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## CARBON GOVERNANCE IN ASIA: BRIDGING SCALES AND DISCIPLINES

# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

We invite early career-researchers from the member countries of the Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research ([www.apn-gcr.org](http://www.apn-gcr.org)) to apply for a capacity building workshop on 'Carbon Governance in Asia: Bridging Scales and Disciplines'.

The workshop will be jointly organized by the Global Carbon Project ([www.globalcarbonproject.org](http://www.globalcarbonproject.org)), the Earth System Governance Project ([www.earthsystemgovernance.org](http://www.earthsystemgovernance.org)) and the United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS) (<http://www.ias.unu.edu/>) on 1-3 November 2010. The workshop is supported by the Asia-Pacific Network on Global Change Research ([www.apn-gcr.org](http://www.apn-gcr.org)).

### KEY DATES

- Deadline for application: 8 July 2010
- Notification of acceptance: 15 August 2010
- Full papers due: 1 October 2010

### CONCEPT NOTE

Pathways of regional development are sequences of interrelated changes in social, economic and governance systems. They vary from place to place and over time, in

ways that are likely to have different net consequences for carbon stocks and fluxes, which in turn may constrain or in other ways feed back upon development processes. Thus, the climate problem is not just a cumulative and systemic problem at the global level but has different features causes, and impacts at different levels of governance. These mutual interdependencies and feedbacks place demands on the science community to establish a common, mutually agreed knowledge base to support policy debate and action, and to develop integrated systems of governance, from the local to the global level, that ensure the sustainable development of the coupled socio-ecological system.

Asia is a key region which is rapidly growing economically. Asian contribution is already dominating the global carbon emissions. It will play a greater role for global carbon management in the foreseeable future. However, within Asia, huge differences in welfare, governance systems, and carbon emission trajectories exist and thus pose a carbon governance challenge. A better understanding of the carbon management challenges across multiple scales is necessary for Asia, which is less understood, as of now. Such understanding will provide important insights to design an optimized carbon governance structure. In order to address this, the workshop aims at bringing together leading and early-career Asian-Pacific researchers from natural- and social sciences, to enhance their interdisciplinary capacity, stimulate dialogue, and initiate disciplinary synergies toward sustainable development.

The workshop will include lectures by leading scientists in the field, and presentations of the papers of early-career participants, as well as extensive opportunities for discussion. The leading researchers for the workshop include:

- **Michele Betsill**, Colorado State University, USA
- **Norichika Kanie**, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan
- **Ma Zhong**, Renmin University, China
- **Louise Lebel**, USER, Chiang Mai University, Thailand (TBD)
- **Ye Qi**, Tsinghua University, China
- **Kevin Gurney**, Purdue University, USA (TBD)

In addition, a number of Japan-based senior scholars and policy-makers will attend and contribute to the workshop.

## APPLICATION

Invited to apply are **early-career researchers** (including Ph.D. students) from all scientific disciplines who are working on issues related to carbon governance in Asia and whose country of residence is member of the Asia-Pacific Network on Global Change Research (APN) ([www.apn-gcr.org](http://www.apn-gcr.org)). Preference will be given to scientists from developing countries within the APN region, particularly those not currently receiving funds from APN. Timely submission of the full paper is a requirement and we expect participants to actively prepare for and contribute to the discussions and presentations of the workshop.

To apply, please send a **paper abstract** and **curriculum vitae** to [abstracts@earthsystemgovernance.org](mailto:abstracts@earthsystemgovernance.org) by **8 July 2010**. The abstract should not exceed 500 words and should be text-only in word-format. All applications will be reviewed by an international review committee. Based on the evaluation of the scientific quality by the review committee and taking into account the need for a balanced group in regard to scientific discipline, geographical background and gender, about a dozen applications will be accepted for participation in the workshop.

The financial support by APN enables us to provide for accommodation and travel costs of accepted participants.

More information is available at: <http://www.gcp-urcm.org/CG>

We are looking forward to your applications,

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