

# **ACFN Capacity Building Training on Carbon Footprint and Labelling Schemes for Philippines**

Manila, Philippines, 14-15 August 2014

## **A. Background**

ESCAP East and North East Asia (ESCAP-ENEA) Office and Korea Environmental Industry and Technology Institute (KEITI) have jointly facilitated annual dialogues among agencies and experts in East Asia on carbon footprint programmes and potential areas of cooperation since 2011. At the workshop on Carbon Footprint Partnership in 2012, national institutions and experts in East Asia made a decision to launch a new initiative, the Asia Carbon Footprint Network (ACFN). As a follow up to this decision, ESCAP-ENEA Office invited relevant organizations to join the ACFN and has received 14 applications. The ACFN is then officially launched in October 2013 with 14 member organizations and the first ACFN meeting was also held at the same time. The meeting successfully adopted the Terms of Reference and set up its secretariats (ESCAP-ENEA and KEITI) and steering committee.

The ACFN aims to gather key stakeholders and promote carbon labeling implementation in the Asian region through disseminating good practices initiated by public and private sectors. Specifically, the ACFN focuses on the following areas:

- Information and knowledge exchange and collaborative research: topics include Product Category Rules (PCR), Uncertainty Analysis, Carbon Emission Factors and Life Cycle Inventory (LCI) Database, etc;
- Capacity building: Carbon Footprint and Labeling Training Programme, National Policy Review and Assistance through Asia Carbon Footprint Seminar, and Online Information Platform;
- Global outreach: interaction with other international and national organizations on matters regarding the network programmes

In view of the ACFN areas, the ESCAP-ENEA Office and KEITI as the Secretariat of the ACFN in collaboration with Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) of the Philippines will organize a capacity training programme for Philippines in Manila on 14 and 15 August 2014. The Philippines is under consideration of introducing a carbon footprint scheme as mandated by the Philippine Clean Air Act. In this regard, a comprehensive training programme would satisfy the requirements of the EMB, which will take the lead in introducing a carbon footprint scheme, in

building capacities of policy-makers and technical experts. The training programme will also facilitate the transfer of knowledge and best practices from the ACFN member organizations under implementation of carbon labelling schemes.

## **B. Overall objective**

To improve national capacity of Philippine policy makers and experts and facilitate sharing of successful strategies and experience in carbon labelling schemes.

## **C. Participants**

The training would bring together various stakeholders from central and local governments, industries, academia, and civil society organizations/NGOs.

## **D. Expected Outcome**

This training is expected to strengthen capacity for linking various initiatives being undertaken by industries, local governments, and academia to a national carbon footprint scheme.

## **E. Provisional Programme**

DAY 1 : Sharing knowledge and experiences	
08:30 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 09:45	Opening and Introduction to ACFN and the Training Programme
09:45 - 10:30	Product carbon footprint and labelling schemes in international perspective
10:30 - 11:00	Tea break
11:00 - 17:00	Experience Sharing from the ACFN member organizations <i>The session will have presentations on national experiences, lessons learnt and policy advice from the ACFN member organization which are under implementation of national carbon labeling schemes</i>
Lunch and coffee break are included	
17:00 - 17:30	Wrap Up and Closing
DAY 2 : In-depth Review of Carbon Labelling Scheme: the Case of Rep. of Korea	
09:00 - 17:00	One day comprehensive programme will provide in-depth review of carbon labelling scheme of the Republic of Korea.