



## **UNFCCC COP-16 and CMP-6 Side Event**

### **Shifting to Low-carbon and Climate-resilient Development in Asia and the Pacific**

**Friday, 3 December 2010, 18:30 - 20:00**

**Mamey Room  
Cancun Messe, Cancun, Mexico**

Jointly Organized by:

Asian Development Bank (ADB)  
Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), Japan  
National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES), Japan

### **Background**

Asian and Pacific countries are actively introducing policies and programs to mainstream climate change considerations into their national development strategies – including climate change adaptation and mitigation efforts. The countries of Asia and the Pacific have the largest climate-vulnerable population in the world and hold the key to global efforts to stabilize atmospheric greenhouse gas concentrations. Although they are taking many positive actions, this is sometimes under-appreciated in international circles. ADB, IGES and NIES are all supporting Asian and Pacific countries in these efforts.

This event will provide an opportunity to highlight actions being taken in the region, with emphasis given to representatives from the countries speaking from their own policy experience. ADB, IGES and NIES will also briefly present some of the support they are providing and insights to help countries of Asia and the Pacific make the transition to low-carbon and climate-resilient development.

### **Theme**

The event will highlight what Asian and Pacific countries are doing to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions in their development process and to build their resilience to climate change, with their own resources, and with financial, capacity building and analytical support from the international community.

### **Program**

The event will include a mix of presentations, panel inputs, and discussion – all facilitated by a professional and independent moderator.

All slides will be available at one or all of the following websites:

ADB: <http://www.adb.org/Climate-Change/cop16>

NIES: <http://2050.nies.go.jp/cop/cop16/>

IGES: [http://www.iges.or.jp/en/news/topic/1011\\_cop16.html](http://www.iges.or.jp/en/news/topic/1011_cop16.html)

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## **Summary**

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## **Program Agenda**

### **18:30-18:40 Opening**

Introductory and welcoming remarks.

- Introduction to the Event (Keith Rosenblum, Event Moderator)
- Opening Remarks (Ursula Schaefer-Preuss, Vice President, ADB)

### **18:40-18:55 NIES Panel: Asia Low Carbon Scenarios (LCS)**

NIES, together with several institutes in Asia, has developed the LCS scenarios, identified barriers, and proposed actions to achieve LCS in Asian countries. These collaborative Asia LCS studies will be presented to disseminate the LCS scenario development methodology.

- LCS in Asian countries (Mikiko Kainuma, NIES, Japan)
- LCS studies in India (P.R. Shukla, IIM, India)
- LCS studies in the People's Republic of China (Kejun Jiang, ERI, PRC)

### **18:55-19:20 Country Presentations and Panel**

Presentations by country representatives on their climate change responses.

- Tentatively: India, Indonesia, PRC and China

### **19:20-19:35 IGES Panel: CDM, MRV and the Low Carbon Research Network**

The panel will discuss potential reforms to the clean development mechanism (CDM); challenges associated with making emissions reductions measurable, reportable and verifiable (MRV); and activities of the International Research Network for Low Carbon Societies (LCS-RNet).

- CDM Reform (Kazuhisa Koakutsu, IGES, Japan)
- Issues around MRV (Kentaro Tamura, IGES, Japan)
- Activities of the LCS-RNet (Shuzo Nishioka/Kyoko Miwa, IGES, Japan)

### **19:35-19:55 Moderated Discussion**

The country representatives plus one representative each from ADB, NIES and IGES will form a panel, with discussion first among the panel members, then including the audience

### **19:55-20:00 Closing**

Synthesis and thank you to all participants (Hironori Hamanaka, Chair, IGES, Japan)

*Light food and drinks will be served following the event*