

# THE APAN EXCHANGE SERIES

Email-based discussion on Climate Change Adaptation

The Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) Exchange Series on Climate Change Adaptation is the email-based discussion operated by Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) with the support from the Ministry of the Environment of Japan (MoEJ). The Exchange seeks to capture, consolidate and share experience-based knowledge as well as strengthen community members of APAN Network and enable government officials and key practitioners to interact with experts and with each other to gain knowledge in an online space.

During 2013 and 2016, thirteen APAN Exchange Series discussions took place. The discussion topics often coincided with the theme of the major event being organized at the time. The following is a list of topics discussed during those discussion periods. All the discussion topics along with information about the Exchange Series can be accessed at <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/exchange>.

- 1. Majuro Declaration for Climate Leadership - A Climate Financing Perspective**  
*11 September 2013 to 25 September 2013*
- 2. COP19, GCF and Business Involvement**  
*31 October 2013 to 29 November 2013*
- 3. Is 'resilience' an operational alternative to 'adaptation'?**  
*10 March 2014 to 02 April 2014*
- 4. Bringing Realistic Adaptation Financing into the NAP Process**  
*21 May 2014 to 18 June 2014*
- 5. Strengthening Country Systems to Access and Manage Climate Finance**  
*In collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme*  
*29 August 2014 to 13 September 2014*
- 6. GCF Capitalization and the Prospects for a Successful 2015 Climate Deal**  
*02 December 2014 to 09 January 2015*
- 7. Mainstreaming Gender into Adaptation: Examples and Experiences**  
*12 March 2015 to 27 March 2015*
- 8. Financing Urban Adaptation and Resilience**  
*16 June 2015 to 25 June 2015*
- 9. What Are Your Adaptation Priorities? Examples and Experiences**  
*05 August 2015 to 20 August 2015*
- 10. Effective Capacity Building for Accessing Climate Finance: Examples and Experiences**  
*05 November 2015 to 18 November 2015*
- 11. How Gender Integration Leads to Better Climate Change Adaptation**  
*22 March 2016 to 31 March 2016*
- 12. Ensuring Sustained Impacts of Donor-Driven Programs: Examples and Experiences**  
*20 June 2016 to 04 July 2016*
- 13. Building Capacities to Prepare Good Projects and Access Climate Finance**  
*15 November 2016 to 02 December 2016*

**In FY2017, three online discussions were conducted** via the APAN Exchange Series (14th – 16th) with an adaptation expert posting questions to existing subscribers, who include national and local government officials across Asia-Pacific working on climate change adaptation and planning, other adaptation practitioners, and development partners. The three topics of the Exchange will be relevant to the post- COP23, IGES adaptation workshop on adaptation and climate change impact assessment, and mainstreaming gender into climate change adaptation.

**The 14th APAN Exchange Series** was conducted and facilitated by Dr. Peter King in January 2018 focusing on “How to Use NAPs, NDCs and the SDGs to Advance Climate Resilience in Asia-Pacific”. This Exchange was conducted after the outcomes of COP23 in Paris to emphasise supporting countries needs in planning for adaptation among development partners as well as consistently and effectively implementing NAPs and NDCs, and how we can use these processes, including the SDGs, to advance climate resilience in Asia and the Pacific. The consolidated responses are available at <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/exchange/14th-exchange-series>

**The 15th APAN Exchange Series** was conducted by Dr. Peter King and Ms. Sybil Nelson in March 2018 focusing on “Mainstreaming Gender into Climate Change Adaptation Programmes and Policies”. This Exchange was launched during the International Women’s Day to encourage community members of APAN Network to reflect on the issues of gender equality, analysis and integrated planning as it relates to climate change adaptation. Seven contributors shared their insights during the discussion period. The consolidated responses are available at <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/exchange/15th-exchange-series>

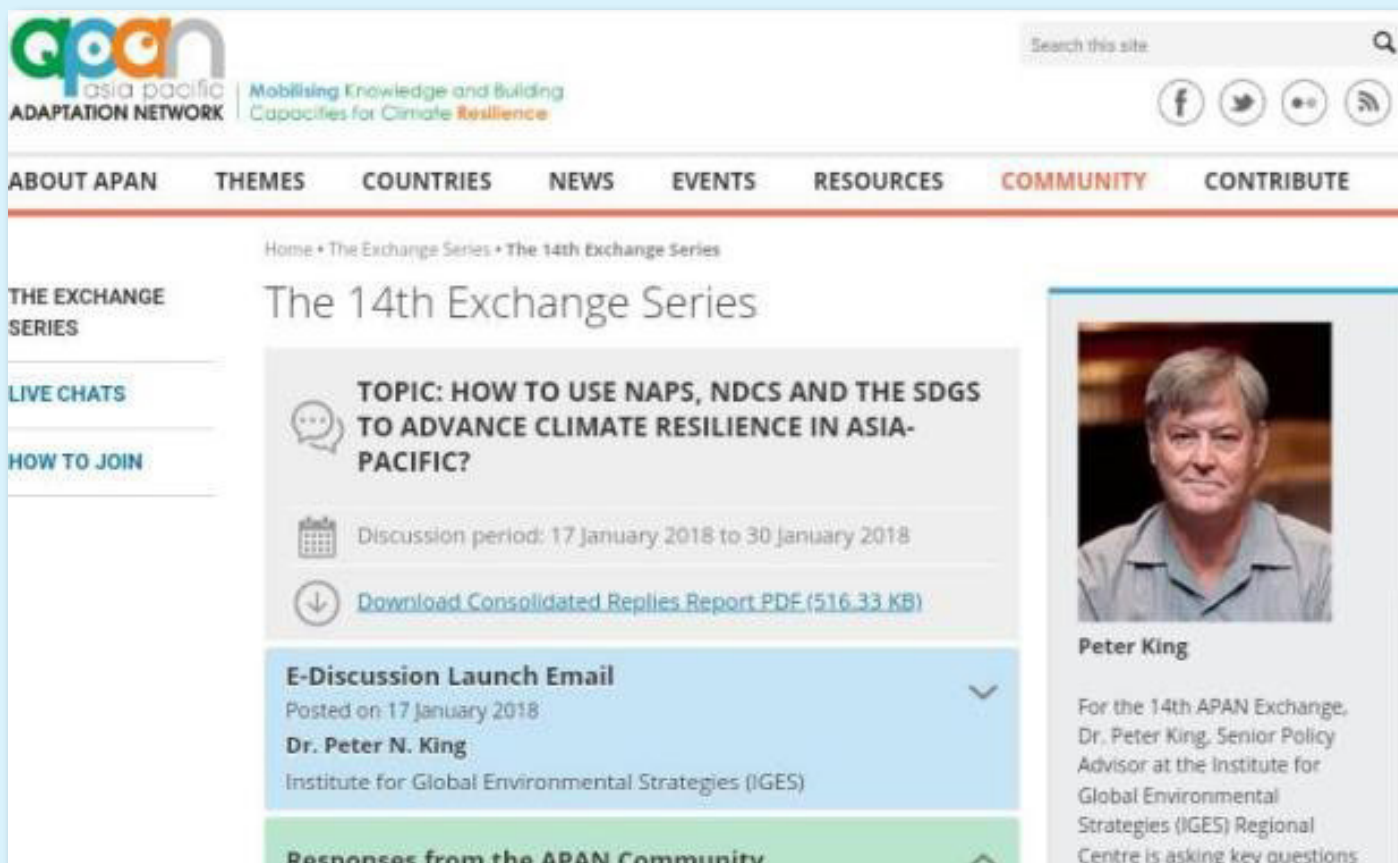
**The 16th APAN Exchange Series** was conducted by Dr. Peter King and Ms. Tagaloa Cooper-Halo in March 2018 focusing on “Climate Change Impact Assessments and Adaptation Planning in the Small Island Developing States (SIDS)”. This Exchange highlighted the importance of climate change adaptation in the Pacific islands which had not been addressed comprehensively in the other Exchange series. This Exchange was also conducted in line with the theme of the IGES adaptation workshop on advancing practices in climate change adaptation at national, local and sectoral levels. The consolidated responses are available at <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/exchange/16th-exchange-series>

#### APAN EXCHANGE SERIES CONDUCTED IN FY2017

No.	Topic	Date	Facilitator
1	14th APAN Exchange Series: How to Use NAPs, NDCs and the SDGs to Advance Climate Resilience in Asia-Pacific	17-30 January 2018	Dr. Peter King
2	15th APAN Exchange Series: Mainstreaming Gender into Climate Change Adaptation Programmes and Policies	8-22 March 2018	Dr. Peter King and Ms. Sybil Nelson
3	16th APAN Exchange Series: Climate Change Impact Assessments and Adaptation Planning in the Small Island Developing States (SIDS)	22 March – 3 April 2018	Dr. Peter King and Ms. Tagaloa Cooper-Halo

# The 14th APAN Exchange Series:

How to Use NAPs, NDCs and the SDGs to Advance Climate Resilience in Asia-Pacific?



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- TOPIC: HOW TO USE NAPs, NDCs AND THE SDGS TO ADVANCE CLIMATE RESILIENCE IN ASIA-PACIFIC?**
- Discussion period: 17 January 2018 to 30 January 2018
- Download Consolidated Replies Report PDF (516.33 KB)

Below the topic card is an "E-Discussion Launch Email" section, dated 17 January 2018, by Dr. Peter N. King, Senior Policy Advisor at IGES. To the right is a profile for Peter King, Senior Policy Advisor at IGES, with a photo and a brief bio: "For the 14th APAN Exchange, Dr. Peter King, Senior Policy Advisor at the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) Regional Centre is asking key questions".

The 14th APAN Exchange on Climate Change Adaptation (email-based discussion) was conducted and facilitated by Dr. Peter King, Senior Policy Advisor of IGES from 17–31 January 2018 under the topic **“How to Use NAPs, NDCs and the SDGs to Advance Climate Resilience in Asia-Pacific?”** This email-based discussion was moderated by Chochoe Devaporihartakula, Programme Manager of IGES.

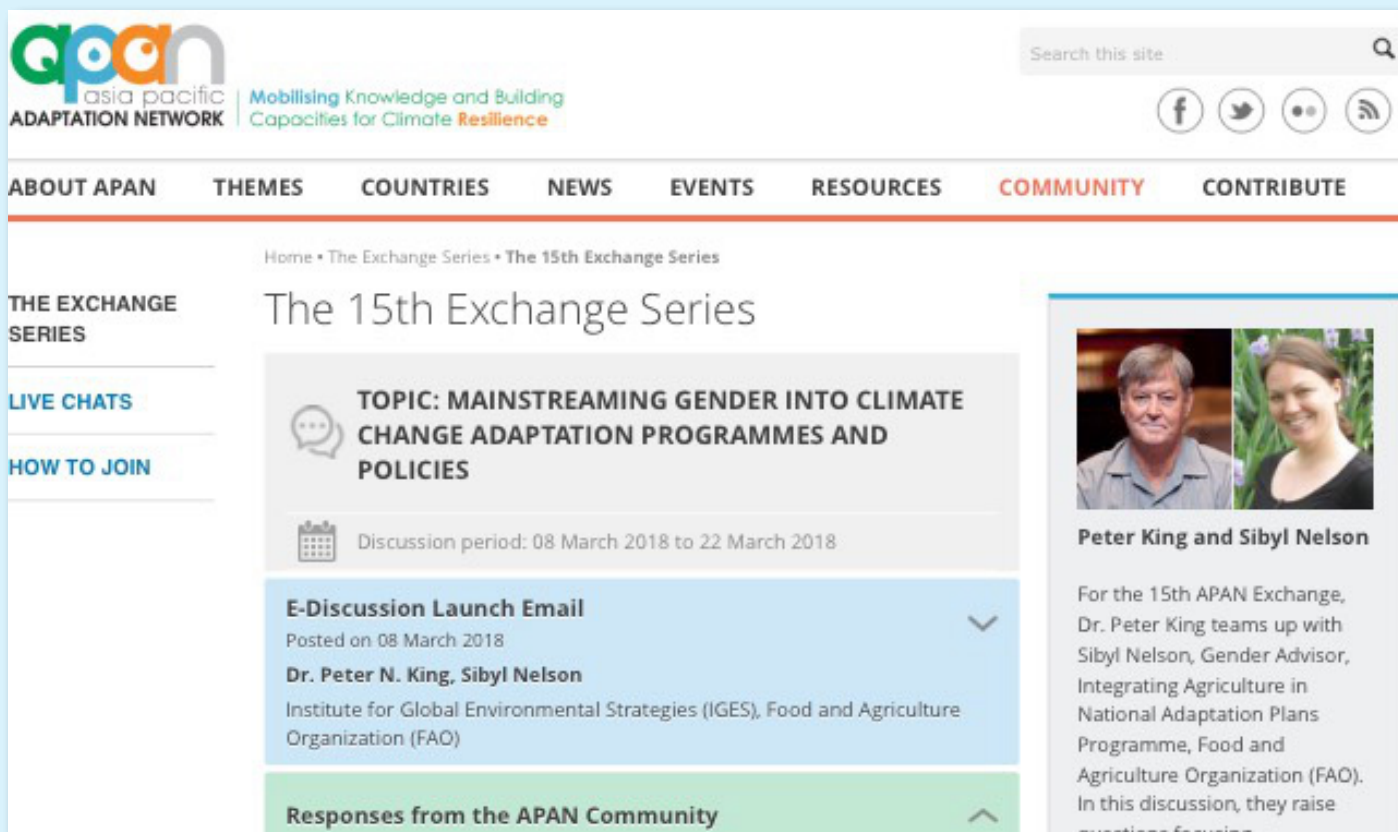
The Exchange drew contributions from the region, including from government officials representing Thailand’s National Economic and Social Development Board (NESDB) and Mongolia’s Ministry of Environment and Tourism. Adaptation experts from other organisations, such as Center for Natural Resource Studies (CNRS) and Climate Action Network-International (CAN), Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) and former Team Leader of Capacity Building of USAID Adapt Asia-Pacific also shared their views on this exchange series.

Based on the Exchange, the community members of APAN Network broadly agreed that there is a need to ratchet up the adaptation ambitions under the Paris Agreement and that the NAPs and NDCs should be aligned with the SDGs. Other suggested that there is a need to draw from the NAPs, NDCs and SDGs synergistic programmes and projects to enhance climate resilient development with possible support from regional bodies like SPREP and ASEAN who may follow the EU example and develop a regional NDC covering both mitigation and adaptation.

An e-discussion consolidated replies report was uploaded on Asia Pacific Adaptation Network website and is accessible via this link: <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/exchange/14th-exchange-series>.

# The 15th APAN Exchange Series:

Mainstreaming Gender into Climate Change Adaptation Programmes and Policies



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The 15th APAN Exchange on Climate Change Adaptation (email-based discussion) was conducted from 8–22 March 2018 under the topic “**Mainstreaming Gender into Climate Change Adaptation Programmes and Policies**”. This Exchange was launched on the International Women’s Day to encourage community members of APAN Network to reflect on the issues of gender equality, analysis and integrated planning as it relates to climate change adaptation. This APAN Exchange was facilitated by Dr. Peter King, Senior Policy Advisor of IGES and Sibyl Nelson, Gender Advisor of Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and was moderated by Chochoe Devaporihartakula, Programme Manager of IGES.

The Exchange drew detailed responses sent from DAI (USAID partner), UN Environment (UNEP), The Asian-Pacific Resource & Research Centre for Women (ARROW), Population Reference Bureau, the United States (PRB), Bangladesh Water Partnership (BWP), International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (icddr,b), Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), representing many sectors including water, health, and environment. The inputs covered a range of examples and included encouraging words as well as indications of challenges still to be met in the promotion of gender equality.

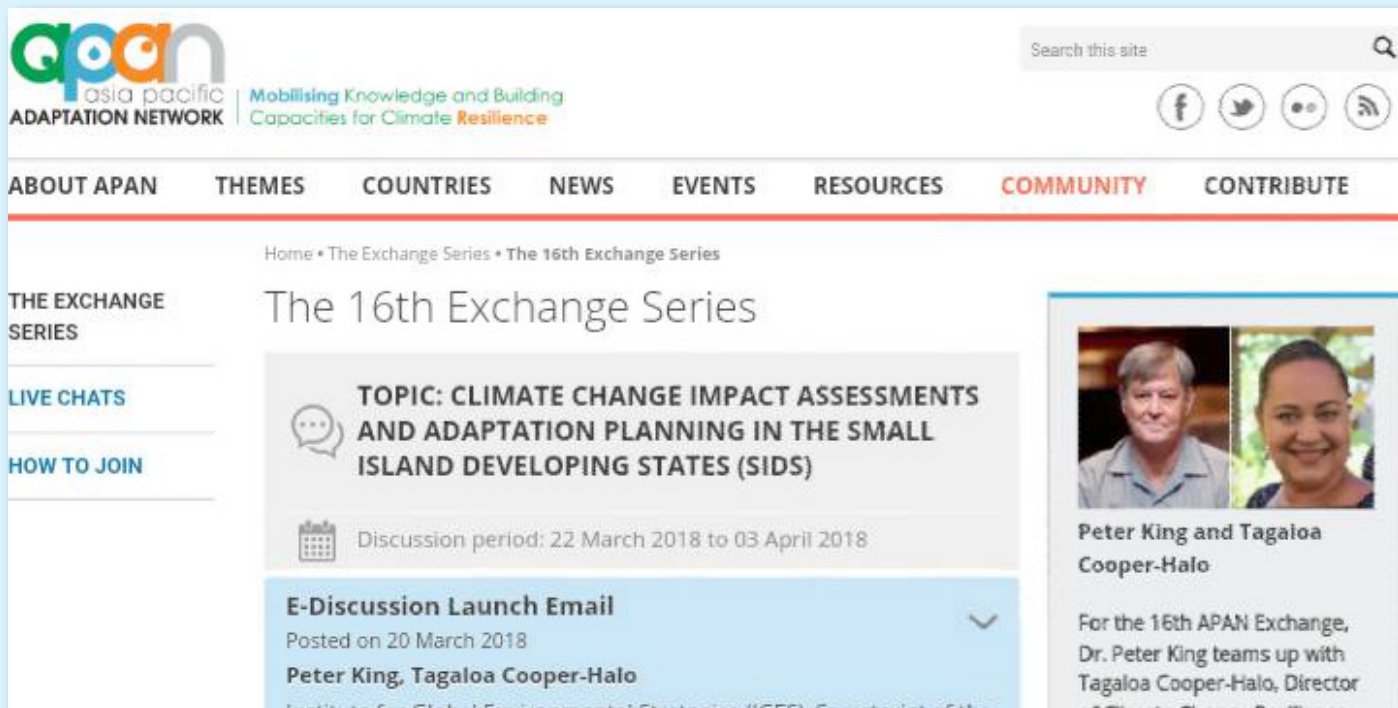
Based on the Exchange, contributors had many insights to offer on the key gender issues relevant to adaptation planning. They wrote about how climate change impacts women and men differently, and therefore adaptation responses need to take into account the different productive and reproductive roles of women and men, as well as their different needs and vulnerabilities. The issues of empowerment of different actors (women, local government), and the importance of engaging different perspectives through active participation in adaptation planning were cited.

An e-discussion consolidated replies report was uploaded on Asia Pacific Adaptation Network website and is accessible via this link: <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/exchange/15th-exchange-series>.



# The 16th APAN Exchange Series:

Climate Change Impact Assessments and Adaptation Planning in the Small Island Developing States (SIDS)



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The 16th APAN Exchange on Climate Change Adaptation (email-based discussion) was conducted from 22 March – 3 April 2018 under the topic “**Climate Change Impact Assessments and Adaptation Planning in the Small Island Developing States (SIDS)**”. This Exchange was launched to highlight the importance of climate change adaptation in the Pacific islands which have not been addressed comprehensively in our other Exchange. This email-based discussion was facilitated by Dr. Peter King, Senior Policy Advisor of IGES and Tagaloa Cooper-Halo, Director of Climate Change Resilience of Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), and was moderated by Chochoe Devaporihartakula, Programme Manager of IGES.

Due to unexpected delays in availability of the facilitator in the Pacific which are beyond our control, we unfortunately had to postpone the launching date of the 16th Exchange. Therefore, it is currently ongoing, and thus far, has drawn 2 contributions, including from government official from Ministry of Environment and Energy of Maldives and partner from International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

Based on the Exchange, contributors stressed that only a National Adaptation Programme of Action (NAPA) has been adopted by Maldives and Pacific Island Countries (PICs) while National Action Plans (NAPs) have not yet been adopted or listed on UNFCCC website. Adaptation projects have been in progress or undertaken aligned with priorities defined in NAPA. Land acquisition and reclamation occur in some PICs, such as Kiribati and Tuvalu. There is still a question whether there have been enough actions in the current process at the national, regional and international level to bring out changes that are needed particularly in SIDS who are already facing the impacts of the changing climate.

Responses are available online on the Asia Pacific Adaptation Network website and are accessible via this link: <http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/exchange/16th-exchange-series>.

## About APAN



The Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) is a regional programme for managing and applying adaptation knowledge in the region, and supports governments and other organisations working on adaptation, with special emphases on the management of knowledge and capacity building.

APAN operates through its regional hub located in Bangkok. The core partners are Institute of Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), Regional Resource Centre for Asia and the Pacific (RRC.AP) located at Asian Institute for Technology (AIT), and Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI). UNEP ROAP acts as the secretariat in charge of Steering Committee and for providing technical inputs to APAN.

## APAN Website

<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/>

The APAN website, in its current iteration, was launched in January 2013. Though there have been a few features added since, the current design of APAN website remains largely unchanged since then.

There are more than 3,000 CCA-related pieces of content available on APAN website ranging from publications to regional news. Each content is categorized as it is being created to make it easy to find and retrieve.

During 2017, the APAN website received 17,199 users and served over 40,000 pageviews.

### Main Content Sections

- **News:** Regional CCA-related news from various online sources  
<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/news>
- **Events:** A listing of regional CCA-related events from various sources  
<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/events>
- **Publications:** CCA-related publications from various sources including user-submission  
<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/resource>
- **NDC Adaptation Measures Locator:** Cross-cutting analysis of the NDCs, NAPAs and NAP processes of 34 countries in the Asia-Pacific region  
<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/ndc>
- **The Exchange:** The email-based community of practice discussion. In addition to The Exchange, the past community of practice features included live chats and webinars.  
<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/exchange>
- **E-communique:** APAN's monthly email newsletter  
<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/e-communique>
- **Adaptation Technology:** A Database of CCA-related technologies  
<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/adaptation-technologies/database>
- **Annual Forum:** A microsite for the Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum  
<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/adaptationforum/>