



Europe and Asia and the Pacific

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Background

Sustainable development planning in Asia-Pacific has been an ongoing activity, primarily dating from Agenda 21 (which called for all developing countries to have a national strategy for sustainable development by 2005) and reinforced by the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation. While many countries in the region have undertaken such planning, there is little evidence of such plans being mainstreamed into economic development plans or guiding annual budgets.

Accordingly, there is a need for sustainable development practitioners in Asia-Pacific to learn additional skills from their peers and external experts. Establishing an online community of practice is one way of providing this needed upgrading of planning abilities.



SDplanNet-AP stands for..

Network for Integrated Planning and Sustainable Development in Asia-Pacific Regional



Who we are?



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Cash and in-kind funders:

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<u>In -kind contribution:</u>

UNEP- Regional Office for Asia and Pacific

UNEP- Regional Office and Regional Resource Center for Asia and Pacific

UN-Division for Sustainable Development (UN-DSD)

UN-Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP)

UNDP-Pacific Centre

Earth Council

International Union for Conservation of Nature Oceania Regional Office Suva (IUCN)

The Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

Network Manager:

International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)

Network Coordinator:

Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)

Who supports and advises us?



























Our Mission



"To help professionals involved in development planning share innovative approaches for integrating sustainable development into plans, strategies and budgeting processes at local, sub-national and national levels"

Geographical scope of Asia and the Pacific region





Active SDplanNet-AP members

Australia (3)

Bhutan (2)

Brunei (1)

Burma (3)

Cambodia (5)

China (17)

Fiji (1)

Hong Kong (1)

India (19)

Indonesia (24)

Japan (13)

Kazakhstan (1)

Laos (5)

Malaysia (2)

Mongolia (2)

Nepal (4)

New Zealand (1)

North Korea (2)

Pakistan (3)

Philippines (19)

Samoa (1)

Singapore (2)

South Korea (1)

Taiwan (3)

Thailand (116)

Uzbekistan (1)

Vietnam (23)

Out side AP:

Brazil (1); Belgium (1); Canada (2); France (2); Germany (2); USA

(2); UK (3)



Major components

- The SDplanNet-AP network focuses on approaches that facilitate forward-looking analysis and adaptive strategy-making and identify important linkages and trade-offs among economic, social and environmental issues.
- Examples of approaches include, but are not limited to: the use of scenario outlooks for long-term planning; indicator information systems to measure progress towards improved quality of life and sustainability; integrated assessment techniques such as sustainability assessment and integrated policy appraisal; creation and operation of multi-stakeholder councils and advisory groups; and innovative financing mechanisms such as payment for ecological goods and services.



Who will benefit from participating in the network?

- Persons from national governments who are responsible for developing and coordinating national development plans and strategies, including planning and finance departments, as well as environment, natural resources, education, health, and community development departments
- Persons from sub-national and local governments who are responsible for developing and coordinating plans and strategies
- Persons from organizations who have a mandate and interest in advancing approaches for integrating sustainable development into decision-making



As a network member you can..

- Participate in internet-based learning events to learn about innovative SD planning tools and approaches
- Share and exchange your experiences in SD planning with other network members at Blogspot and Toolbox sections on the network website
- Communicate with colleagues across the region and other similar networks worldwide through moderated email dialogues to update news and knowledge on SD planning
- Contribute to the selection of targeted research topics and be informed of all research conducted by the network
- Participate in the annual conference
- Speak and we will listen!



Internet-based learning

- 1st learning event: Using Multi-stakeholder Councils in National Planning, December 2, 2008
- 2nd learning event: The Launch of SDplanNet-Asia & Pacific, February 17, 2009
- 3rd learning event: Sub-regional Sustainable Development Strategies in Asia-Pacific, July 1, 2009
- 4th learning event: Ecological Footprint, in collaboration with German Council for Sustainable Development (RNE), July 22, 2010

Past virtual learning events, visit www.SDplanNet-AP.org



SDplanNet-AP annual conference and conference live web casting

1st SDplanNet-AP annual conference has been held during September 16-18, 2009, at Conrad hotel Bangkok. Three sessions has been convened and streamed live over www.SDplanNet-AP.org:

- Session 1: Integrating Climate Change into National Plans
- Session 2: Sustainability, Economic Stimulus, and Green Growth
- Session 3: Strategic Policy Assessment Tools
- One day SEA training organized by GTZ





SDplanNet-AP annual conference and conference live web casting

2nd SDplanNet-AP annual conference will take place during

<u>October 18-20, 2010 in Bangkok</u>. The conference will focus on three main themes including:

- Theme 1: Adaptive Governance Approaches and Tools;
- Theme 2: Accountability through measurement; and
- Theme 3: Developing eco-efficiency and sustainable economic growth
- One day SEA training organized by GTZ

For those who attend from outside conference venue, your questions will be direct submitted to speaker by email and skype.

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Activities with our partners

- Co-organisation of APEC "Future of Low Carbon Society (LCS): Scenario Workshop" (Phuket and Bangkok/Thailand, November 2009).
- Priority Areas for Collaboration in Fostering Environmental Leaders for Asia (Bangkok, February 2010) - Nagoya University's Global Environmental Leadership Program.
- Promotion of Sustainability in Postgraduate Education and Research Network (ProSPER.Net).
- Global Subsidies Initiative Asia-Pacific Regional Media Forum.
- Creation and continued support of Thailand National Chapter of SDplanNet-AP.

Website and network publications

Managing the SDplanNet-AP website, providing a platform for SDP practitioners for e-learning and regular communication

SDplanNet-AP brochure

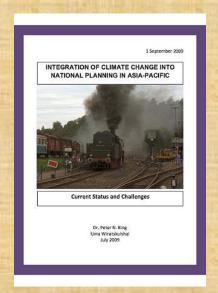
"planNet News", a bi-weekly newsletter







Research



 Integration of climate change into national planning in Asia-Pacific- Current status and challenges by Dr. Peter King and Ms. Uma Wiratsakulchai

2010-11:

- "Application of Eco-efficiency as a Strategic Policy Tool Towards Green Growth for the Rice Industry in ASEAN Countries"
- ICT for development and policy implementation
- Show case- GHGs abatement from application of teleconferencing and other types of communication technologies.

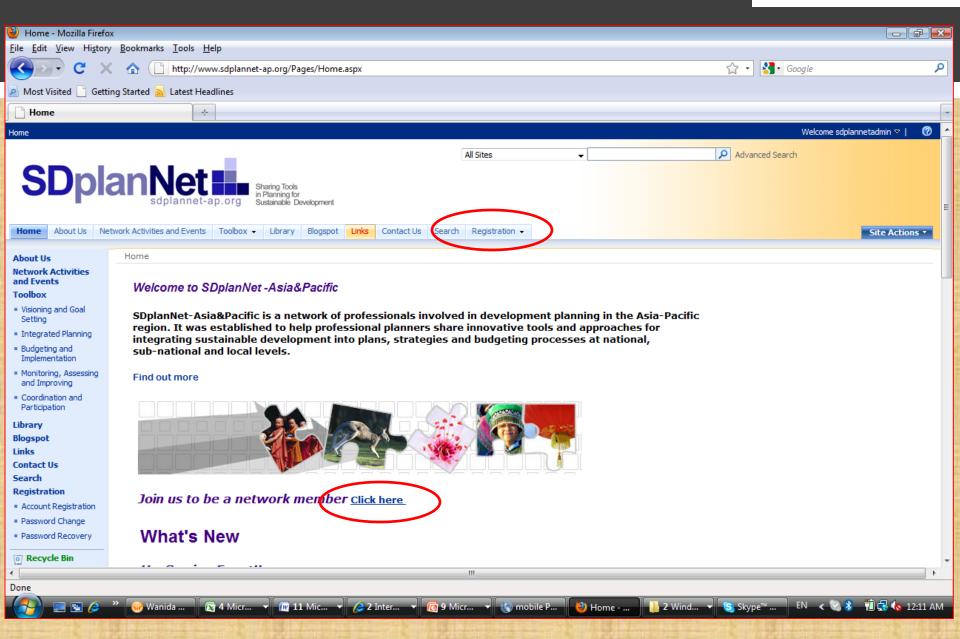


How to becomes a member

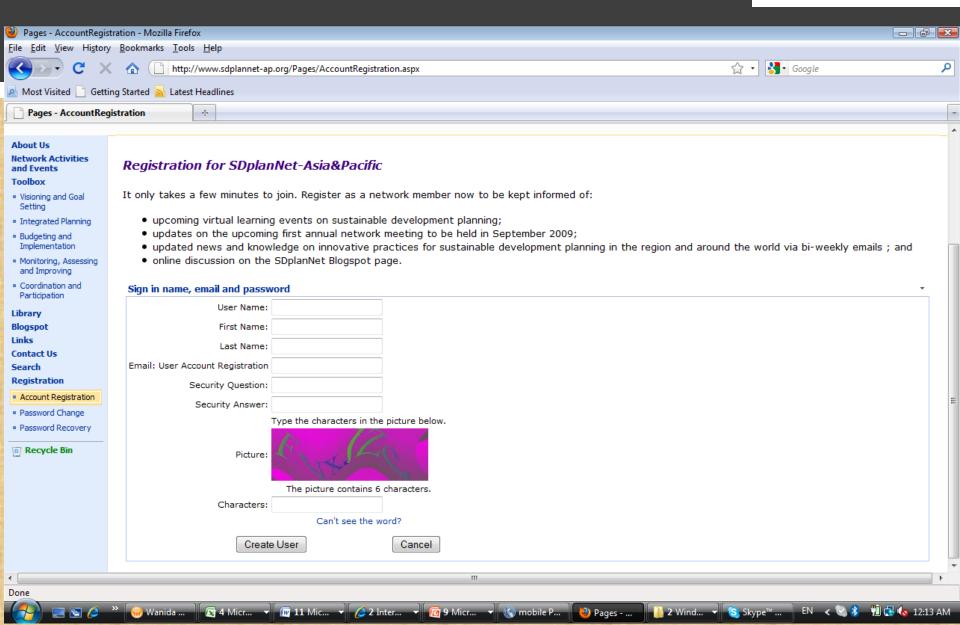
- It's free! With 120 current registered members (last year, 1st annual conference)
- Last updated May 2010, 288 registered members from 34 countries
 - Visit www.sdplannet-ap.org
 - Contact network coordinator: coordinator@sdplannet-ap.org

Claim your membership, share our ownership











Thailand National Chapter

... is intended to be a consultative board to the SDplanNet-AP, providing strategic advice on relevant issues related to program activities: integrated planning, budgeting and implementation, and monitoring, assessing and improving and coordination and participation.



Bridging the EU and AP network- Where to start?

- Knowledge sharing and platform- SD planning tools for our website, newsletter, webinar, annual conference
- Peer review for network research publications
- Fundraising

You can make a lot of speeches, but the real thing is when you dig a hole, plant a tree, give it water, and make it survive.

That's what makes the difference!

Wangari Maathai

(environmental activist, first African woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize)



Thank you