



Resilience for all: Enabling transformative implementation

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Ministry of Environment

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Symbol of the 8th APAN Forum

Mugunghwa “무궁화” Korea’s symbol of resilience
Mugunghwa means “eternal blossom that never fades.” The flower has been an important symbol of Korean culture for centuries and an object of deep affection among Koreans. It can regrow even under the harshest conditions and even if damaged. It symbolizes hardiness, resilience and triumph. Aptly, the Mugunghwa, or the Rose of Sharon is the Republic of Korea’s national flower.



Asia-Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN)

APAN serves as a knowledge platform to equip adaptation practitioners in the region with the information, knowledge, and tools to design, implement and monitor climate change adaptation measures, foster access to technologies and finance, and build capacity for Integrating climate change adaptation into national development policies, strategies and plans.

With support from the Government of Japan, APAN was developed and launched by the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) in 2009 under the Global Adaptation Network (GAN). APAN has established close partnerships with key organizations and has become an important adaptation knowledge mobilizer in Asia and the Pacific Region.

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1. Organiser and Partners

Organiser



Host



Ministry of Environment

Co-organisers:



Stream Leads:



Partners



2. About the Host



The Ministry of Environment of South Korea provides environmental protection services. The Organization protects the national territory from environmental pollution in order to improve the quality of life of the public. The Ministry's tasks include the oversight of environmental laws and regulations, introduction of environmental institutions, environmental conservation, and others tasks.

The history of the Ministry of Environment, the environmental authority of the Republic of Korea, stems from Pollution Section of the Ministry of Health and Society established in 1967, which was expanded to Pollution Division, in charge of environmental administration, in 1973. After several reform and expansion of environmental authority, Environment Administration was launched as a subsidiary of the Ministry of Health and Society in 1980. In January. 1990, Environment Administration was promoted to the Ministry of Environment under the Office of Prime Minister, in order to efficiently integrate and coordinate environmental issues. In December, 1994, the Ministry of Environment was given greater authority to establish and implement its own policies.

3. About the Forum

3.1. Background of the Forum

The Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum (APAN Forum) is the flagship event of the Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) Secretariat. It is the primary regional platform for adaptation practitioners to meet, share their learning and experiences, and work together towards the pertinent outcomes and practical solutions needed to address the challenges of climate change.

With varying themes of focus, the APAN Forum has been hosted and sponsored by different governments and organisations since 2010. It is a space for scientists, financing institutions, youth, civil society, international organisations, the private sector and government representatives from various line ministries to meet, discuss and work together for greater partnerships for adaptation action.

3.2. Timeline of the APAN Forum



Asia-Pacific's largest gathering for adaptation practitioners to share information, knowledge and best practices in adaptation and resilience building

4. 8th APAN Forum



With the theme ***“Resilience for All: Enabling transformative implementation,”*** the **8th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation (APAN) Forum** will be held in person from **30 August to 1 September 2023** in **Songdo ConvensiA, Incheon City, Republic of Korea**. The Forum is hosted by the Ministry of Environment Korea, co-organised by the Korea Environment Institute, Korea Adaptation Center for Climate Change, Incheon Metropolitan City, United Nations Climate Change and the United Nations Environment Programme with the APAN Secretariat.

Considered the Asia-Pacific’s largest and longest-standing gathering of adaptation practitioners to share information, knowledge and best practices in adaptation and resilience-building, the APAN Forum is the biennial flagship event of the Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) Secretariat, hosted within the UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific.

Objectives

The 8th APAN Forum aims to:

1. Enhance understanding of climate change adaptation issues, approaches, and policies for effective planning;
2. Provide a comprehensive report on actions taken and progress made to address knowledge, policy, and funding gaps since the last APAN Forum;
3. Serve as a platform for accelerating action and implementing adaptation knowledge and programmes, offering actionable guidelines for communities, practitioners, and policymakers;
4. Formulate recommendations to expand adaptation efforts in the Asia-Pacific region, guiding contributions to COPs and other global/regional initiatives; and,
5. Promote climate change adaptation and resilience through knowledge sharing, collaboration, and amplification of messages from local to global levels.

4.1 Forum Theme

Resilience for All: Enabling transformative implementation

Over the past two decades, Resilience has served as a unifying theme for the APAN Forums. The past years have seen significant efforts towards generating knowledge and information on climate change adaptation at the global and regional levels. However, we are still significantly off-schedule to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement and the world is in a state of climate emergency. The current climate change impacts are evident and disruptive in sectors like agriculture, ecosystems, human health, urban settlements and infrastructure.

Sub-theme: Enabling transformative implementation

The sub-theme is aligned with the overarching theme of KGAW 2023 – “A New Era for Adaptation: Scaling up and transformation in adaptation”.

It is also in line with the key outcomes of COP 27, further emphasising the importance of transformative approach to accelerating and enhancing adaptation efforts. At COP 27, UNFCCC Executive Secretary emphasised the need to shift from target-setting to implementation, stating that “Paris gave us the agreement, Katowice and Glasgow gave us the plan, and Sharm El-Sheikh shifts us to implementation.”

4.2. Forum Structure

The Forum will be built around the following four thematic “streams”: resilience of food systems; resilience of ecosystem and ecosystem services; resilience of communities; and resilience of cities, infrastructure and settlements. Sessions under each stream seek to establish a shared understanding of the outlook on a specific dimension of resilience.

Furthermore, discussions for each stream will be structured on five enabling conditions through which resilience may be built, maintained and strengthened. These “enablers” are policy and governance, planning and programming, science and assessment, technologies and practices and finance and investment.

Using a matrix approach (streams x enablers) outlined below, the Forum aims to address the adaptation gap and achieve resilience in the region.

The Means to Build Resilience: A Matrix Approach

Streams Enablers	Resilience of food systems	Resilience of ecosystem and ecosystem services	Resilience of communities	Resilience of cities, infrastructure and settlements
Policy and Governance				
Planning and Programming				
Science and Assessment				
Technologies and Practices				
Finance and Investment				


Gender and social inclusion will be considered throughout the resilience streams and enablers as a cross-cutting issue.

4.3. Resilience Streams

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) provides a clear definition of resilience¹ as: “The capacity of interconnected social, economic and ecological systems to cope with a hazardous event, trend or disturbance, responding or reorganising in ways that maintain their essential function, identity and structure”.

In light of this, discussions at the Forum will be structured around the matrix made of streams and enablers. This approach aligns well with the Sharm-El-Sheikh Adaptation Agenda, presenting a synergistic opportunity to advance these concurrent initiatives effectively.

Resilience of food systems



Climate change presents significant risks to food production, availability, and access, with extreme weather events and changing climate patterns disrupting agriculture leading to crop failures and food insecurity. To address these challenges, climate change adaptation focuses on implementing resilient farming practices, diversifying crops and improving water management. This approach is vital for the long-term sustainability and resilience of food systems.

Resilience of ecosystem and ecosystem services

Natural ecosystems possess the capacity to enhance human resilience through their functions and services, yet they themselves face threats from climate change and variability. The urgency to enhance resilience of ecosystems and ecosystem services lies in their fundamental roles in supporting life on earth and providing vital benefits to humanity.




Resilience of communities

Climate change is placing significant strain on the human capacity to adapt, especially in communities already grappling with poverty, environmental degradation, and conflicts over land and natural resources. Climate change adaptation efforts in relation to community resilience and human well-being lies in the need to protect highly vulnerable groups in society. These adaptation measures aim to ensure their sustainable development, mitigate the adverse impacts of climate change on their lives and livelihoods, and foster their overall well-being.

Resilience of cities, infrastructure and settlements

Dominant models of energy-intensive and market-led urbanisation, insufficient and misaligned finance, and a predominant focus on grey infrastructure in the absence of integration with ecological and social approaches, risk missing opportunities for adaptation and locking in maladaptation. This scenario requires a shift and alignment to climate-resilient development in diverse contexts from rural and informal settlements to large metropolitan areas, responsive to regional and local land use development and adaptation gaps to address the underlying drivers of vulnerability.



4.4. Forum Resilience Enablers

Each of these streams of resilience will be analysed against enablers – the means by which each of these systems may be enabled, including:

Policy and Governance

This enabler emphasises the need for policies and regulations that promote adaptation to climate change. Current policies and regulatory frameworks might not be sufficient, and political instability or lack of political will can also hinder the implementation of necessary measures.

Planning and Programming

The absence of long-term strategic planning and programming for climate adaptation can pose a significant barrier to the implementation of adaptation actions. This can be due to an inadequate understanding of the risks or a lack of capacity to develop and implement strategic plans.

Science and Assessment

Lack of capacity to apply science and availability of scientific knowledge at appropriate spatial level may also hinder adaptation planning and programming.

Technologies and Practices

A lack of technical knowledge and access to suitable technologies can hinder adaptation efforts. Traditional practices might also resist change, even when such change is beneficial or necessary.

Finance and Investment

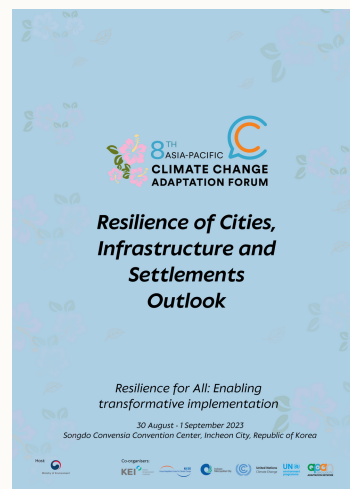
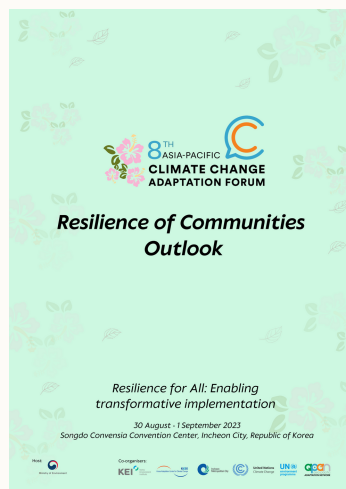
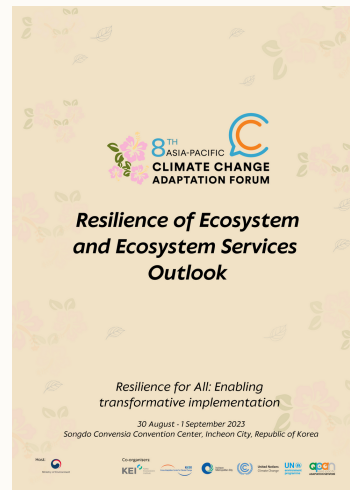
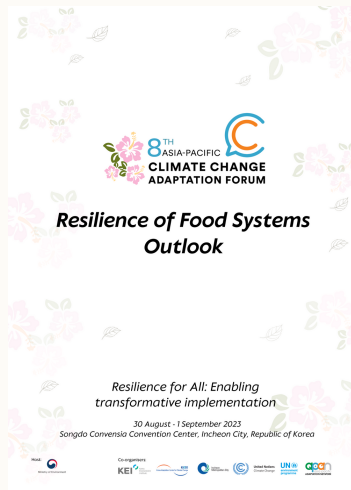
Lack of investment and limited access to finance can impede the implementation of adaptation projects, particularly in developing countries. Climate adaptation finance mechanisms are evolving rapidly in response to the growing need for adaptation funding.

4.5. Resilience Outlooks: Technical Documents

Resilience Outlook. This document fosters a mutual understanding of recommendations for accelerating transformation towards climate resilience.

Background documentation for the forum consists of four resilience outlooks that provide a snapshot of the stream-specific aspects of resilience at the regional level, depicting challenges, promising innovations, best practices as well as priorities for action for the key aspects identified. The documents aim to support understanding of the status of adaptation practices in the region and will present the background for an in-depth discussion on how to enhance resilience holistically.

The purpose of the background documentation is two-fold: present the status of resilience under each enabler, and identify good practices and examples. Each document covers the key aspects of resilience, analysing them against the means by which each of these systems may be enabled: the five enablers - Policy and Governance, Planning and Programming, Science and Assessment, Technologies and Practices and Finance and Investment.



4.7. Pre-forum and Deep-dive Sessions

Partners will have the opportunity to organise pre-forum sessions (e.g., partnership events, deep-dive workshops, etc.) on 28-29 August 2023, preceding the main event. These events will allow participants to delve into specific topics and practices related to the main theme and programme of the 8th APAN Forum.

ICJ Advisory opinion on climate change obligations towards adaptation

(Vanuatu Government and Pacific Islands Climate Action Network)

Sustainable Intensification of Ecosystem Services in Community Resilience Building

(South Asian Forum for Environment)

Feminist action for climate justice: An enabler to building the resilience of communities

(UN Women - Asia-Pacific & UNEP ROAP)

AIGCC Policy Roundtable on Investor Expectations from Governments in Asia on Adaptation Plans *(invitees only)*

(AIGCC)

Community-powered: reclaiming the value of waste and water to drive resilient human systems

*(Positive Change for Marine Life, Oxfam in Asia,
Marine Research Conservation Foundation)*

Lima Adaptation Knowledge Initiative (LAKI) Hindu-Kush Himalayan (HKH) subregion cycle II technical consultation

(NWP-UNFCCC, GAN-UNEP and ICIMOD)

Shifting to a new finance paradigm: Scaling up adaptation investments to achieve NDCs in Asia

(UNEP Copenhagen Climate Centre)

5. About KGAW 2023

5.1. Overview



Korea Global Adaptation Week 2023 (KGAW 2023) is one of the significant adaptation events of the year, which aims to showcase and promote actions and practices to adapt to the impacts of climate change. KGAW 2023 is held on 28 August to 1 September 2023.

KGAW 2023 will be a special event, with coordinated efforts by the Ministry of Environment, Republic of Korea, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) secretariat, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Korea Adaptation Center for Climate Change of Korea Environment Institute (KEI KACCC), and Incheon Metropolitan City. More than 700 representatives from governments, civil society, the private sector, academia, the United Nations and other international organizations, and multilateral financial institutions from around the world, are expected to attend KGAW 2023.

The week will feature the Asia NAP Expo 2023, which is organized by the UNFCCC Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG); the UN4NAPs regional forum and the Resilience Frontiers brainstorming meeting, both of which are interagency efforts coordinated by the UNFCCC secretariat; and the 8th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum (APAN Forum) organized by UNEP. It will also feature special events on "Transformative Climate Action Anchored on Indigenous Values" hosted by the Incoming COP28 Presidency and the UNFCCC Secretariat; and the high-level event, "Global Adaptation Dialogue," hosted by the Ministry of Environment, Republic of Korea.

5.2. Showcased Events

8th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum

Regional NAP Expo for Asia and the Pacific

Adaptation Committee: Boosting regional coherence on adaptation

Resilience Frontiers Working Session

**Transformative Dialogue
(hosted by COP 28 Presidency and UNFCCC)**

**Korea Local Declaration on Climate Adaptation: Voice Up,
Act Now for adaptation**

Global Adaptation Dialogue

KGAW 2023 Adaptation Initiative Showcase

KGAW 2023 Green Incheon Tour

The 3rd international Forum on Low Carbon Cities

6. Programmes

6.1. Programme Overview KGAW 2023

Time / Date	28 Aug (Mon)	29 Aug (Tue)	30 Aug (Wed)	31 Aug (Thu)	1 Sep (Fri)
09:00-09:30					
09:30-10:00		Regional NAP Expo for Asia and the Pacific	Regional NAP Expo for Asia and the Pacific	8th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum	8th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum
10:00-10:30	Opening Ceremony	Resilience Frontiers Working Session *	Resilience Frontiers Working Session *	8th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum	8th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum
10:30-11:00		Breaktime	Breaktime	Breaktime	Breaktime
11:00-11:30	Regional NAP Expo for Asia and the Pacific	Regional NAP Expo for Asia and the Pacific	Regional NAP Expo for Asia and the Pacific	8th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum	8th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum
11:30-12:00	Resilience Frontiers Working Session *	Resilience Frontiers Working Session *	Resilience Frontiers Working Session *	8th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum	8th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum
12:00-12:30		Breaktime	Breaktime	Breaktime	Breaktime
12:30-14:00	Luncheon	Luncheon	Luncheon	Luncheon	Luncheon
14:00-14:30	Regional NAP Expo for Asia and the Pacific	Regional NAP Expo for Asia and the Pacific	Regional NAP Expo for Asia and the Pacific	8th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum	8th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum
14:30-15:00	Resilience Frontiers Working Session *	Resilience Frontiers Working Session *	Resilience Frontiers Working Session *	8th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum	8th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum
15:00-15:30		Breaktime	Breaktime	Breaktime	Breaktime
15:30-16:00	Adaptation Committee Workshop	Adaptation Committee Workshop *	Adaptation Committee Workshop *	8th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum	8th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum
16:00-16:30	Regional NAP Expo for Asia and the Pacific	Regional NAP Expo for Asia and the Pacific	Regional NAP Expo for Asia and the Pacific	8th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum	8th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum
16:30-17:00	Resilience Frontiers Working Session *	Resilience Frontiers Working Session *	Resilience Frontiers Working Session *	8th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum	8th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum
17:00-17:30			Global Adaptation Dialogue	8th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum	8th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum
17:30-18:00				KGAW 2023 Green Incheon Tour	8th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum
21:30		KGAW 2023 Green Incheon Tour		KGAW 2023 Green Incheon Tour	
All day			KGAW 2023 Adaptation Initiative Showcase		
			Gallery on Indigenous Values and Mindsets		

6.2. Programme Overview 8th APAN Forum

8th APAN Forum Programme

Time	Pre-Forum Day 1 28 August (Mon)	Pre-Forum Day 2 29 August (Tue)	Main Forum Day 1 30 August (Wed)	Main Forum Day 2 31 August (Thu)	Main Forum Day 3 1 September (Fri)
AM	Slot 1 (09:00 - 10:30)	KGAW 2023 & APAN Forum Registration Ground Floor South Lobby	Pre-Forum: UN Women & UNEP (09:00-11:00) Room 306	APAN Forum Registration (08:30-09:20) Ground Floor South Lobby	APAN Forum Plenary II "Deepening Understanding on the Interconnectedness of Resilience Enablers" Grand Ballroom A & B
	(10:30-11:00)	Opening of KGAW 2023 & Regional NAP Expo for Asia and the Pacific (10:00 - 11:00) Grand Ballroom A & B	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break
	Slot 2 (11:00 - 12:30)	Pre-Forum: Asia Investor Group on Climate Change (10:30-12:30) Room 308 - invites only	Pre-Forum: APAN Forum (Parallel #1-4)	Pre-Forum: APAN Forum (Parallel #5-8)	Pre-Forum: APAN Forum (Parallel #13-16)
	(12:30-14:00)	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
PM	Slot 3 (14:00 - 15:30)	Pre-Forum: Vanuatu Government and Pacific Islands Climate Action Network (14:00-15:00) Room 306	Pre-Forum: NWP-UNFCCC, GAN-UNEP & ICIMOD (14:00-16:30) Room 306	APAN Forum Plenary I "Exploring Complex Interconnectedness of Resilience Dimensions" Grand Ballroom A & B	APAN Forum Plenary IV "Understanding Loss and Damage in Asia-Pacific" Grand Ballroom A & B
	(15:30-16:00)	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break
	Slot 4 (16:00 - 17:30)	Pre-Forum: South Asian Forum for Environment Room 308	Pre-Forum: UNEP Copenhagen Marine Life Room 308	Pre-Forum: UNEP Copenhagen Climate Centre Room 307	KGAW 2023 & 8th APAN Forum Joint Closing Ceremony (15:30 - 16:30) Grand Ballroom A & B

FS Resilience of Food Systems Stream
EES Resilience of Ecosystem and Ecosystem Services Stream
C Resilience of Communities Stream
CIS Resilience of Cities, Infrastructure & Settlements Stream

PG Policy and Governance Enabler
PP Planning and Programming Enabler
SA Science and Assessment Enabler
TP Technologies and Practices Enabler
FI Finance and Investment Enabler

6.3. 8th APAN Forum Programme of Activities

6.3.1. Pre-forum Events and Deepdive Sessions

Day 1: 28 August 2023, Monday

Overview

KGAW 2023 Opening Session/Deepdive Sessions/ Pre-forum Events	
9:00 - 10:30 AM	Korea Global Adaptation Week 2023 and 8th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation (APAN) Forum Registration <i>Venue: Ground Floor, South Lobby</i>
10:30 - 11:00	Opening of KGAW 2023 and Regional NAP Expo for Asia and the Pacific <i>Venue: Grand Ballroom A&B</i>
11:00 - 14:00	Networking and Lunch
14:00 - 15:30	Pre-forum Event: Vanuatu Government and Pacific Islands Climate Action Network <i>Venue: Rooms 306</i>
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 - 17:30	Pre-forum Event: South Asian Forum for Environment <i>Venue: Room 308</i>

Agenda

Deepdive Session/ Pre-forum Event	
Title	ICJ Advisory opinion on climate change obligations towards adaptation
Venue	Room 306
Date and Time	28 August (Monday) / 14:00-15:00 HRS, KST
Organiser	Vanuatu Government and Pacific Islands Climate Action Network
About the Session	<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. 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.</p> <p>On 29th March 2023, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has adopted by Consensus the Resolution. 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.</p> <p>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. 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. This event will provide an opportunity to discuss the role of international law in enabling, Scaling up and supporting adaptation action.</p>

Day 1: 28 August 2023, Monday

Agenda

Deepdive Session/ Pre-forum Event	
Title	Sustainable Intensification of Ecosystem Services in Community Resilience Building
Venue	Room 308
Date and Time	28 August (Monday) / 16:00-17:30 HRS, KST
Organiser	South Asian Forum for Environment (SAFE)
About the Session	<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.</p> <p>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>

Day 2: 29 August 2023, Tuesday Overview

Deepdive Session/ Pre-forum Event	
9:00 - 11:00 AM	Pre-forum Event: UN Women and UNEP Venue: Room 306
10:30- 11:00	Coffee Break
10:30 - 12:30	Pre-forum Event: AIGCC (invitees only) Venue: Room 308
12:30 - 14:00	Networking and Lunch
14:00 - 16:30	Pre-forum Event: NWP - UNFCCC, GAN - UNEP and ICIMOD Venue: Room 306
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break
16:30 - 17:30	Pre-forum Event: Positive Change for Marine Life Venue: Room 308
16:30 - 17:30	Pre-forum Event: UNEP Copenhagen Climate Centre Venue: Room 307
18:00 - 20:00	8th APAN Forum Briefing Session for Organisers, Speakers and Moderators Venue: Sheraton Grand Hotel Incheon

Agenda

Deepdive Session/ Pre-forum Event	
Title	Feminist action for climate justice: An enabler to building the resilience of communities
Venue	Room 306
Date and Time	29 August (Tuesday) / 09:00 - 10:30 HRS, KST
Organiser	UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific and UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
About the Session	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. 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. 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.

Day 2: 29 August 2023, Tuesday

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Deepdive Session/ Pre-forum Event	
Title	AIGCC Policy Roundtable on Investor Expectations from Governments in Asia on Adaptation Plans (invitees only)
Venue	Room 308
Date and Time	29 August (Tuesday) / 10:30-12:30 HRS, KST
Organiser	Asia Investor Group on Climate Change (AIGCC)
About the Session	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.

Deepdive Session/ Pre-forum Event	
Title	Lima Adaptation Knowledge Initiative (LAKI) Hindu-Kush Himalayan (HKH) subregion cycle II technical consultation
Venue	Room 306
Date and Time	29 August (Tuesday) / 14:00-16:30 HRS, KST
Organiser	UNFCCC, Nairobi Work Programme, UNEP - Global Adaptation Network (GAN) and ICIMOD
About the Session	<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>

Day 2: 29 August 2023, Tuesday

Agenda

Deepdive Session/ Pre-forum Event	
Title	Community-powered: reclaiming the value of waste and water to drive resilient human systems
Venue	Room 308
Date and Time	29 August (Tuesday) / 16:00-17:30 HRS, KST
Organisers	Positive Change for Marine Life, Oxfam Bangladesh, Center for Natural Resource Studies (Bangladesh)
About the Session	<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.</p> <p>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. 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. The specific stream will largely centre around 'resilience of communities' however, the three other thematic streams of the forum will also be covered. Enablers will include, 'Technologies and Practices', 'Planning and Programming', as well as 'Science and Assessment'.</p>

Day 2: 29 August 2023, Tuesday

Agenda

Deepdive Session/ Pre-forum Event	
Title	Shifting to a new finance paradigm: Scaling up adaptation investments to achieve NDCs in Asia
Venue	Room 307
Date and Time	29 August (Tuesday) / 16:00-17:30 HRS, KST
Organiser	UNEP Copenhagen Climate Centre
About the Session	<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.</p> <p>These are agriculture, agroforestry, solar powered irrigation systems and coastal resilience, including for low-cost housing. 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>

6.3.2. Main Forum Sessions

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Overview

Main Forum Activities	
8:30 - 9:20 AM	8th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation (APAN) Forum Registration <i>Venue: Ground Floor South Lobby</i>
9:30 - 10:30	8th APAN Forum: Opening and Keynote <i>Venue: Grand Ballroom A & B</i>
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 - 12:30	APAN Forum Parallel Sessions 1. Scaling Up Climate Ambition - FAO and UNDP [FS-PP] <i>Venue: Room 206</i> 2. Forest Education Across the Tropical World - ARFM [EES-TP] <i>Venue: Room 308</i> 3. Avoiding the Maladaptation Trap - GCF [C-SA] <i>Venue: Room 306</i> 4. Effective Governance System - KACCC [CIS-PG] <i>Venue: Room 204</i>
12:30 - 14:00	Networking and Lunch
14:00 - 15:30	APAN Forum Plenary I: Exploring Complex Interconnectedness of Resilience Dimensions <i>Venue: Grand Ballroom A & B</i>
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 - 17:30	Global Adaptation Dialogue <i>Venue: Grand Ballroom A & B</i>

Legends

Resilience Streams:

FS - Resilience of Food Systems
EES - Resilience of Ecosystem and Ecosystem Services
C - Resilience of Communities
CIS - Resilience of Cities, Infrastructure and Settlements

Enablers:

PG - Policy and Governance
PP - Planning and Programming
SA - Science and Technology
TP - Technology and Practices
FI - Finance and Investment

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Opening and Keynote	
Title	8th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation (APAN) Forum - Opening Ceremony
Venue	Grand Ballroom A&B
Date and Time	30 August 2023, 9:30 - 10:30 HRS, KST
Speakers	<p>Opening and Welcome Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Marlene Nilsson, the Deputy Regional Director of the UNEP Asia and the Pacific Office • Mr. Jeong-bok Yoo, the Mayor of Incheon Metropolitan City. <p>Congratulatory Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sang-Hyup Kim, Co-Chairperson of the Presidential Commission on Carbon Neutrality and Green Growth of Korea • Mr. Yutaka Matsuzawa, the Vice Minister for Global Environmental Affairs of Japan's Ministry of the Environment. <p>Keynote Address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Tae-Sung Cheong, IPCC Coordinating Lead Author and Senior Research Engineer at Korea's National Disaster Management Institute <p>8th APAN Forum Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mozaharul Alam, Regional Coordinator, Climate Change Programme and Head, APAN Secretariat, UNEP Asia and the Pacific Office <p>Photo Session with participants</p>
Moderator	Ms. Antoinette Taus , UNEP Goodwill Ambassador

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Parallel Stream Sessions: Resilience of Food System - Planning and Programming [FS-PP]	
Title	Planning for Adaptation and Resilience: Scaling up Climate Ambition for Resilience of Land Use and Agriculture Systems
Room	Room 206
Date and Time	30 August 2023, 11:00 - 12:30 HRS, KST
Organisers	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
About the Session	<p>Food systems resilience in the face of climate change requires holistic approaches. Countries in the region have developed specific plans that provide the framework for adaption action such as National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and Sectoral Climate Change Action Plans. These planning processes underpinned by evidence and assessments have enabled resilience building in the agricultural sector, and informed climate change policy and related goals (e.g. in NDCs). Adaptation planning is further seen as an iterative process, and countries are at different stages of implementing sectoral adaptation plans.</p> <p>To identify what works, some countries have put in place monitoring and evaluation systems. Objectives, expected learning outcomes, and take away points for the audience - Lessons on the enabling role of planning processes, such as NAP processes in Nepal and Mongolia and Sectoral Planning Processes in Thailand and Cambodia for resilient food systems.</p> <p>Key questions to be discussed - What process did countries follow to arrive at their current plans and frameworks? - Reflections and best practices for moving from planning to implementation: what are policy and governance needs to operationalize plans? - What are effective ways to track progress and improve plans? - What role can support actors and initiatives play?</p>
Speakers/ Moderator/ Rapporteur	<p>Keynote Speaker: Beau Damen, Natural Resources Officer, FAO RAP</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sairak Chailangar, Director, Economic, Technology, Agricultural Resources and Environment Research Division, Office of Agricultural Economics, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand • Sanjeev Karn, Joint Secretary, Food Safety and Food Technology Division, MoALD, Nepal • Am Phirum, Deputy Director, Department of Agricultural Land Resources Management, Ministry of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries, Cambodia • Ts. Bolorchuluun, Head of Department, Policy Implementation and Planning Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry, Mongolia • Hazel Tanchuling, Executive Director, Rice Watch Action Network <p>Moderator: Krib Sitathani, Regional Coordinator for Asia Pacific for Climate Promise and SCALA programmes, UNDP</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mikell O'Mealy, Climate Strategy and Finance Expert, FAO RAP</p>

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Parallel Stream Session: Resilience of Ecosystem and Ecosystem Services - Technology and Practices [EES-TP]	
Title	Strengthening best practice through continuous forest education across the tropical world
Venue	Room 308
Date and Time	30 August 2023, 11:00 - 12:30 HRS, KST
Organisers	Alliance for Responsible Forest Management (ARFM)
About the Session	<p>A global assessment of forest education identified insufficient and anachronistic curriculum over a wide-range of forest-related topics, with limited teaching approaches, including a low diversity of students with females and racial/ethnic minorities hesitant to enrol, with forest education facing gaps in resources, support and governance.</p> <p>Continuous strengthening of quality forestry education and training is required at the local and regional levels to address human resource limitations and responsible forest management. Strengthening forest education must be applied at scale, and at pace, to address current environmental, social and economic issues, with measurable impacts in realistic time scales. Moreover, forest certification has resulted in moderate gains and while generally, it is supportive of tropical forestry, the opportunity cost of not scaling-up action for responsible forest management is dire. Global trends indicate natural tropical forests are decreasing, with deforestation, degradation and land-use change amongst the leading causes. Unplanned or uncontrolled timber extraction and logging cause most global forest degradation, followed by fuelwood collection and charcoal production, uncontrolled fire, and livestock grazing.</p> <p>Global market pressures, dietary preferences, and inefficiencies along agricultural value chains drive demand for agricultural and forest products, which drive deforestation and degradation. New approaches to address deforestation and degradation are needed, including improving education in the forest industry, at pace and scale.</p>
Speakers/ Moderator/ Rapporteur	<p>Keynote Speaker: Michael Galante, Founder, Secretary-General, Alliance for Responsible Forest Management</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Leitch, Co-Chair of Executive Board, Alliance for Responsible Forest Management • Preecha Ongprasert, Director, Forestry Foreign Affairs Office, Royal Forest Department, Thailand <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharad Babu Pageni, Under Secretary (Tech.) Climate Change Section, Ministry of Forests and Environment, Nepal • Soozin Ryang, Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO) • Satrio Adi Wicaksono - Programme Officer, International Union for Conservation of Nature - Asia Regional Office • Chorthip Anunrattanakul - Director of the Personnel Division, Central Administration Office, Royal Forest Department, Thailand <p>Moderator: Michael Galante</p> <p>Rapporteur: Michael Galante</p>

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Parallel Stream Session: Resilience of Cities, Infrastructure and Settlements - Policy and Governance [CIS - PP]	
Title	Effective Governance System to Bridge National and Local Governments in Adaptation to Climate Change
Venue	Room 204
Date and Time	30 August 2023, 11:00 - 12:30 HRS, KST
Organisers	Korea Adaptation Center for Climate Change (KACCC)
About the Session	<p>This session aims to facilitate discussions and knowledge sharing on successful approaches, best practices, and lessons learned for the Governance System to Bridge National and Local Governments in Adaptation to Climate Change, offering a comprehensive understanding of effective governance systems in bridging national and local governments for climate change adaptation.</p> <p>By sharing experiences from various adaptation related institutions and stakeholders worldwide will gain valuable insights into practical approaches and strategies, contributing to the development of actionable recommendations for enhancing governance systems in climate change adaptation initiatives.</p>
Speakers/ Moderator/ Rapporteur	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jiyoung Shin, Senior Research Fellow, Korea Adaptation Center for Climate Change (KACCC) Korea • Yuji Masutomi, The Center for Climate Change Adaptation (CCCA), Japan • TBD, The New Federal Information Centre for Climate Adaptation, Germany • Chris Richter, Regional Migration, Environment and Climate Change Specialist, IOM • Kemson Tavdey, Vanuatu Climate Diplomacy Secretariat at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation <p>Discussant: Gayoung Yoo, Professor, Kyung Hee University</p> <p>Moderator: Hoon Chang, Chief Research Fellow, KACCC</p> <p>Rapporteur: Ju Youn Kang, Research Specialist, KACCC</p>

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Plenary Session I	
Title	Exploring Complex Interconnectedness of Resilience Dimensions
Venue	Grand Ballroom A & B
Date and Time	30 August 2023, 14:00 - 15:30 HRS, KST
Organisers	APAN Secretariat
About the Session	<p>The impacts of climate change are felt across various sectors – from food systems and ecosystem services to communities, cities, and infrastructure – with spatial and temporal variation. Given that these sectors don't operate in silos, understanding their interrelation and interdependence necessitates a system approach to apply for resilience building and to avoid potential maladaptation.</p> <p>An integrative approach capitalizes on synergistic opportunities across sectors. For instance, sustainable farming can enhance food security and protect biodiversity, and serves as a carbon sink, thus contributing to multifaceted resilience. Similarly, green urban infrastructure can concurrently minimize climate risks, enhance community well-being, and conserve natural resources.</p> <p>Recognizing and addressing these interconnected facets is crucial to building effective climate resilience. This plenary session aims to explore the complex interconnectedness of different resilience dimensions and navigate pathways that champion sustainable development for all, in a changing climate.</p>
Speakers/ Moderator/ Rapporteur	<p>Moderator: Beau Damen, FAO RAP, Natural Resources Officer</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amer Al Kindi, UAE COP28 Office, Adaptation Team Lead • Jae Kyung Lee, Ministry of Environment Korea, Action Officer, Climate Adaptation Division • Ahmed Waheed, Ministry of Environment Maldives, Director of Climate Change and Technology, Maldives • Ha Thanh Lan, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development Vietnam, Head of Department, Institute of Water Resources Planning • Monifa Fiu, Impacts Analysis Advisor, The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme, Fiji

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KGAW 2023 Joint Event	
Title	Global Adaptation Dialogue
Venue	Grand Ballroom A & B
Date and Time	30 August (Wednesday), 16:00 - 17:30 HRS, KST
Organisers	Ministry of Environment - Korea
About the Session	<p>The Republic of Korea hosted its first Global Adaptation Week in 2019 and has since maintained the momentum in enhancing its adaptation efforts. The fourth edition of the Korea Global Adaptation Week (KGAW) to be held this year will feature significant regional forums and programmes, including the Regional NAP Expo for Asia and the Pacific, the Regional UN4NAPs Forum for Asia and the Pacific, the Resilience Frontiers Working Meeting, and the 8th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum. It will also feature the Global Adaptation Dialogue and various other events and exhibitions.</p> <p>These events will serve as important platforms for discussion, information sharing and thought leadership. KGAW 2023 is expected to bring together representatives from governments, international organizations, civil society, private sector, academia, and multilateral financial institutions, with an estimated attendance of around 700 participants.</p> <p>The Global Adaptation Dialogue, a high-level discussion centered exclusively on adaptation, is scheduled to take place in an open format on 30 August 2023, concurrently with events hosted by UNFCCC and UNEP. This day is anticipated to draw the highest attendance throughout the Week.</p>
Speakers/ Moderator/ Rapporteur	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <p>Congratulatory Remarks</p> <p>Keynote Address</p> <p>Photo session</p> <p>Panel Discussion:</p> <p><i>"The New Era for Adaptation: Scaling Up and Transformation in Adaptation"</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations for COP28 • Expected outcomes from the GGA framework • Accelerating formulation and implementation of NAPs • Primary barriers to implementation <p>Q&A with the audience</p> <p>Chair's Conclusions</p> <p>Closing Remarks</p>

Day 4: 31 August 2023, Thursday Overview

Main Forum Activities	
	<p align="center">APAN Forum Plenary II Deepening Understanding of the Interconnectedness of Resilience Enablers <i>Venue: Grand Ballroom A & B</i></p>
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 - 12:30	<p align="center">APAN Forum Parallel Sessions</p> <p>5. Innovating for a Sustainable Future - FAO and WWF [FS-TP] <i>Venue: Room 206</i> 6. Financing for the Resilience of Ecosystems - GGGI [EES-FI] <i>Venue: Room 308</i> 7. Inclusive Climate Action - IGES, DiDRRN and UN Women [C-PG] <i>Venue: Room 306</i> 8. Urban Climate Resilience and Nbs - GCA [CIS-PP] <i>Venue: Room 204</i></p>
12:00 - 14:00	Networking and Lunch
14:00 - 15:30	<p align="center">APAN Forum Parallel Sessions</p> <p>9. Food System Governance - FAO and UNF [FS-PG] <i>Venue: Room 308</i> 10. Regional Cooperation in the Hindu-Kush Himalayan - AWB - ICIMOD [EES - PP] <i>Venue: Room 206</i> 11. Inclusive Financial System - CGF and WB [C-FI] <i>Venue: Room 204</i></p>
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 - 17:30	<p align="center">APAN Forum Plenary III Maximizing the Benefits of Climate and Biodiversity Nexus <i>Venue: Grand Ballroom A & B</i></p>
18:00 - 20:00	8th APAN Forum Partners Meeting and 4th Advisory Committee Meeting <i>Venue: Sheraton Grand Hotel Incheon (invitees only)</i>

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Plenary Session II	
Title	Deepening Understanding on the Interconnectedness of Resilience Enablers
Venue	Grand Ballroom A & B
Date and Time	31 August (Thursday), 9:00 - 10:30 HRS, KST
Organisers	APAN Secretariat
About the Session	<p>Creating resilient societies capable of adapting to climate change requires a comprehensive and integrated approach. This approach should not only address the risks arising from climate change but also focus on the enabling conditions and tools that promote adaptation and resilience building. However, some enabling conditions might be biased, favouring a specific sector of society. Ensuring harmony among these enablers is pivotal to achieving resilience for all.</p> <p>These enabling conditions encompass five key domains: Policy and Governance, Planning and Programming, Science and Assessment, Technologies and Practices, and Finance and Investment. In the context of climate change, these domains are deeply interconnected rather than existing in isolation; each enabler shapes the others and is influenced by the others.</p> <p>Recognizing these interconnections is key to formulating holistic strategies for climate adaptation and resilience building. It demands a coordinated, holistic approach that considers the synergies and trade-offs among these domains, involving diverse stakeholders, across various sectors and governance levels. Therefore, the plenary session aims to build an understanding of the interconnectedness of resilience enablers, their potential synergies and trade-offs, and navigate pathways towards inclusive and equitable adaptation and resilience for all.</p>
Speakers/ Moderator/	<p>Moderator: Niall O'Connor, SEI, Asia Centre Director</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nambi Appadurai, WRI India, Director • Leel Randeni, Ministry of Environment Sri Lanka, Director - Climate Change Secretariat • Hyunsuk Shin, Presidential Commission on Carbon Neutrality and Green Growth, Republic of Korea, Chairperson of the Climate Change Adaptation Sub-commission; President of Busan Development Institute • Sanjay Kumar Bhowmik, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change Bangladesh, Additional Secretary • Maria Holtsberg, UN Women, Deputy Regional Director

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Parallel Stream Session: Resilience of Food Systems - Technology and Practice [FS-TP]	
Title	Innovating for a Sustainable Future: Youth and community-led actions for resilient food systems
Venue	Room 308
Date and Time	31 August (Thursday), 11:00 - 12:30 HRS, KST
Organisers	FAO with the World Food Forum
About the Session	<p>Asia-Pacific is home to 60% of the world's young people, making it the most youthful region with more than 1.1 billion young women and men aged 15 to 29. The region is also home to the largest number of indigenous communities with 70% of the 370 million Indigenous Peoples worldwide. In many of the region's countries, women make up the majority of farmers, agricultural workers and food producers.</p> <p>Harnessing the power and potential of youth, women and indigenous communities is crucial for food systems transformation. This session, linked to the global FAO Science and Innovation Forum and serving as the Asia-Pacific SIF Regional Event, convenes innovators who are driving local solutions and community-led actions for resilient food systems.</p> <p>Key questions to be discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are youth, women and indigenous communities uniquely positioned to innovate and drive solutions for climate resilient food systems? • What innovative technologies and practices can be applied more broadly for food systems transformation in the region? • What is needed to harness the power of youth, women and indigenous communities at scale? • What key findings and recommendations from this session can be fed into the FAO Science and Innovation Forum to be held 16-20 October?
Speakers/ Moderator/ Rapporteur	<p>Keynote Speaker: Ismahane Elouafi, FAO Chief Scientist (as a pre-recorded video)</p> <p>Session Chair: Beau Damen, Natural Resources Officer, FAO RAP</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joko Tri Rubiyanto, World Food Forum Champion and Youth Policy Board Member, Indonesia • Gantuya Jargalsaikhan and Mr. Dashkhundev Nayamdagva, Research Institute of Animal Husbandry and representatives of "Team Splicing," Mongolia • Suman Ghimire, CEO and Founder, Seed Innovations, Nepal • Myron Mendes, National Facilitator, Indian Network on Ethics and Climate Change, India • Anika Molesworth, 2015 Young Farmer of the Year and 2022 Young Conservationist of the Year, Australia (joining virtually from Australia) • Maria Elena Rebagay, Senior Program Manager, Asian Farmers' Association for Sustainable Rural Development, Philippines <p>Moderator: Mikell O'Mealy, Climate Strategy and Finance Expert, FAO RAP</p> <p>Rapporteur: Janek Toepper, Climate Change Disaster Risk Financing Specialist, FAO RAP</p>

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Parallel Stream Session: Resilience of Ecosystems and Ecosystem Services - Finance and Investment [EES-FI]	
Title	Innovation and Definition – Financing for the Resilience of Ecosystems and Ecosystem Services
Venue	Room 308
Date and Time	31 August (Thursday), 11:00 - 12:30 HRS, KST
Organisers	Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)
About the Session	<p>Innovative financial approaches are required for the resilience and rehabilitation of ecosystems and ecosystem services. Green bonds, debt for nature swaps, and others are increasingly being acknowledged by governments, donors and development partners for their ability to deliver tangible impact toward adaptation and resilience. Despite this, fast and slow onset climate change impacts can exceed the management capacity of adaptation programs. The concept of Loss and Damage is critical for those most exposed to climate change impacts to engage in rehabilitation and resilience-building activities.</p> <p>The floods experienced by Pakistan in 2022 serve as a poignant example of this, resulting in an estimated USD 30Bn in damages. Not yet at the apotheosis of this issue, the international community is at a critical juncture at which momentum can be gathered toward a critical and just approach to enabling finance for rehabilitation and resilience. The session will prompt experts and the audience to discuss adaptation financing with a focus on securing and enhancing ecosystems and ecosystem services. It will explore the challenges facing adaptation and resilience financing with a focus on ecosystems and ecosystems services from the multiple perspectives of the invited speakers.</p>
Speakers/ Moderator/ Rapporteur	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicholas Simon Taylor, Senior Officer for Adaptation, Resilience and Green Cities, GGI • Suna Park, Advisor to the Minister of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change, Government of Uzbekistan • Chris Dickinson, Ecosystems Management Senior Specialist, GCF • Vladislav Arnaoudov, Senior Evaluation Specialist (virtual panelist) Adaptation Fund • Saleemul Huq, Director of the International Centre for Climate Change and Development, Independent University <p>Moderator: Achala Abeysinghe, Director of Programs for Asia, GGGI</p> <p>Rapporteur: TBD</p>

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Parallel Stream Session: Resilience of Communities - Policy and Governance [C-PG]	
Title	Unwrapping Inclusive Climate Action: Intersectional perspectives on mainstreaming gender, disability, indigenous and local knowledge systems
Venue	Room 306
Date and Time	31 August (Thursday), 11:00 - 12:30 HRS, KST
Organisers	IGES, Disability-inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction Network (DiDRRN), UN Women and UNEP under the EmPower Programme
About the Session	<p>Realities of climate change further exacerbate differential impacts and unequal access to resources, which leaves vulnerable people or communities, such as persons with disabilities, women, elderly, disabled, children, youths, IPs, etc., in an even more challenging situation. The impacts of climate change are increasingly affecting vulnerable communities across Asia and the Pacific, putting them at risk of being left behind and exacerbating pre-existing inequalities. Building resilience at community level is crucial to ensure sustainable development and climate justice.</p> <p>However, the adaptive capacity of communities is constrained by unequal power relations, including gendered power relations, and lack of recognition of efforts and capacities (including traditional, indigenous and local knowledge systems). These limit access to resources and information, as well as participation in decision-making processes. Inclusive Resilience represented one of four streams during the 7th Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) Forum, which took place in 2021 and an Outlook document on this topic outlines the importance of including marginalised communities and recognising their differentiated vulnerabilities. The 8th APAN Forum offers a unique opportunity for regional actors to share information, knowledge and best practices in adaptation and resilience building.</p> <p>This session will be built around the forum’s thematic area of focus on “resilience of communities” and discusses inclusive policy and climate governance as an enabler for transformative adaptation that leaves no one behind. Key Questions: 1. How do we establish an equitable partnership with organisations of marginalized communities and ensure their meaningful participation in climate actions? 2. How can inclusive policy and climate governance ensure that no one is left behind and contribute to climate justice? 3. How to mainstream traditional, indigenous and local knowledge (TILK) into local and national adaptation planning and international processes? 4. What are innovative approaches in climate policy and governance that foster inclusivity in resource allocation and decision making to facilitate scaling out locally developed adaptation solutions?</p>
Speakers/ Moderator/ Rapporteur	<p>Keynote Speaker: Hoon Chang, KACCC (Chair), Korea Environment Institute</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Binaya Shivakoti, Senior Policy Researcher, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies • Suman Basnet, Regional Director, World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters - Asia Pacific • Talal Waheed, Global Advisor Disability Inclusive DRR • Annie Hans, Humanity and Inclusion, DiDRRN • Nisha Onta, Regional Coordinator for Asia, WOCAN • Miguel Musngi, Head of Poverty Eradication and Gender Division, ASEAN Secretariat (virtual) <p>Moderators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annette Wallgren, UNEP • Athena Denise Galao, UN Women <p>Rapporteur: TBD</p>

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Parallel Stream Session: Resilience of Cities, Infrastructure and Settlements - Planning and Programming [CIS - PP]	
Title	Urban Climate Resilience and Nature Based Solutions (NbS): Global Experiences and Local Actions and local knowledge systems
Venue	Room 204
Date and Time	31 August (Thursday), 11:00 - 12:30 HRS, KST
Organisers	Global Center on Adaptation (GCA)
About the Session	<p>Nature-based solutions (NbS) including blue/green and hybrid infrastructures have been proposed as an approach to restore ecological flows in cities and as new infrastructure solutions that can increase climate resilience of a city.</p> <p>To date however, much of the ongoing work around NbS has rendered primacy to large-scale rural projects often with a primary objective of achieving carbon sequestration goals. As such the implementation of NbS in cities has been largely overlooked despite rapid urbanisation in the Asia-Pacific region. The Global Center on Adaptation (GCA) intends to reframe NbS as adaptation solutions to address development, climate, and biodiversity issues within the social, political, and economic context of urban areas across the region.</p> <p>The overall objective of the session is to discuss how NbS can support building resilient cities, review different types of NbS options, share good practice examples of NbS implementation in cities, and identify ways for mainstreaming NbS in policy and urban planning.</p> <p>The envisaged session outcomes include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster knowledge sharing on NbS among urban practitioners, city-level decision-makers and local implementers. • Showcase the immediate results of GCA and partner activities in mainstreaming NbS in large scale urban investment projects in the region. • Increased insights on actions that can be undertaken by Asian cities and national governments to drive the local implementation of NbS.
Speakers/ Moderator/ Rapporteur	<p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feisal Rahman, Senior Water and Climate Adaptation Specialist, GCA • Arghya S. Roy, Principal Climate Change Specialist (Climate Change Adaptation), ADB • Bapon Fakhruddin, Water Sector Lead, Green Climate Fund, GCF • Saleemul Huq, Director, ICCCAD • Binaya Raj Shivakotil, Senior Adaptation and Water Specialist, IGES • Dindo Campilan, Regional Director- Asia, IUCN • Zuhair Ahmed Kowshik, Youth-led Policy & Action Framework on Plastic Pollution • Jessica Troni, Chief Climate Change Adaptation Unit, Adaptation Portfolio Manager, UNEP <p>Moderator: Joep Verhagen, Global Lead, Water and Urban Program, GCA</p> <p>Rapporteur: TBD</p>

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Parallel Stream Session: Resilience of Food Systems - Policy and Governance [FS-PG]	
Title	Food Systems Governance: New approaches tackling resilience from a systems perspective
Venue	Room 308
Date and Time	31 August (Thursday), 14:00 - 15:30 HRS, KST
Organisers	FAO and the UN Food Systems Coordination Hub
About the Session	<p>Achieving climate-related goals in the agriculture and land use sectors requires transforming food systems, which are highly complex and interact with other key systems (e.g. ecosystems, water, energy and health). Complex challenges call for new types of solutions and governance that account for interlinked relationships across systems.</p> <p>This requires systems-level thinking to identify climate actions with transformative potential and systems approaches that work across organizational and sectoral boundaries to address the limitations of traditional, fragmented strategies. Changing entire systems is challenging and time-consuming, especially in the public sector, but new practices for systems-wide change can be rolled out even when larger, static core processes remain.</p> <p>This could mean focusing on just one component while considering its linkages to the broader system – for example, focusing on a particular value chain, focusing on a landscape and assessing it from a systems perspective or “landscape approach,” or focusing on the food and water nexus to strengthen systems governance.</p> <p>Key questions to be discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are countries applying systems thinking and systems approaches in policy and governance to tackle resilience and promote transformative climate actions in the food and agriculture sectors in Asia-Pacific?
Speakers/ Moderator/ Rapporteur	<p>Keynote Speaker: Stefanos Fotiou, Director, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub (as a pre-recorded video)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marissa Cook, Director of Agriculture, Department for Environmental Management & Agriculture, Nauru • Saleemul Huq, Director, International Centre for Climate Change and Development, Bangladesh • Leel Randeni, Director, Climate Change Secretariat, Ministry of Environment, Sri Lanka • Dinh Phan Hien, International Cooperation Department, Vietnam • John Matthews, Executive Director, Alliance for Global Water Adaptation (joining virtually from the United States) • Imelda Bacudo, Senior Advisor, Food Systems, COP28 Presidency <p>Moderator: Imelda Bacudo, Senior Advisor, Food Systems, COP28 Presidency</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mikell O’Mealy, Climate Strategy and Finance Expert, FAO RAP</p>

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Parallel Steam Session - Resilience of Ecosystem and Ecosystem Services - Planning and Programming [EES - PP]	
Title	Strengthening regional cooperation to address cascading climate risks in the Hindu Kush Himalaya
Venue	Room 206
Date and Time	31 August (Thursday), 14:00 - 15:30 HRS, KST
Organisers	Adaptation Without Borders Global Partnership (AWB) and International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)
About the Session	<p>This session will explore the barriers and enablers of enhanced regional cooperation on adaptation to manage the cascading impacts of climate change. We will build collective learning on what cascading climate risks are, how they affect mountainous regions such as the Hindu Kush Himalaya (HKH), and the forms of regional cooperation that could present resilience-building solutions.</p> <p>ICIMOD will share state-of-the-art research on cascading climate risks in the HKH and the benefits of enhanced regional cooperation to manage them. We will draw out instruments that have strengthened the effectiveness of regional cooperation mechanisms in other mountainous regions (through Adaptation at Altitude) and through the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (via the Asia Development Bank). We will engender discussion on some of the barriers to stronger regional cooperation on adaptation in the HKH (political, economic, social, technical) and how we can scale solutions to such challenges.</p> <p>We will hear reflections from government representatives in the HKH region (including representatives from Bhutan and Nepal) on the opportunities they see for transboundary adaptation and the forms of support and resources that would be required. And we will end the session with a broader debate on how we can create an enabling environment (in governance and policy) for transformative adaptation, and what COP28 – including the framework on the Global Goal on Adaptation – must deliver to achieve it.</p>
Speakers/ Moderator/ Rapporteur	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deepshikha Sharma, Programme Officer, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) • Katy Harris, Senior Policy Fellow, Stockholm Environment Institute, Adaptation Without Borders • Jessica Troni, Senior Programme Officer, Adaptation Portfolio Manager, United Nations Environment Programme, Adaptation at Altitude • Arghya Sinha Roy, Principal Climate Change Specialist, ADB <p>Moderator: Niall O'Connor, Director, Stockholm Environment Institute</p> <p>Rapporteur: Anna Kilponen, Regional Liaison, Asia-Pacific, Global Adaptation Network (GAN), UNEP</p>

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Parallel Session - Resilience of Communities - Finance and Investment	
Title	Inclusive financial systems: A critical enabler for autonomous and transformational adaptation in vulnerable countries
Venue	Room 204
Date and Time	31 August (Thursday), 14:00 - 15:30 HRS, KST
Organisers	Action Group on Carbon Footprint (AGCF) and Consultative Group to Assist the Poor - World Bank (CGAP-WB)
About the Session	<p>This panel discussion, moderated by the Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP), will bring together an international development funder (UNCDF), an international provider of concessional climate finance (GCF), and a climate-risk insurance provider from the Philippines (Pioneer Insurance) to discuss what successful partnerships look like and how they can work better together, especially across the financial inclusion and climate sectors, to build financial systems that enable equitable access to climate finance through relevant and affordable financial services, especially for highly vulnerable groups.</p> <p>Participants will walk away with a stronger understanding of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How climate finance can be better aligned with the local needs and priorities of vulnerable countries, especially Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS); • What effective financing solutions towards accelerating the adoption of transformative adaptation for long-term resilience exist; and, • How public and private sector actors can work together to enable access to climate adaptation finance for the most vulnerable.
Speakers/ Moderator/ Rapporteur	<p>Keynote Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yeonji Kim, Knowledge Management and Uptake Specialist a.i. GCF-IEU • Michael Tarazi, Senior Financial Sector Specialist, CGAP-WB <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Krishnan Narasimhan, Lead Specialist (CDRFI), UNCDF • Lorenzo Chan, CEO and President, Pioneer Insurance • Yeonji Kim, Knowledge Management and Uptake Specialist, GCF-IEU <p>Moderator: Michael Tarazi, Senior Financial Sector Specialist, CGAP-WB</p> <p>Rapporteur: TBD</p>

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Parallel Stream Session - Resilience of Cities, Infrastructure and Settlements - Science and Assessment [CIS - SA]	
Title	Supportive tools and its application for climate change adaptation planning
Room	Room 306
Date and Time	31 August (Thursday), 14:00 - 15:30 HRS, KST
Organisers	Korea Adaptation Center for Climate Change (KACCC)
About the Session	<p>This session aims to share the importance of assessing climate change impact and risk in diverse sectors and introduce the scientific assessment tool and its application for an establishment of climate change adaptation plan. In addition, in this session, some strategies for reducing climate change risk will be presented with the government-led responses.</p> <p>Through this session, we can discuss the vision for improving methodologies for the planning and participants can gain valuable insights into practical approaches and strategies for an establishment of climate change adaptation plan.</p> <p>Besides, it is expected that participants will suggest some points to be considered in the development of decision support integrated impact assessment tool for local climate change adaptation.</p>
Speakers/ Moderator/ Rapporteur	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young Il Song, Korea Adaptation Center for Climate Change (KACCC), Korea • Ho Kim, Seoul National University; Kijong Cho, Korea University, Korea • Changwan Seo, National Institute of Ecology, Korea • Myung Kyoon Lee, Senior Economist, UNEP Copenhagen Climate Centre • Binaya Shivakoti, Senior Adaptation and Water Specialist, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies <p>Moderator: Young-Il Song, Chief Research Fellow, KACCC</p> <p>Rapporteur: Ara Kim, Researcher, KACCC</p>

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Plenary Session III	
Title	Maximizing the Benefits of Climate and Biodiversity Nexus
Venue	Grand Ballroom A & B
Date and Time	31 August (Thursday), 16:00 - 17:30 HRS, KST
Organisers	APAN Secretariat
About the Session	<p>Climate change is one of the main drivers of biodiversity loss, while the destruction of ecosystems accelerates climate change and increases vulnerability to its impacts. Climate change adaptation emphasizes nature-based solutions, supporting both adaptation and the restoration of ecosystem services. Therefore, these issues need to be tackled together in global agendas, national strategies and local actions. The cascading impacts of these twin crises are becoming increasingly evident in the Asia-Pacific region, affecting economic livelihoods, human security, natural resource management and species conservation.</p> <p>There is growing consensus—among scientists, decision-makers and practitioners—for a more holistic approach to address the nexus between climate change and biodiversity. At the global level, opportunities and challenges toward this common goal are now framed within relevant international policy agendas and targets, such as the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration. Meanwhile, the region is witnessing countries introducing and learning from more innovative policies, institutional arrangements and programmatic interventions.</p> <p>To further support and promote efforts to address the climate and biodiversity nexus, this plenary session aims to showcase novel knowledge, practices and experiences towards:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) integrated policies and strategic investments, 2) coordinated programs and inclusive partnerships, and 3) harmonized actions and scalable innovations.
Speakers/ Moderator/ Rapporteur	<p>Moderator: Dindo Campilan, IUCN, Regional Director for Asia and Oceania Hub</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel Anne Herrera, Climate Change Commission Philippines, Commissioner • Bedoshruti Sadhukhan, ICLEI South Asia, Senior Programme Coordinator • Claudia Binondo, ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity, Project Development Director • Naseer Gillani, Planning Commission, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Chair Development Finance SDGs • Zuhair Ahmed Kowshik, Children and Youth Major Group to UNEP, Global Focal Point

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Main Forum Activities	
9:00 - 10:30	<p>APAN Forum Plenary IV Understanding Loss and Damage in Asia-Pacific <i>Venue: Grand Ballroom A & B</i></p>
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 - 12:30	<p>APAN Forum Parallel Sessions</p> <p>13. Next Generation Agro-Met Services - ADPC [FS-SA] <i>Venue: Room 308</i> 14. Our Oceans and Seas - UNEP - COBSEA [EES-PG] <i>Venue: Room 206</i> 15. Empowering Climate Resilience - MOEJ, SPREP and PCML [C-TP] <i>Venue: Room 204</i> 16. Innovative Models for Financing - ADB [CIS-FI] <i>Venue: Room 306</i></p>
12:00 - 14:00	Networking and Lunch
14:00 - 15:30	<p>APAN Forum Parallel Sessions</p> <p>17. Financing Resilient Food System - FAO and COP 28 [FS-FI] <i>Venue: Room 204</i> 18. Nature-based Solutions - UNEP and IUCN [EES - SA] <i>Venue: Room 306</i> 19. Locally-led Adaptation - APN and SAFE [C-PP] <i>Venue: Room 206</i> 20. Early Warning System Practices - MOEJ [CIS - TP] <i>Venue: Room 308</i></p>
15:30 - 16:30	<p>KGAW 2023 and 8th APAN Forum Joint Closing Ceremony</p>

Legends

Resilience Streams:

FS - Resilience of Food Systems
EES - Resilience of Ecosystem and Ecosystem Services
C - Resilience of Communities
CIS - Resilience of Cities, Infrastructure and Settlements

Enablers:

PG - Policy and Governance
PP - Planning and Programming
SA - Science and Technology
TP - Technology and Practices
FI - Finance and Investment

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Plenary Session IV	
Title	Understanding Loss and Damage in Asia-Pacific
Venue	Grand Ballroom A & B
Date and Time	1 September (Friday), 09:00 - 10:30 HRS, KST
Organisers	APAN Secretariat
About the Session	<p>In the likely scenario of warmer climate in the future, the urgency to proactively prevent losses and damages from anthropogenic climate change, especially for the world's most vulnerable communities, has intensified. Small Island States (SIDS) and mountainous countries in the region are particularly at risk, experiencing severe climate-induced losses and damages.</p> <p>Acknowledging the urgent need to address climate crises, Loss and Damage (L&D) has become a central pillar in these efforts. The 27th COP in Sharm-El-Sheikh agreed to create a new funding mechanism for L&D.</p> <p>Despite progress on policy, there has been limited progress in addressing L&D at the national level. Further, research, finance and technical support that inform global negotiations on L&D are limited, resulting in a lack of evidence to implement solutions and a lack of clarity on how vulnerable countries can formulate policy responses at the national level.</p> <p>The session aims to engage countries in identifying and synthesizing information and insights on their experience in addressing major impacts of climate change, in particular L&D resulting from hydro-meteorological hazards and extremes. The goal is to identify existing gaps in responding to and addressing these losses and damage and specific needs for technical assistance.</p>
Speakers/ Moderator/	<p>Moderator: Jessica Troni, UNEP, Senior Programme Officer, Climate Change Adaptation Portfolio</p> <p>Opening Remarks: Ayuko Kobayakawa, Director for International Climate Change Adaptation Planning, Ministry of the Environment of Japan</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saleemul Huq, Director, ICCCAD • Arona Ngari, Ministry of Transport, Cook Islands, Director, Meteorological Service • Karma Lodey Rapten, Regional Technical Specialist, UNDP • Deepshikha Karma, Programme Officer, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development

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Parallel Stream Session: Resilience of Food System - Science and Assessment [FS-SA]	
Title	Empowering Agriculture through Next-Generation Agro-Met Services
Venue	Room 308
Date and Time	1 September (Friday), 11:00 - 12:30 HRS, KST
Organisers	Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) and FAO, UNESCAP, Korea APCC, and Governments of Sri Lanka and India
About the Session	<p>The changing climate patterns and unpredictable weather events in the Asia and Pacific region pose multiple challenges to agriculture and other sectors. To empower farmers and communities to tackle these issues, next-generation agro-meteorological (agro-met) services, such as Pacific Drought Knowledge Exchange and WMO Early Warning for All systems, are essential.</p> <p>These services utilize advanced technologies including satellite imagery, weather stations, and data analytics to generate accurate and localized weather forecasts, seasonal outlooks, and early warning systems for extreme weather events. By leveraging these services, farmers and local communities can make informed decisions to enhance crop yield, overall productivity, and resource management, adapting to changing weather conditions and improving resilience.</p> <p>Policymakers also benefit from valuable insights into crop performance as well as water and food security.</p> <p>Objective of the session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How agro-met services use weather forecasts and triggers for anticipatory actions in agriculture and; • Highlight the importance of forecast triggers in agricultural planning, enabling farmers to anticipate and adapt to changing weather.
Speakers/ Moderator/ Rapporteur	<p>Keynote Speaker: Mari-Vaughn Johnson, Regional Director and Administrator, Pacific Islands Climate Adaptation Science Center, Hawaii (as a pre-recorded video)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senaka Basnayake, Director, Climate Resilience, ADPC • Sung Eun Kim, Economic Affairs Office, UNESCAP Sub-regional Office, North and East Asia • Jin Ho Yoo, Director, International Cooperation Project, APEC Climate Center (APCC), South Korea • Erkin Isaev, Agrometeorologist, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (FAO RAP), Bangkok, Thailand (joining virtually from Thailand) • Catherine Jones, Anticipatory Action Lead for Asia-Pacific, FAO RAP (joining virtually from Vanuatu) • Leel Randeni, Director, Climate Change Secretariat, Ministry of Environment, Govt. of Sri Lanka • C N Prabhu, Joint Director (Tech), BMSK, Planning & Development Department, Government of Bihar, India <p>Moderator: Bapon Fakhruddin, Water Sector Lead, Division of Mitigation and Adaptation, Green Climate Fund</p> <p>Rapporteur: Niladri Gupta, Sr. Water Resources Management Specialist, ADPC</p>

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Parallel Stream Session: Resilience of Ecosystem and Ecosystem Services - Policy and Governance [EES-PG]	
Title	Our Oceans and Seas: Harnessing Nature-based Solutions and Regional Collaboration towards Ecosystems Resilience
Venue	Room 206
Date and Time	1 September (Friday), 11:00 - 12:30 HRS, KST
Organisers	UNEP-COBSEA, UNEP-NOWPAP, Maritime Emergency Preparedness and Response Activity Center (MERRAC), Korea Marine Environment Management Corporation (KOEM), Green Climate Fund (GCF)
About the Session	<p>The ocean is facing severe challenges due to biodiversity loss, pollution, and climate change. These threats have far-reaching consequences beyond the marine ecosystem and can destabilize the entire planet. To protect and restore the ocean, collaborative action is crucial, focusing on nature-based solutions (NbS) that recognize the interconnections between climate change, pollution, and biodiversity, strengthening the resilience of ecosystems.</p> <p>The Asia Pacific region's biodiversity is highly vulnerable to climate change, necessitating urgent measures to enhance ecosystems' resilience. NbS, particularly the conservation and restoration of marine and coastal ecosystems, are essential for adapting to climate change and improving ecosystem health. Initiatives such as mangrove restoration, seagrass restoration, and coral reef conservation align with the goals of the Paris Agreement and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, offering a comprehensive approach to addressing biodiversity. Given the transboundary nature of biodiversity challenges, regional collaborative efforts are crucial in achieving ecosystem resilience. Initiatives like the UNEP Regional Seas Programme, including COBSEA and NOWPAP in the Asia Pacific, provide intergovernmental mechanisms for cooperation.</p> <p>They facilitate knowledge sharing, best practices, and experiences among countries, enabling successful projects to be replicated. These collaborative efforts also enhance capacity-building through resource pooling, expertise exchange, and technical support. By promoting an ecosystem-based approach, regional collaboration ensures sustainable management and conservation of shared marine and coastal habitats, strengthening the long-term resilience of both people and the planet.</p>
Speakers/ Moderator/ Rapporteur	<p>Keynote Speaker: Chris Dickinson, Senior Ecosystems Management Specialist, Division of Mitigation and Adaptation, GCF</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sang In Kang, (ICZM of Mangroves in Solomon Islands), Korea Environment Institute • Bong-Oh Kwon, Professor, (Blue Carbon) Kunsan National University • Jong-Seong Ryu, Professor (Marine Environment Conservation Activities at NGOs), Anyang University • Hyo-Bang Moon, Professor, (Marine Pollution Monitoring), Hanyang University • Jong-Seong Khim, Professor, National University Seoul (Marine biodiversity and ecosystem services of the Korean tidal flats) <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seong Gil Kang, Director ICLEI East Asia • Kelly Dai, MERRAC, (online) • Lora Batino, Manila Observatory (online) • Catherine Roween Almaden, Northern Bukidnon State College (online) • Margarita Victoria Caballa, UNEP-COBSEA (online) <p>Moderators: Mahesh Pradhan, Coordinator, COBSEA UNEP Yegor Volovik, Coordinator, NOWPAP</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mahesh Pradhan/ Margarita Caballa, COBSEA</p>

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Parallel Stream Session: Resilience of Communities - Technology and Practice [C-TP]	
Title	Empowering Climate Resilience: Challenges and Opportunities of Practicing Transformative Adaptation through Decentralized Programs and Partner Collaborations
Venue	Room 204
Date and Time	1 September (Friday), 11:00 - 12:30 HRS, KST
Organisers	MoEJ, SPREP, Positive Change for Marine Life (India, Australia, Solomon Islands), Oxfam Bangladesh
About the Session	<p>This session poses three themes, which all focus on the resilience of the community to improve adaptation measures in each country and promote adaptive action at the community level. The session will be interactive having three breakout sessions.</p> <p>The first theme, "Practicing Locally-led Adaptation (LLA) through Partner Collaboration of AP-PLAT" focuses on a regional platform for the Asia-Pacific that provides a wide range of information, tools and capacity development programs on climate change adaptation, particularly discussing partner collaboration activities on Locally-Led Adaptation.</p> <p>The second theme, "The role of the Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC) in advancing transformative climate change adaptation implementation in the Pacific" focuses on two tools that have been used by Pacific Island practitioners to provide decision support for planning ecosystem-based adaptation initiatives and a methodology used to track measurable impact of past adaptation efforts with the potential for informing future adaptation efforts.</p> <p>The third theme, "Marginalised communities as drivers of climate adaptation: strengthening resilience through decentralised food, water, waste, and rewilding programs" will explore successful, multi-stakeholder case-studies in India, Bangladesh, the Solomon Islands, and Australia, which are led by marginalised communities, for marginalised communities.</p>
Speakers/ Moderators/ Rapporteur	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yuji Masutomi, Section Head of the Center for Climate Change Adaptation, NIES • Young-Il Song, Chief Research Fellow, KEI-KACCC • Charles (Chongguang) Yu, UNDP • Monifa Fiu, Impacts Analysis Adviser; Semi Qamese, Manager, PACRES Project; Ofa Ma'asi-Kaisamy, Manager, SPREP • Krishna Kalidas, Waste to Wealth Program Manager • Zerin Ahmed, Project Officer, Oxfam Bangladesh • MD Mokhlesur Rahman Chowdhury, Senior Programme Officer, Center for Natural Resource Studies, Bangladesh <p>Moderators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kei Kurushima, Policy Researcher • Rachel Nunn-Crichton, Technical Adviser, Information, Knowledge Management and Brokerage, Pacific Climate Change Centre • Karl Goodsell, Founder/ CEO, Positive Change for Marine Life <p>Rapporteur: TBD</p>

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Parallel Stream Session: Resilience of Cities, Infrastructure and Settlements - Finance and Investment [CIS - FI]

Title	Innovative models for financing and investing in climate resilience building of cities, settlements and infrastructure
Venue	Room 306
Date and Time	1 September (Friday), 11:00 - 12:30 HRS, KST
Organisers	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
About the Session	<p>Rapid economic development in the region, including fast rate of urbanization represents both concentrations of risk and opportunity to invest in climate-resilient development that is transformative in diverse contexts from rural settlements to secondary cities and large metropolitan areas.</p> <p>Dominant models of energy-intensive and market-led growth, insufficient and misaligned finance, and a predominant focus on grey infrastructure in the absence of integration with ecological and social approaches, risk missing opportunities for adaptation and locking in maladaptation. This session aims to unpack existing financing models and investments made to support climate adaptation for cities, settlement and infrastructure whilst identifying novel pathways and mechanisms to spur greater investments in this space.</p> <p>It aims to explore the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabling conditions for mobilizing climate finance and investments: What are the challenges and opportunities investors face in identifying adaptation investments? • Climate finance instruments: what types of financing instruments and approaches can be used to mobilize greater adaptation finance? • Highlighting promising innovations at regional, national, or subnational levels <p>The session aims to engage participants and speakers via a series of short case study presentation, panel session and Q&A.</p>
Speakers/ Moderator/ Rapporteur	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ma. Zenitha Astra Paramitha, Senior Policy Analyst, Center for Climate Change Finance and Multilateral Policy Fiscal Policy Agency, Ministry of Finance, Indonesia • Bedoshruti Sadhukhan, Senior Programme Coordinator, Sustainability Management, ICLEI South Asia • Devindranauth Bissoon, Senior Infrastructure Specialist, GCF • Kelera Oli, Climate Change and Health Officer, Ministry of Health and Medical Services and joint appointment with WHO Fiji - Environmental Health Division, Fiji • Naeeda Crishna Morgado, Senior Infrastructure Specialist, ADB (Innovation and Green Finance) (online) <p>Moderator: Arghya Sinha Roy, Principal Climate Adaptation Specialist, ADB</p> <p>Rapporteur: Natasha Kuruppu, Climate Change Specialist, ADB</p>

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Parallel Stream Session: Resilience of Food System - Finance and Investment [FS-Fi]	
Title	Financing Resilient Food Systems: Leveraging blended finance, supporting Anticipatory Action, and addressing Loss and Damage
Venue	Room 204
Date and Time	1 September (Friday), 14:00 - 15:30 HRS, KST
Organisers	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the COP28 Presidency
About the Session	<p>The world is facing massive economic, environmental and public health challenges – from declining ecosystems and rapid urbanization to malnutrition and supply chain disruptions. Food systems are being hit by multiple shocks, often at the same time.</p> <p>Scaling up finance and investment to transform food systems has never been more urgent. Blended finance can de-risk investments and support farmers and businesses in transitioning to climate-smart practices. It can also build coordination between public and private investors and strengthen the capacity of local financial institutions to support food systems transformation.</p> <p>Countries in the region are also investing in Anticipatory Action as a cost-effective approach to mitigate food systems losses before shocks occur. With the COP26 decision to establish funding arrangements for Loss and Damage, it is urgent to ensure that agriculture L&D is fully accounted for.</p> <p>Key questions to be discussed :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are priority finance and investment needs to strengthen food systems resilience in the region? • How are countries leveraging blended finance solutions to enhance food systems resilience? • How are countries using Anticipatory Action approaches to build resilience against shocks? • How can countries ensure that agriculture L&D is fully accounted for? • How will COP28 address finance needs related to food systems?
Speakers/ Moderator/ Rapporteur	<p>Keynote Speaker: Ismahane Elouafi, FAO Chief Scientist (as a pre-recorded video)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alicia Ilaga, Department of Agriculture, Philippines • Fred Patison, Climate Change Finance Readiness Advisor, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (joining virtually from Fiji) • Tanja Havemann, Director and Founder, Clarmondial (joining virtually from Switzerland) • Soojin Kim, Associate Director, ClimateWorks Foundation • COP28 Presidency representative (TBC) <p>Moderator: Beau Damen, Natural Resources Officer, FAO RAP</p> <p>Rapporteur: Janek Toepper, Climate Change Disaster Risk Financing Specialist, FAO RAP</p>

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Parallel Stream Session: Resilience of Ecosystem and Ecosystem Services - Science and Assessment [EES-SA]	
Title	Harnessing Science, Technologies, Knowledge and Nature-based Solutions to Build Resilience Against Climate Risks
Room	Room 306
Date and Time	1 September (Friday), 14:00 - 15:30 HRS, KST
Organisers	United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
About the Session	<p>With the increased intensity in climate change impacts, preparing for and responding to extreme weather and climatic events is imperative to protect communities and to improve the resilience of people against climate risks in Asia and the Pacific. Addressing the long-standing issue of inadequate weather and climate observation data, need for appropriate downscaling of climate model projections, building national capacities, supporting inclusive climate and environmental risk management, and promoting end-to-end early warning systems (EWS) are all needed for effective reduction of climate risks and building resilience.</p> <p>In addition, enhancing the capacity of healthy ecosystems is crucial as natural systems often serve as the first line of defense against extreme climate events helping to mitigate impacts of disasters.</p> <p>This session will examine various examples, case studies and approaches used at various scales in the Asia and the Pacific region that strengthen weather, climate and ecosystem observation data and modeling, build national capacities, support inclusive climate risk management, and promote end-to-end early warning systems (EWS) to build resilience of vulnerable communities.</p> <p>The session will also highlight the role that healthy ecosystems play in helping to strengthen community resilience against climate extremes.</p>
Speakers/ Moderator/ Rapporteur	<p>Keynote Speaker: Marlene Nilsson, Deputy Regional Director, UNEP Asia and the Pacific</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arona Ngari, Director, Meteorological Service, Ministry of Transport, Cook Islands • Kikang Bae, Program Officer, Planning & Project Development, Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO) • Niladri Gupta, Senior Water Resources Management Specialist, Asia Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) • Monifa Fiu, Scaling Up Pacific Adaptation Impacts Analysis Adviser, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) • Guilberto Borongan, Director, Regional Resource Centre for Asia and the Pacific (AIT RRC.AP), Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) • Nisha Onta, Regional Coordinator for Asia, Knowledge Management Coordinator, Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management (WOCAN) <p>Closing Speaker: Dindo Campilan, Regional Director for Asia & Hub Director for Oceania, IUCN</p> <p>Moderator: Satrio Wicaksono, Programme Officer, IUCN</p> <p>Rapporteur: Anna Kilponen or Moon Shrestha, UNEP</p>

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Parallel Stream Session: Resilience of Communities - Planning and Programming [C-PP]	
Title	Enhancing Community Resilience in the Asia-Pacific Region: Promoting Effective Governance for Locally Led Adaptation and Sustainable Adaptive Practices
Venue	Room 206
Date and Time	1 September (Friday), 14:00 - 15:30 HRS, KST
Organisers	Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN) and South Asian Forum for Environment (SAFE)
About the Session	<p>Collective learning and capacity building is critical to build climate resilient and adaptive communities in the Asia-Pacific region. Led by the Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN) and the South Asian Forum for Environment (SAFE), this session will introduce best practices and discussion on locally led adaptation and sustainable adaptive practices, and address the long-term planning and strategic programming required to overcome barriers in climate adaptation. Specifically, speakers will highlight case studies from Bangladesh, India, Nepal, the Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam.</p> <p>The session will include presentations, panel discussion, and Q&A session, with the aim to evaluate the adaptive potential of community resilience across holistic socio-economic dimensions and in the face of complex challenges such as climate change.</p> <p>Key questions to be discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What key factors contribute to community resilience, and can they be replicated, also considering socio-cultural diversity? • What ideas, like LLA innovation hubs, can enhance community resilience and support NDC localisation? • How can barriers to accessing innovative technologies and practices be overcome to strengthen climate resilience in communities? How can these transformations in local communities be sustainable? • How can policymakers and stakeholders collaborate to promote transformative resilience-building and integrate NDC commitments?
Speakers/ Moderators/ Rapporteur	<p>Keynote Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dipayan Dey, Chair (Research, Planning and Innovation), SAFE • Rieko Tamura, Senior Programme Officer for Development and Institutional Affairs, APN <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rieko Tamura, Senior Programme Officer, Development and Institutional Affairs, APN • Saleemul Huq, Director, International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) • Binaya Shivakoti, Senior Policy Researcher, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies • Menila Kharel, Thematic Lead- Sustainable Agriculture and Markets • Yuji Masutomi, Section Head of the Center for Climate Change Adaptation, National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES) • Menila Kharel, Thematic Lead-Sustainable Agriculture and Markets, Practical Action • Dipayan Dey, Chair (Research & Planning), SAFE • Ho Ngoc Son, Associate Professor/Deputy Dean of Forestry, Thai Nguyen University of Agriculture and Forestry (TUAF) • Himangana Gupta, Research Fellow and Academic Associate, United Nations University (UNU) • Dr Maiko Nishi, Research Fellow, UNU - IAS • Juan M. Pulhin, Department of Social Forestry and Forest Governance, College of Forestry and Natural Resources, UPLB • Maiko Nishi, UNU-IAS (online) <p>Moderator: Binaya Raj Shivakoti, IGES Malancha Dey, SAFE</p> <p>Rapporteur: Madhusudan Das</p>

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Parallel Stream Session: Resilience of Cities, Infrastructure and Settlements - Technology and Practice [CIS-TP]

Title	Early Warning System practices enabled by various stakeholder
Venue	Room 308
Date and Time	1 September (Friday), 14:00 - 15:30 HRS, KST
Organisers	Ministry of Environment - Japan
About the Session	<p>In this session, the policy of the assistance package and the initiatives proposed by MOEJ regarding EWS introduction will be introduced and the differences with the existing EWS that has been introduced in the past utilizing mainly ODA also will be introduced. Status and issues of EWS in developing countries will be explained and expected role and function for EWS for loss and damage will be presented by panellists from developing country and private sectors. With that in mind, possible solutions, necessary steps and stakeholders that should be involved will be discussed among panelists and participants.</p> <p>Through the discussion, a vision and path forward for the introduction of EWS for loss and damage will be shared.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the structural and regulatory issues and barriers to promote EWS introduction in developing countries by the private sectors, and what are needed to be done to address them? • Are there any good practices to secure the necessary funds for private sectors to promote EWS introduction in developing countries? • What roles, activities and resources should public organizations do in ensuring to make the EWS introduction by private sectors for developing countries sustainable?
Speakers/ Moderator/ Rapporteur	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yuko Kobayakawa, Director for International Climate Change Adaptation Planning Climate Change Adaptation Office (Science Office), Global Environment Bureau, Ministry of the Environment, Japan • Marcelino Q. Villafuerte II, Assistant Weather Services Chief, Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services Administration (PAG-ASA), Philippines • Shoichi Tateno, Public Private Partnership Team Leader, Weathernews Inc. • Rachel Nunn - Crichton, Technical Adviser, Information, Knowledge Management and Brokerage, Pacific Climate Change Centre <p>Moderator: Yoshihiro Mizuno, Executive Project Manager, Project Management and Engineering Dept., Global Company, Pacific Consultants CO., Ltd. (online)</p> <p>Rapporteur: Yukiko Yano, Pacific Consultants Co., Ltd.</p>

Day 5: 1 September 2023, Friday

Agenda

Closing Session	
Title	KGAW 2023 & 8th APAN Forum Joint Closing Ceremony
Venue	Grand Ballroom A & B
Date and Time	1 September (Friday), 15:30 - 16:30 HRS, KST
Speakers	<p><i>"Urgency of Transformative Climate Action"</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director, UNEP <p><i>Photo highlights from the KGAW 2023 and the 8th APAN Forum</i></p> <p><i>Key messages from Host and Co-Organizers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Se-Chang Ahn, Deputy Director of the Climate Change and International Cooperation Bureau, MoEK • Mr. Motsomi Maletjane, Team Leader, LEG & NAP Unit, UNFCCC • Mr. Mozaharul Alam, Regional Coordinator, Climate Action and Head, APAN Secretariat, UNEP Asia and the Pacific Office <p><i>Award Ceremony of the 2023 Climate Adaptation Painting Contest</i></p> <p><i>Farewell remarks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Chul-Soo Kim, Incheon Metropolitan City, Director of Environment Bureau • Dr. Chang-Hoon Lee, KEI, President <p><i>Closing remarks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Han-Seung Kum, MoEK, Deputy Minister
Master of Ceremony	Ms. Jooyeon Cho , Master of Ceremony

7. General Information

Language

English will be the main language of the 8th APAN Forum.

Event Time Zone

The Forum will be at the Korea Standard Time (UTC+09:00)

Weather in Incheon City

Late August is the hottest month of the year, with a heat index hovering around 35.4°C | 95.7°F. However, average high temperatures actually decrease 2°C | 4°F over the course of the month, from 29°C | 85°F to 27°C | to 81°F

Dress Code

Considering the summer August weather in Korea, participants are encouraged to wear light semi-formal/casual attire at the forum.

Currency

The Korean won (KRW) is the national currency of South Korea. As of 17 August 2023, the exchange rate is USD 1 to KRW 1,324.35 (UN Operational Rates of Exchange as of 15 August 2023).

Power plugs

The standard voltage in South Korea is 220 volts and 60Hz. South Korea uses two types of plugs, Plug Type C (Europlug) and Plug Type F (German Schuko). These types of plugs have two round pins that are placed 19mm apart from each other. The pins fit into two 4.0mm to 4.8mm round holes.



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