

GHGMI / ClimateWorks / IGES Side Event

The Road to a Low-Carbon Future in Asia

Date: 29 November 2012, Thursday
 Time: 11:30-13:00
 Venue: Side Event Room 8, Qatar National Convention Centre, Doha, Qatar

 Organisers: Greenhouse Gas Management Institute (GHGMI)
 ClimateWorks Foundation
 Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)

An initial overview of global technical abatement potential specified across regions and sectors will be presented, alongside additional estimates of abatement impact from current policies in implementation and various stages of development in the highest emitting regions and sectors. A couple of specific examples in Asia will be explored in more depth. Then, based upon key findings and lessons learnt from on the ground research and capacity building activities, this side event will discuss challenges and opportunities for Asia to pursue low-carbon development pathways. Discussion will cover topics such as low emission development strategies (LEDS), nationally appropriate mitigation actions (NAMAs), measurement, reporting and verification (MRV), short-lived climate pollutants (SLCP) and emerging research and capacity building platforms such as Low Carbon Asia Research Network (LoCARNet). A presentation outlining the human resources challenges facing the implementation of low-carbon development, drawing on an MRV case study example from the region will follow. The event will conclude with a short discussion period.

Agenda

11:30	Opening Remarks from Moderator
11:35	ClimateWorks 2020 Gigatonne Scorecard <i>– Casey Cronin, Senior Research Associate, ClimateWorks Foundation</i>
11:55	Activities of IGES in Knowledge Sharing to Low Carbon World <i>– Prof. Shuzo Nishioka</i> <i>Senior Research Advisor, IGES / Secretary-General, International Research Network for Low Carbon Societies (LCS-RNet) and Low Carbon Asia Research Network (LoCARNet)</i>
	Comparative study of NAMA Formulation in Southeast Asia <i>– Dr. Kentaro Tamura, Deputy Director, Climate Change Group, IGES</i>
	MRV of GHG: How can we apply to NAMAs? <i>– Dr. Yasushi Ninomiya, Director, Market Mechanism Group, IGES</i>
	Bridging Policy and Research on Short-Lived Climate Pollutants in Asia <i>– Dr. Eric Zusman, Senior Policy Researcher, IGES</i>
12:20	Developing Implementation Capacity for a Low-Carbon Asia: Opportunities and challenges in MRV <i>– Tim Stumhofer, Senior Program Associate, Greenhouse Gas Management Institute</i>
12:35	Discussion session