



**Asian Co-benefits Partnership (ACP)
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The Asian Co-benefits Partnership (ACP) Organisational Profile and Work Plan (the Work Plan, hereafter) is a document that outlines and updates the ACP's functions and yearly activities. The Work Plan is developed through consultations with Advisory Group members. Those consultations are intended to keep the work of the ACP relevant and timely. They are also intended to leverage the strengths of the ACP members to bring a more integrated approach to development and climate change in Asia.

A. Organisational profile

A-1. Goals and Outcomes

1. The ACP is an informal and interactive platform designed to improve information sharing and stakeholder dialogue on co-benefits in Asia. The ultimate goal of the ACP is the mainstreaming of co-benefits into sectoral development plans, policies and projects in Asia by specifically seeking the following outcomes:
 - a) *Knowledge base and information clearinghouse* on co-benefits have been strengthened and is regularly used by various stakeholders in Asia, especially policymakers;
 - b) *Effective communication structures* for co-benefits have been created and consistently disseminate information to major organizations and initiatives promoting a co-benefits approach;
 - c) *National and sectoral policies* in Asia incorporate co-benefits and result in increased number of specific co-benefits projects; and
 - d) *Cooperation among countries* in Asia for further promotion of mutually-beneficial co-benefits approach/projects has been strengthened.

A-2. Partnership members and target audience

2. The ACP members can include various organisations or individuals that are interested in or willing to working on co-benefits in countries in Asia, including government agencies, international development organisations, academe, civil society and the private sector etc. The members can contribute to any activities described in the work plan.
3. The ACP recognizes that views on co-benefits are inherently diverse – some groups are interested in the linkages between climate change and development while others focus on linkages between climate and particular sectors (energy, transport, and industry) or environmental media (air, water, and waste). To ensure the inclusive character of the ACP, co-benefits will be viewed in a broad sense – that is, co-benefits between development and climate.
4. Given the current situation and sustained interests of the members in the Advisory Group, a higher priority will be placed on co-benefits between environmental pollution and climate change, with several members focusing specifically on the mitigation of air pollution and climate change in countries in Asia.

5. The ACP recognises that a narrower focus of target activities will be useful to facilitate mainstreaming co-benefits into specific sectoral policies and measures. At the same time, a broader view can help raise awareness of co-benefits among a variety of stakeholders and allay concerns about the co-costs arising from a co-benefits approach (i.e. the costs of switching from fossil fuels).
6. Therefore, the ACP aims to encourage the wide scale application of a co-benefits approach; the ACP is designed to meet the needs of organisations (especially government agencies from developing countries in Asia) that are responsible for the formulation and implementation of sectoral policies, programs and projects. Since local level agencies frequently implement projects and policies, the ACP will make concerted efforts to ensure the impacts of its activities reach the local level.
7. The ACP will also aim to contribute to activities by organisations and individuals promoting co-benefits in a specific sector, theme or framework and mechanism including reduction of short-lived climate pollutants (SLCPs) led by the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC), the joint crediting mechanisms (JCM) by the Ministry of the Environment Japan, low emissions development strategies (LEDs) or development assistance programs under multilateral development banks.
8. Among various stakeholders, researchers will play an important role in the ACP, recognising that in an evolving area such as co-benefits from SLCPs reduction can bring recent findings to other stakeholders.

A-3. Implementation arrangements

9. **Secretariat** - In 2016 and 2017, the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) (Japan headquarter) will continue to serve as the Secretariat for the ACP. The main tasks of the Secretariat include:
 - a) Documentations on ACP activities, including Work Plan and the Advisory Group meeting minutes;
 - b) Oversee implementation of the Work Plan;
 - c) Organise and promote ACP activities, including meetings, seminars, workshops or projects;
 - d) Maintain communication with members of the ACP;
 - e) Assist members of the ACP in developing co-benefits policies and projects in Asia;
 - f) Ensure active participation of Asian countries in ACP activities; and
 - g) Carry out other activities as appropriate.
10. **Advisory Group** - The Advisory Group provides advice to the Secretariat on the ACP and its activities. The functions of the Advisory Group include:
 - a) Set and review strategic priorities for the ACP;
 - b) Review the ACP work plan prepared by the Secretariat;
 - c) Recommend the working method (including membership policy) of the ACP; and
 - d) Advise on fund raising activities carried out by the ACP members to support the ACP activities
11. **Advisory Group Members** - Members of the Advisory Group consist of representatives from some Asian countries and international organisations. The membership of the Advisory Group will ensure that the priorities of Asian countries are adequately reflected in the activities of the ACP. The Advisory Group maintains contact by email and/or teleconferences and holds a minimum of one face-to-face meeting each year.

12. Members of the Advisory Group will include:

- a) Asian country representatives: volunteer countries;
- b) International organisations: the Asian Development Bank (ADB), Clean Air Asia, the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), Regional Resource Center for Asia and the Pacific (RRCAP), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), and the United Nations University-Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS).
- c) Others as appropriate, such as selected sectoral agencies.

A-4. Major functions and activities for 2016-2017

13. The major functions and activities of the ACP for 2016-2017 are:

a) **Information sharing and knowledge management, including knowledge generation and dissemination**

- Information sharing will be continuously and actively promoted through various types of media through its official website (<http://www.cobenefit.org/>), the IGES website, relevant events and PR materials committed by all the ACP actors, namely the Secretariat, the Advisory Group Members and individual members.
- Knowledge management activities will also be strengthened focusing on the followings;
 - (i) supporting identifying and awareness rising on possible co-benefits policies at the national development or sectoral levels;
 - (ii) contributing to facilitating research on mutually-beneficial institutions, initiatives, policies as well as science of co-benefits (especially on SLCPs); and
 - (iii) helping develop methodologies to quantify co-benefits.
- The Secretariat will regularly request to the members who already possess extensive knowledge on co-benefits, and have published research papers, technical documents, case study reports and etc. for disseminating such knowledge products through both the ACP and individual activities.
- To summarise those continued developments, the ACP will aim to publish the third biannual white paper on co-benefits in Asia by the end of FY2017. In so doing, the ACP secretariat will develop drafts of an outline and relevant materials for review and comments by consultation with the Advisory Group Members to facilitate discussions.

b) **Enhanced communication among the ACP members**

- The Secretariat will identify and invite organisations that are involved in initiatives, policies or projects contributing to co-benefits in Asia to join the ACP. It will also encourage contributing to their activities as appropriate. Efforts will be made to significantly increase the number of member organisations in the ACP, especially relevant to SLCPs, the CCAC, the JCM, LEDs or other development assistance programs (→ A-2. Para 7.).
- Bearing in mind that one of the barriers to disseminating a co-benefits approach is a limited understanding of its application to actual projects, the ACP members will encourage and facilitate sharing of experiences and views on the concept, methodologies or case studies in various sectors, such as air pollution control, transport, or waste management through any publications and events.

c) **Development of co-benefits policies and projects in Asia**

- Joint research will be continuously carried out on how to integrate co-benefits policies in national development plans or relevant sectoral policies (e.g. Diesel case study on Thailand in FY2013). Cross-national cooperation, bilateral and multilateral research projects will be strongly encouraged.
- The ACP will facilitate the development of collaborative co-benefits projects. Guidelines, manuals, and other technical documents to develop and evaluate co-benefits policies and projects will be developed and disseminated.
- The ACP will seek to identify and showcase “case studies” for co-benefits projects. In so doing, it will seek to determine *inter alia* the reasons behind a success, estimated costs, cost savings, and benefits (short and long term), scalability within particular areas, possible relevance and reproducibility in other areas. Extra emphasis will be placed on estimating costs since costs often weigh more heavily in decisions than benefits.
- Capacity building needs for a co-benefits approach (both at the policy and project level) will be identified. Based on the identified needs, capacity building activities will be developed and implemented as appropriate. Efforts will further be made to integrate co-benefits into multiple stages of policymaking (i.e. planning, financing and implementation).
- When resources are available, demonstration projects may be developed and implemented to demonstrate the utility of co-benefits approach. For instance, projects may look at the co-benefits from a key sector or from SLCPs.

d) **Strengthening of regional cooperation to promote co-benefits approach**

- Inter-linkages will be continuously established between the ACP and existing networks/initiatives in Asia potentially related to co-benefits. The ACP members and Secretariat will make efforts to raise awareness and of the issue of co-benefits at high level policy dialogues for the climate and development theme, namely the Better Air Quality (BAQ) 2016, the Governmental Meeting on Urban Air Quality in Asia, the Joint Forum on Clean Air in Asia and the Pacific, the UNFCCC and other relevant events.
- Efforts will also be made to cooperate with new initiatives supporting co-benefits such as CCAC, the Integrated Better Air Quality Program (IBAQ).
- An appropriate funding scheme, as well as better use of existing funding schemes, may be explored to promote/accelerate co-benefits policies and projects in Asia. Funding from international and regional development agencies may be pursued to finance model projects. Efforts to acquire funding for such projects will be stepped up over the period 2016-2017.

B. Work Plan for 2016-2017

as of Jul.2016

- The work plan consists of both all-ACP collaborative projects as well as existing projects related on co-benefits being implemented by individual ACP advisory group member (and proposals).
- The status of activities will be updated as appropriate.

B-1. Collaborative Projects/Proposals

a) Information sharing

Activities	Methods [Proposed ¹]	Lead Organisations	Supporting Organisations
Improve appropriate websites/listserv for knowledge management	ACP Website [*ACP member emailing list]	Secretariat/IGES [*Secretariat/IGES]	- ACP Advisory Group - All other members (upon request)
Collect and share policy, project and scientific information related to co-benefits	ACP factsheets ACP newsletters [*Co-benefits in brief]	Secretariat/IGES [*Secretariat/IGES]	- ACP Advisory Group - All other members (upon request)
Exhibit and disseminate ACP publications & PR materials	ACP exhibition booth	IGES, MOEJ	ACP Advisory Group

b) Communication

Activities	Methods [Proposed ¹]	Lead Organisations	Supporting Organisations
Regular communication with concerned countries, organisations and experts	ACP Advisory Group Meeting	- Secretariat/IGES - ACP Advisory Group	All other members (upon request)
Consultation on barriers and opportunities for co-benefits in Asia with concerned countries, organisations and experts	1. ACP Advisory Group Meeting]	1. Secretariat/IGES, ACP Advisory Group	All other members (upon request)
Convene meeting/ workshop to disseminate a co-benefits approach to policymakers and other stakeholders	1. IIASA-IGES Workshop 2. APCAP meeting 3. Governmental Meetings on Urban Air Quality in Asia 4. Global Atmospheric Pollution Forum (GAP Forum) relaunch at BAQ	1. MOEJ, Secretariat/IGES 2. MOEJ, ACAP, IGES 3. UNEP, Clean Air Asia, MOEJ 4. SEI and IUAPPA	(TBD)

¹ Items with an asterisk are proposed collaborative projects. Implementation will be contingent on funding and confirmed involvement of participants.

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c) Co-benefits policies/projects

Activities	Methods [Proposed]	Lead Organisations	Supporting Organisations
Develop and/or improve technical documents for co-benefits projects	ACP White Paper	- Secretariat/IGES - ACP Advisory Group	All other members (upon request)
Prepare case study reports on co-benefits projects (in sectoral projects, cities, etc.)	ACP White Paper ACP Good Practice Map	- Secretariat/IGES - ACP Advisory Group	All other members (upon request)
Support the development of integrated co-benefits strategies for selected developing countries in Asia	1. Provide support to the CCAC/APCAP Regional Assessment 2. Provide support to the CCAC SNAP and Manure Management initiatives in Bangladesh and Vietnam	1. UNEP-ROAP, SEI/GAPF, IGES 2. IGES,SEI/GAPF	1. Secretariat/IGES, Clean Air Asia (+ ACAP, IIASA) 2. Bangladesh Livestock Research Institute and SNV (Vietnam)
Develop co-benefits projects, led by developing country members	1. Japan-China bilateral cooperation (phase3) 2. Japan-Indonesia bilateral cooperation (phase3)	1. MOEJ, PRCEE 2. MOEJ, MOEFI	

d) Regional cooperation

Activities	Methods [Proposed]	Lead Organisations	Supporting Organisations
Provide relevant regional initiatives with information and input on co-benefits	1. CCAC meetings (esp. regional meetings) 2. GAP Forum meeting at BAQ 2016	1. UNEP-ROAP, SEI and IUAPPA/GAPF, MOEJ, Secretariat/IGES, 2. SEI and IUAPPA	1. All other members (upon request)
Regional cooperation programmes	1. Asia Pacific Clean Air Partnership (APCAP) 2. Integrated Better Air Quality Program (IBAQ) , including development of Guidance	1. UNEP-ROAP 2. Clean Air Asia	1. MOEJ, Secretariat/IGES 2. MOEJ, Secretariat/IGES

	<p>Framework for Better Air Quality in Asian Cities and capacity building course on co-benefits</p>		
<p>Develop policy messages for high level policymakers</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Governmental Meetings on Urban Air Quality in Asia 2. CCAC/APCAP Regional Assessment 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UNEP, Clean Air Asia, MOEJ 2. UNEP-ROAP, SEI/GAPF, IGES 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Secretariat/IGES - All other members (upon request)
<p>Develop appropriate financing framework for co-benefits policies and projects in Asia, including better use of existing funding mechanisms</p>	<p>ADB Gender project</p>	<p>IGES</p>	

B-2. Existing Projects

	Information sharing	Communication	Policies/Projects	Regional cooperation
ADB		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADB Transport Forum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender Co-benefits project 	
Clean Air Asia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better Air Quality (BAQ) Conference 2016 and World Clean Air Conference in Busan Korea • Cities Act Website/Database • IBAQ website, CAA China Knowledge Hub and Cities Clean Air Partnership website (including experts database and online resources) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in APCAP meetings, including the Joint Forum on Clean Air in Asia and the Pacific organized by UNEP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASEAN Fuel Economy projects • Supporting Vietnam in developing national green freight programs under the CCAC Diesel Initiative • Eco-driving project in Jakarta, Indonesia • Implementing ADB Better Data Project which will provide relevant transport data (including GHGs/AP data) for 40 developing member countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governmental Meetings on Urban Air Quality in Asia • Integrated Better Air Quality Program (IBAQ), including capacity building on co-benefits. Regional co-benefits training to be delivered in 2016/Q1 2017. • Partnership with ASEAN Working Group on Environmentally Sustainable Cities for co-benefits training • Support to the development of the Regional Assessment Report under APCAP and CCAC.
ESCAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double Dividend and Green Growth Initiative 			
GAPF/SEI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLCP Projects • New SEI Low Emission Development Pathways (LEDP) project for SLCP and LEAP integrated benefits calculator (LEAP-IBC) • SEI assisted CCAC Secretariat to produce a guidance note on helping developing countries add the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLCP Regional Workshop for Asia • SEI linked to SLCP regional assessment, Supporting National Planning for Action (SNAP), integrated manure management projects, Urban Health Initiative, Diesel Initiative, and Cookstoves Initiative. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of SLCP national action planning process for Bangladesh + National Policy development on integrated manure management with Bangladesh Livestock Research Institute (BLRI) (currently being considered at cabinet level) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance in organising regional meetings and follow-up • Helping to coordinate the regional integrated assessment

	<p>SLCP dimension to their Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) under the UNFCCC; see also Carbon Brief Blog at: https://www.carbonbrief.org/guest-post-how-to-better-align-climate-goals-with-sustainable-development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IUAPPA and Clean Air Asia co-organizing the 2016 World Clean Air Conference in Busan Korea 			
IGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISAP2016 • ISAP2017 • IUAPPA and Clean Air Asia co-organizing the 2016 World Clean Air Conference in Busan Korea • SLCP Project (funded by MOEJ) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IIASA-Japan Co-benefits Workshop (funded by MOEJ) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender Co-benefits project (funded by ADB) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Japan-China intercity cooperation project (funded by MOEJ) • Contributing CCAC/APCAP Regional Assessment
MOEJ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to ACP, including its website • Kyoto Mechanisms Information Platform (website for Co-benefits Approach) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to ACP • Support to IIASA-Japan, Co-benefits Workshop 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to ACP as a multilateral platform to promote regional cooperation to realise co-benefits approach in Asian countries • Support of APCAP
	Information sharing	Communication	Policies/Projects	Regional cooperation
MOEFI			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slaughterhouse Project • Palm Oil Project 	
MONRE, PCD		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in Thematic Working Group on Air Quality Meeting 2017 • Participation in Marpol Protocol 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport NAMAs Project (hosted by GIZ & Office of Transport and Traffic Policy and Planning) 	

		<p>Meeting (MEPC 70,71) on Air Pollution,GHG's and Energy Efficiency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in EANET Meeting • Participation in The Sub-regional Ministerial Steering Committee on Haze (MSC) and Technical Working Group for MSC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MRV System in transportation sector (hosted by GIZ& Office of Transport and Traffic Policy and Planning) • PM2.5 Chemical Composition project (hosted by JICA Research Institute,ACAP and AIT) • JICA PRTR Project • Green Public Building (PCD) • Green Procurement Project (PCD) • Project of Development of Thailand's Air Pollutant Emission Inventory and Projection for Use in Air Quality Models (GAINS Model) (Hosted by Toyota Company & JGSEE) • January 1,2016,Tax evaluation using CO2 for LD & LG vehicles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emission standards for Euro 5 has been discussed for Light duty diesel vehicle and Light duty gasoline vehicle • Electric vehicle standards has been draft by the Thailand Industrial Standards Institute (TISI),Ministry of Industry,Thailand 	
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RRCAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) web portal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EANET Report for Policymakers • EANET Newsletters • Male Declaration Newsletters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABC Project • Low Carbon Technology Assessment Project • APAN capacity building project • Municipal Solid Waste Initiative (MSWI) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EANET • Male Declaration
PRCEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • China-Japan Co-benefits Cooperation Project (MOU) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • China-Japan Co-benefits Cooperation Project in Panzhihua • China-Japan Co-benefits Cooperation Project in Xiangtan 	
UNEP				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governmental Meetings on Urban Air Quality in Asia • Asia Pacific Clean Air Partnership (APCAP)
UNU-IAS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-benefits book project "Urbanization and Climate Co-Benefits" expected to be published 19 Dec 2016. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban Co-benefits Evaluation Tools • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperation with UNU-International Institute for Global Health and the ICSU-UNU-IAMP sponsored Scientific Programme on Urban Health and Well-being: A Systems Analysis

C. Overall schedule of collaborative project

Activities	FY2016												FY2017											
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3
a) Information sharing																								
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ACP factsheets																								
ACP newsletters																								
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