

8th APAN Pre-Forum Sessions

	Title	Organisers and Speakers	Session Objectives	Venue	Date/ Time
PF-01	AIGCC Policy Roundtable on Investor Expectations from Governments in Asia on Adaptation Plans (invitees only)	Asia Investor Group on Climate Change (AIGCC)	The objective of the discussion will be to identify mechanisms to facilitate private institutional capital to support adaptation projects in Asia. We will examine existing collaborative mechanisms such as the National Adaptation Planning process and how these processes could be enhanced to ensure that private finance is able to support adaptation and resilience projects in Asia.	Room 308	29 Aug (Tue) / 10:30-12:30 hrs
PF-02	Shifting to a new finance paradigm: Scaling up adaptation investments to achieve NDCs in Asia	UNEP Copenhagen Climate Centre	<p>The proposed event aims to discuss key barriers to private sector investments in adaptation and to identify opportunities to overcome them, including ways to bring in sustainable financing models with special focus on the three Asia countries.</p> <p>The panel will be led by representatives of key Government Ministries from Bangladesh, Mongolia and Vietnam reflecting their views and collective experiences. Solutions to attract private sector investments for adaptation in priority sectors selected by focal Government ministry points for the NDC Action Project will be discussed by the panel members. These are agriculture, agroforestry, solar powered irrigation systems and coastal resilience, including for low-cost housing.</p> <p>The need to adjust the design of adaptation interventions and consider new ways to structure the financing such as combining mitigation-based revenue streams with longer-term adaptation outcomes will be highlighted. This begins with understanding adaptation within the Asian context and its broader linkages to vulnerability and socio-economic development.</p>	Room 307	29 Aug (Tue) / 16:00-17:30 hrs
PF-03	ICJ Advisory opinion on climate change obligations towards adaptation	Vanuatu Government and Pacific Islands Climate Action Network	<p>The purpose of this event is to provide an update on the initiative led by Vanuatu and Pacific Civil Society for the current advisory opinion proceedings now at the International Court of Justice on Climate Change and other climate change legal initiatives relevant to adaptation.</p> <p>Vanuatu led a coalition of countries to table a UN Resolution to seek an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on climate Change. On 29th March 2023, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has adopted by Consensus the Resolution.</p> <p>The Registrar of ICJ has set 20 October 2023 as the deadline for countries to make written statements on the questions of international climate legal obligations and legal consequences for causing climate harm. An Advisory Opinion from the ICJ has the potential to transform the level of adaptation action and support for developing countries throughout Asia and the Pacific.</p> <p>In addition to the ICJ, Vanuatu is working with civil society on a range of other Climate Change legal initiatives to be highlighted during this event including the criminalisation of Ecocide and the development of a new Fossil Fuel Non Proliferation Treaty.</p> <p>This event will provide an opportunity to discuss the role of international law in enabling, Scaling up and supporting adaptation action.</p>	Room 306 & 307	28 Aug (Mon) / 14:00-15:00 hrs
PF-04	Feminist action for climate justice: An enabler to building the resilience of communities	UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific & UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific	<p>This pre-APAN panel discussion will constitute sharing practical solutions and exploring partnership opportunities for advancing feminist action for climate justice in the Asia-Pacific region. It will be built around the forum's thematic area of focus "resilience of communities" and discusses gender-responsive policy and programming as an enabler to transformative adaptation that leaves no one behind.</p> <p>The session will provide a platform to learn, share and catalyze collective commitments for the Feminist Action for Climate Justice (FACJ) Action Coalition of the Generation Equality Forum (GEF). GEF is a multi-stakeholder initiative to catalyze partners, increase investments & results in gender equality, accelerate progress towards achieving the objectives of the Beijing Platform for Action and the SDGs, as well as sustain and expand a movement of support for gender equality with civil society and youth leadership and activism at its heart.</p> <p>35-40 adaptation practitioners and policymakers attending the 8th APAN Forum and other adaptation events under the wider umbrella of KGAW 2023 are expected to join this pre-forum event.</p>	Room 306	29 Aug (Tue) / 09:00-10:30 hrs

PF-05	Community-powered: reclaiming the value of waste and water to drive resilient human systems	Positive Change for Marine Life Oxfam Bangladesh Center for Natural Resource Studies (Bangladesh)	<p>This session focuses on community-led approaches (within highly vulnerable social groups) as an essential strategy to curate climate adaptation solutions, while also supporting demonstrated resilience across other, interlinked areas. Successful case studies in community-led waste management, blue forest rewilding, riverbank erosion management, fisheries management, and marine ecosystem protection (with a specific focus on India and Bangladesh) will be presented, while highlighting the social and economic co-benefits of climate adaptation. This will be followed by interactive, theme-specific focus group discussions among participants, in order to build avenues for multinational collaboration, partnerships and knowledge exchange. The workshop will aim to be a catalyst for continuing these conversations post-APAN.</p> <p>The technical focus of this workshop aligns closely with the overarching theme of the 8th APAN (Asia Pacific Adaptation Network) Forum, "Resilience for All: Enabling transformative implementation". With a specific emphasis on resource-use and access within some of the most marginalised, densely populated regions of Asia, the workshop will explore ways in which these innovations can foster sustainability and inclusivity in the region, strengthening social, economic, environmental, and climate resilience through a community-led approach.</p> <p>The specific stream will largely centre around 'resilience of communities' however, the three other thematic streams of the</p>	Room 308	29 Aug (Tue) / 16:00-17:30 hrs
PF-06	Lima Adaptation Knowledge Initiative (LAKI) Hindu-Kush Himalayan (HKH) subregion cycle II technical consultation	UNFCCC, Nairobi work programme UNEP, Global Adaptation Network (GAN) ICIMOD	<p>With more than a billion people depending on snow and glacial melt from the Hindu Kush Himalayan (HKH) mountain ranges, scaling up climate change adaptation efforts and closing critical adaptation knowledge gaps in the subregion are more crucial than ever.</p> <p>This technical consultation meeting of the Lima Adaptation Knowledge Initiative (LAKI) in the HKH subregion cycle II will aim to build on existing initiatives and activities and catalyse new partnerships to address the priority adaptation knowledge gaps identified in the LAKI HKH cycle I.</p> <p>The focus of the consultation has strong links to the broader 8th APAN Forum theme as well as several of the streams as many of the adaptation knowledge gaps cover critical issues such as water and food security, health, livelihoods, and ecosystems.</p>	Room 306	29 Aug (Tue) / 14:00-15:30 hrs
PF-07	Sustainable Intensification of Ecosystem Services in Community Resilience Building	South Asian Forum for Environment [SAFE]	<p>The proposed workshops link with the APAN Stream 'Resilience of Ecosystem and Ecosystem Services' and focus on the core component of EbA that is sustainably intensifying nature's services for food and livelihood security through community-led actions. The workshop evaluates several traditional practices for EbA and resilience like the 'Satoyama' of Japan, Haor-farming of Bangladesh, Monkey's Chik for flood resilience in Thailand and 'Apatani' system of Integrated farming in India, wherein community collectives augment ecosystem services in building resilience to changing climatic regime, as well secure food and livelihood. It also intends to index the resilience and price the services of nature through scientific and evidenced-based approaches.</p>	Room 306	28 Aug (Mon) / 16:00-17:30 hrs