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Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) and its implications to Africa

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UNFCCC SBSTA at its 28th Session (2008):

“recognized that **regional centres and networks undertaking work relevant to climate change play an important role in enhancing adaptation**”

and

“agreed to promote existing networks for impacts, vulnerability and adaptation and encouraged the establishment of new networks.”

Responding to SBSTA-28 decision, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), in partnership with key UN and other international and bilateral agencies, has been facilitating the development of **Global Climate Change Adaptation Network (GAN)**.



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-Asia-Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN)

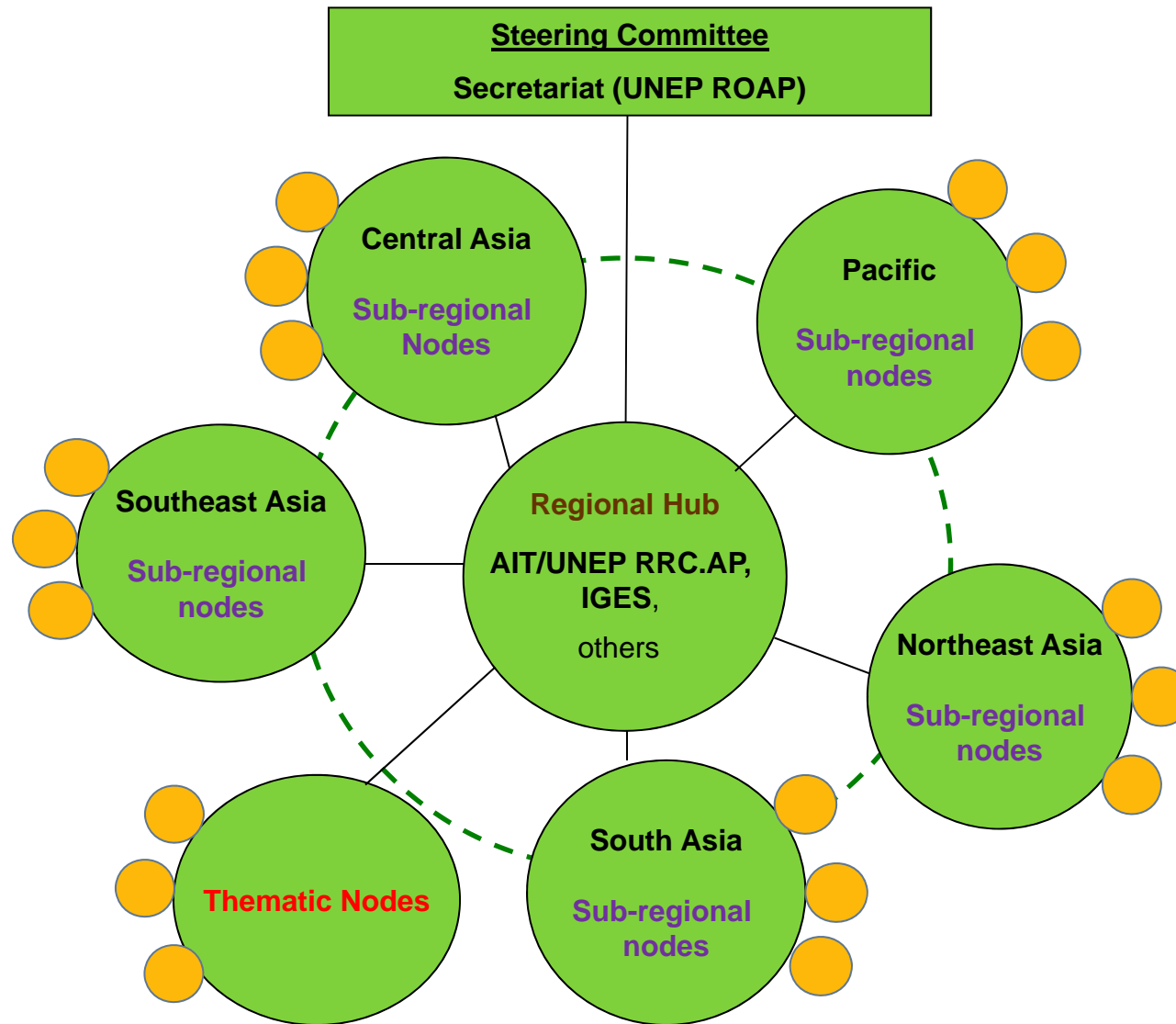
and

- Regional Climate Change Adaptation Knowledge Platform (AKP)

was launched in October 2009 in Bangkok by the Prime Minister of Thailand



Organizational Structure of APAN



 National partners

APAN – Sub regional Nodes

Organisation	Sub Region
Keio University	NEA
Climate Action Network South Asia @ Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies	SA
ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, Southeast Asia	SEA
Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC)	Central Asia
SPREP	Pacific

APAN – Thematic Nodes

Organisation	Thematic Area
Global Water Partnership (GWP), South Asia	Water
International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)	Mountains
Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA)	Agriculture

Overall goal of APAN

Help build climate resilience of vulnerable human systems, ecosystems and economies through the mobilization of knowledge and technologies to support adaptation capacity building, policy-setting, planning and practices.



Specific Objectives of APAN

- Generate & share knowledge & information on adaptation in the region;
- Improve access & timely availability to relevant adaptation knowledge & information;
- Facilitate access to international adaptation finance mechanisms by developing countries in the region;
- Strengthen institutional capacity for adaptation in the region;
- Inform development planning & investment decisions to support adaptation; and
- Develop the capacity of national & local planners, development partners & communities in adaptation.

1. Improve availability and accessibility of knowledge for adaptation, i.e. knowledge management, along with the Regional Climate Change Adaptation Knowledge Platform (AKP)

- Compile currently available information for assessment frameworks, methods and tools for climate impacts, decision support tools, good adaptation practices
- Organize annual forum, learning seminar, workshop
- Maintain on-line portal

2. Strengthen knowledge support to governments, communities and development partners

- Identify sub-regional partners (sub-regional nodes)
- Identify country-specific needs for adaptation (by sub-regional nodes)
- Facilitate the provision of targeted knowledge services and products
- Provide match making opportunities to promote, i) project formulation, ii) capacity building and iii) enhancing necessary researches

Activities of APAN (cont.)

3. Improve access to adaptation finance mechanisms

- Provide advisory services to developing countries in the region to improve their access to adaptation finance mechanisms

4. Increase capacity of national and regional institutions to support adaptation actions

- Develop capacity of adaptation planning in targeted countries.

E.g.: a project funded by APN and KEI

- Training needs assessment workshop
- Training module development workshop
- Piloting training course

Necessary Factors for Network

1. Utilizing Adaptation Network as a platform

- Sharing technologies, knowledge, and experiences as practical information

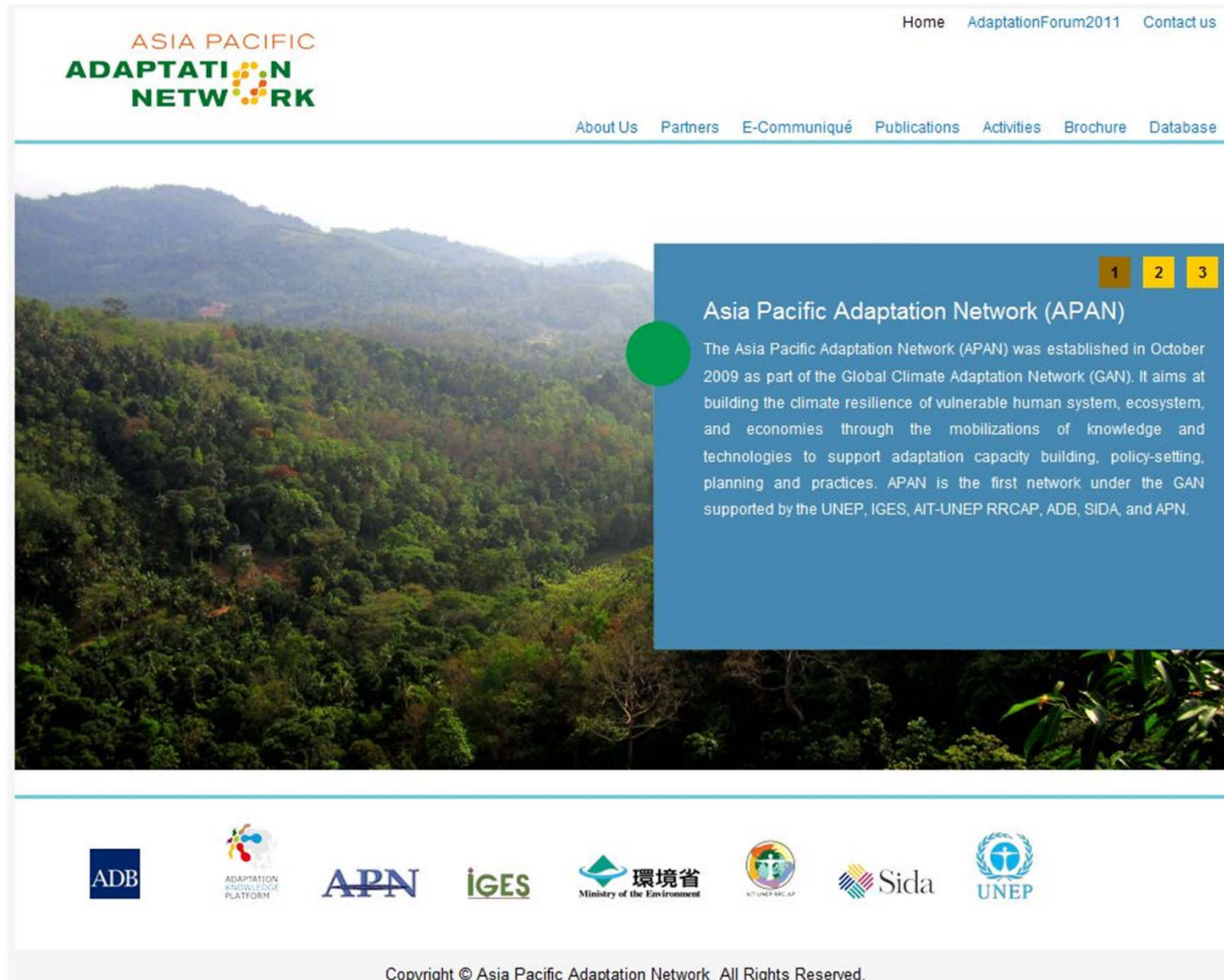
2. Adaptation Network to minimize gaps amongst countries in the region

- Dissemination of practical information of adaptation in the region
- Capacity Building and Institutional Development

3 . Maintaining sustainable long-term network

- Challenging , but worth to try

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Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN)

The Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) was established in October 2009 as part of the Global Climate Adaptation Network (GAN). It aims at building the climate resilience of vulnerable human system, ecosystem, and economies through the mobilizations of knowledge and technologies to support adaptation capacity building, policy-setting, planning and practices. APAN is the first network under the GAN supported by the UNEP, IGES, AIT-UNEP RRCAP, ADB, SIDA, and APN.

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