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ASIA PACIFIC CLIMATE WEEK (APCW)

13 – 15 December 2017

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Background of Asia Pacific Climate Week (APCW)

The Asia-Pacific Climate Week is part of series of annual events organized in each region under the Nairobi Framework Partnership (NFP), which is serviced by the UNFCCC. The aim is to increase the prominence and scope of these events, and to make them key events on climate for each region.

APCW 2017 is designed to advance regional climate action through the promotion of market-based actions, economic instruments and climate-aligned finance. The ultimate aim is to support implementation of countries' Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement. APCW is co-organised by the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), the Asian Development Bank (ADB), International Emissions Trading Association (IETA), the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), UN Environment, the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), and the UNEP DTU Partnership. The series of events provides an excellent platform for the exchange of knowledge and best practices across the region regarding implementing the NDCs, the role of carbon markets and economic instruments to achieve cost-effective mitigation and adaptation and scaled-up ambition and the role of capital markets to finance the NDCs.

Although the APCW comes under the Nairobi Framework Partnership (NFP), the NFP is evolving into a partnership looking at the wider global climate action (GCA) agenda, with market-based approaches and carbon pricing instruments at its core. The GCA is coordinated through the UNFCCC secretariat, guided by the High-level Climate Champions (Fiji, Poland), whose role is to help to convene and facilitate an active dialogue between Parties and non-Party stakeholders, and with a leadership council being put in place. Currently, the focus is to keep generating non-state actor (NSA) momentum through a series of events leading up to the private sector summit in San Francisco in September 2018, which, in turn, will lead into the global stock-take (facilitative dialogue process) at COP24 in Katowice. Therefore, the APCW – as one of three regional NFP fora (Africa, Asia, and Latin America) around the world– will be positioned under GCA. We aim to involve the climate champions and other GCA senior figures in the APCW and to connect the GCA agenda with the NFP agenda, i.e. support to NDC implementation focused on sectors, approaches and stakeholders. There will be a full set of three regional NFP meetings (Africa, Asia and Latin America) in 2018 before the [Global Climate Action Summit](#) in San Francisco summit next year.

Detailed plans for the summit are still to be unveiled but the intention is that this summit will be the culmination of NSA work from around the world, which it will present as input to COP24.

Overview of APCW 2017

The Asia Pacific Climate Week 2017 will be an umbrella for a series of events held in Bangkok during 13-15 December 2017. APCW 2017 will be the first major post-COP23 event, and as such it will provide an opportunity to take stock of the COP23 outcomes and what they mean for the Asia-Pacific region.

The agenda will include dedicated sessions on topics such as carbon finance and climate/sustainable finance; overview of carbon trading systems including the Chinese national emissions trading system; sector discussions covering energy, agriculture, maritime, aviation, waste-to-energy, etc.

Events held during APCW 2017 will include:

- Asia-Pacific Carbon Forum 2017, covering topics such as Global Climate Action, sectoral discussions on climate action, MRV and transparency, updates on carbon markets, and finance and investment for climate (13-14 December)
- Roundtables on a variety of related topics including the use of CDM in the future mechanism, government procurement programs, strengthening regional collaboration capacity for negotiators (13-14 December)
- High Level Segment for Climate Action (15 December)

Expected outcomes and links to global climate change negotiations

The NFP in itself is not planning any high-level events at COP23 but plans to build in the outcomes from the regional fora into relevant different agenda items. An expected outcome of APCW is endorsement of the **Regional Climate Action Agenda for Asia-Pacific** under the Marrakech partnership GCA, which feeds into the UNFCCC process.

In addition to the GCA outcomes, the APCW is relevant to the negotiations on Article 6, and there will be dedicated sessions on this topic. In the past, these regional events have had ministerial segments that offer the opportunity to bring together declarations or regional statements about the position on Article 6 and other key topics related to the upcoming negotiations and this is expected to remain a core component of the meetings.

Participation

Expected attending is in the range of 250 to 300-participants. Partners will fund key speakers to participate. There will be a mix of government officials and non-state actors, including private sector, climate and finance experts, and civil society. In order to enrich the discussions, a special effort will be made for the High Level Segment to reach out to stakeholders in the Global Climate Agenda, including private sector actors in finance such as banks, investment firms and advisors, and project developers.