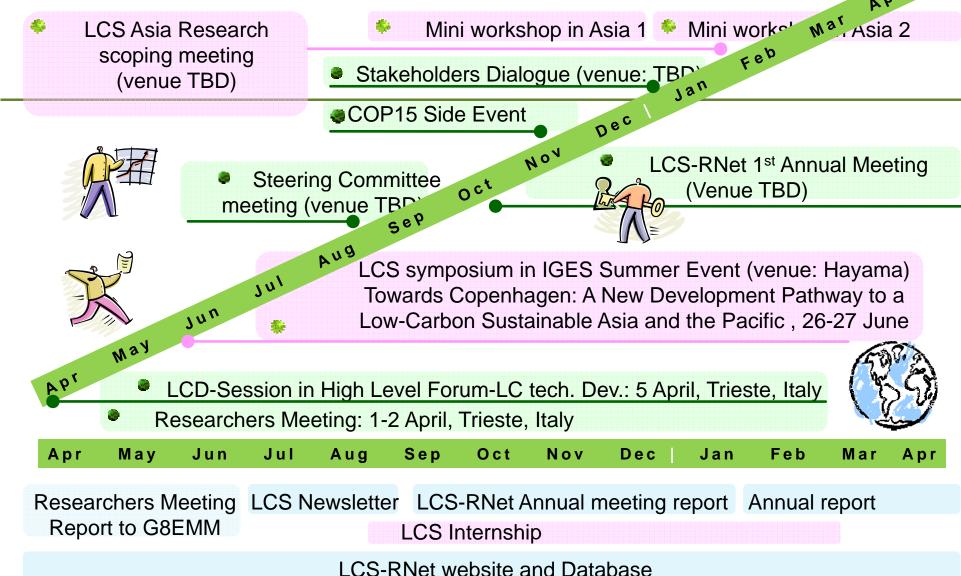
- Regional Consultations on the Post-2012 Climate Regime since 2005
- Secretariat for Asia-Pacific Forum for Environment and Development (APFED) since 2001
- Preparation of discussion papers (climate change, 3R and biodiversity) for Kobe G8 Environment Ministers Meeting in 2008
- Providing technical inputs to CC related high level policy dialogue in Indonesia w/ JICA and AFD since 2008
- Secretariat for LCS-RNet since 2008



Linkage to International Organisations and Processes

- Other involvement in important policy processes and close association international/regional organisations include:
 - UNFCCC, WWF, and the 3R Initiative
 - Asia Europe Foundation (ASEF) under the framework of the Asia Europe Meeting (ASEM)
 - Asian Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Network (AECEN) by USAID
 - ADB, UNESCAP, UNEP-ROAP, ASEAN



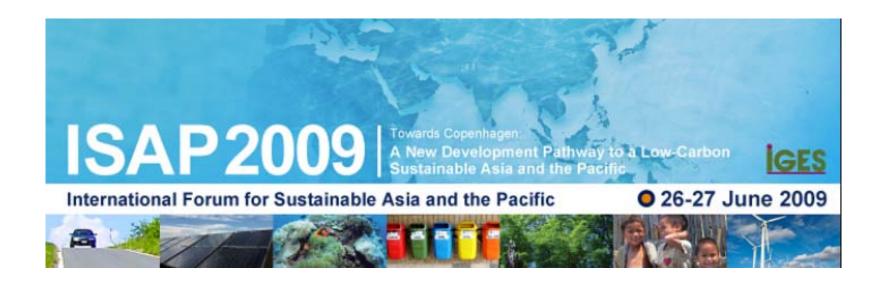




Envisaged contribution to / Expectation from LCS-RNet

- Collaboratively develop and disseminate timely messages to relevant stakeholders including policy makers, business, NGOs, citizens, etc., through:
- Sharing findings from LCS Asia study, Asian LCS model cities study, and other studies ongoing and being developed.
- Promotion of LCS research and stakeholder dialogues in Asia including "Towards Copenhagen: A New Development Pathway to a Low-Carbon Sustainable Asia and the Pacific" on 26-27June 2009.





See you all in Hayama!