

Co-benefits of Climate Change and Sustainable Development in Developing Countries

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Co-benefits ?

- A co-benefits approach is an approach aimed at achieving highest synergies between climate mitigation actions and sustainable development actions.
- This approach can address developing countries' urgent developmental needs while achieving climate change mitigation, by the most efficient use of extremely scarce resources available for them.
- For such purpose, quantitative measurement, reporting, and verification of co-benefits are extremely important.

Purpose of the Event

- To focus on how to evaluate quantitatively co-benefits of climate change mitigation actions, especially local benefits of environmental improvement in developing countries
- To introduce Japan's activities to promote Co-benefits Approach
- To introduce the result of calculation regarding quantitative assessment of city's environmental pollution control plan in China

Background

- A Series of the Side Events (since SB24) has focused “Mainstreaming Climate Change” and “Co-benefits”.
- Discussions have offered practical points of views both for climate change negotiators and development administrators, which may be helpful for their work (eg. negotiation process).
- All presentations at the Side Event are based on real activities related to climate and development in developing and developed countries.

Recent Updates

- “Mainstreaming Climate Change Concerns into Development-Hints for NAMAs” was held at SB30 in June 2009 in Bonn.
- “Manual for Quantitative Evaluation of the Co-benefits Approach to Climate Change Projects (Ver. 01)” was published in mid-June.
- Policy Study regarding Co-benefits Approach has been conducted under the guidance of the Ministry of the Environment, Japan, since 2007.
- “Quantitative Assessment of Co-benefits: Addressing Mitigation Actions and Local Benefits” was held at AWG in November 2009 in Barcelona.

Presentations

- Japan's Activities to Promote Co-benefits Approach, *by Mr. Yuji Koresawa, Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ)*
- Quantitative Assessment of City's Environmental Pollution Control, *by Mr. Makoto KATO, Overseas Environmental Cooperation Center, Japan (OECC)*
- Promoting CDM Project with Co-benefits, *by Mr. Yoshihiro MIZUTANI, Global Environment Centre Foundation (GEC)*