



LoCARNet Bogor Declaration

Asia Is Ready to Stabilise Climate

Recognising the huge risk of climate change to human well-being predicted by science communities; welcoming the start of a new global regime to avert it; confirming the growing importance of regional cooperation for low-carbon transition; and drawing upon Asian wisdom to contribute in stabilising climate,

The participants of the LoCARNet 3rd Annual Meeting reaffirm that:

1. Asia has research capacity; Asia has research networks which support policy-making.
2. Asia has potential for low-carbon transition which is adequate to contribute to the two degrees temperature stabilisation target.
3. Asia has the technological, financial and institutional capacity to facilitate low-carbon actions.
4. Many 'good practice' examples exist and their replication is challenging. Continued technological and institutional innovations are needed to support the transition to a sustainable low-carbon society.
5. Asia is ready to make due contribution to global climate stabilisation.

However:

1. Diversity among Asian nations poses challenges for framing uniform policies, but provides opportunities for discovering a range of options. Regional cooperation for low-carbon research is therefore challenging as well as rewarding.
2. Asia houses a sizable fraction of low-income families. Their development needs require special attention to ensure that their welfare is not compromised.

Low-carbon research in Asia shows that timing is critical; lock-ins must be avoided and all 'leapfrogging opportunities' should be seized and realised by positive actions, supported by global climate policies, including technology transfer and incremental finance.

Asia is ready for low-carbon transition and awaits signals from the Paris Climate Change Agreement to deploy actions towards climate stabilisation.

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Low Carbon Asia Research Network (LoCARNet)*

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Low Carbon Asia Research Network

What is the Low Carbon Asia Research Network?

An open network of researchers, research organisations, as well as like-minded relevant stakeholders that facilitates the formulation and implementation of science-based policies for low-carbon development in the Asian region.

In October 2011, at the ASEAN+3 Environmental Ministers' Meeting (EMM) in Cambodia, the Japanese government and the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) proposed the launch of the **Low Carbon Asia Research Network (LoCARNet)**.

LoCARNet was officially launched at the "East Asia Low Carbon Growth Partnership Dialogue" in April 2012, and has reported its progress to the ASEAN+3 EMM every year.



ASEAN+3 EMM in Cambodia (Oct. 2011)



Intellectual regional cooperation towards low-carbon growth in Asia

LoCARNet promotes research for policies towards low-carbon growth by enabling dialogue between scientists and policy-makers while also encouraging collaboration amongst researchers in-country whose research capacity and scientific knowledge are firmly grounded in their home countries, and who therefore enjoy full ownership of this capacity and knowledge. LoCARNet also aims to increase its research capacity in this region through knowledge sharing and information exchange in the context of not only north-south cooperation, but also south-south regional cooperation.



Lessons learnt from activities and outcomes from dialogues between researchers and policy-makers in Asia – Synthesis reports of our past policy dialogues



IGES, together with the National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES) in Japan, has been conducting workshops that promote dialogues between policy-makers and researchers in Indonesia, Thailand, Cambodia and Malaysia, as well as networking among researchers in this region, to encourage low-carbon development in Asia. During the course of these workshops, the growing importance of low-carbon development in Asia was strongly recognised.

Synthesis Reports <http://lcs-rnet.org/publications/>

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