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Existing Institutions & Networks in Asia/アジアの既存の制度とネットワーク

CATEGORIES	MAJOR EXAMPLES
UN-related (regional & country offices)	UNEP, UNESCAP, UNDP, WHO, FAO
Multilateral development banks & funding agencies	World Bank, ADB, GEF
Subregional integration	ASEAN
Subregional, general environment	NEASPEC, SPREP, SACEP, CAREC
Environment ministers meetings	EAMM, TEMM, MCED
Multilateral Environment Agreements	EANET, ASEAN Haze Agreement, Male Declaration
Bilateral cooperation	JICA, JBIC, CAEC
International intercity networks	ICLEI, Kitakyushu Initiative, CITYNET, C40
UN Type II Partnerships	CAI-Asia
Regional networks	Asia 3R Forum, Asia Cobenefits Partnership, APAN, AECEN, WEPA, etc.
Regional groupings/offices of NGOs	WBCSD, CSR Asia, WWF, etc.



Broad observations of existing institutions and networks/ 既存の制度とネットワークの概観

- Large number and wide variety
- Mainly voluntary, not regulatory



- Effectiveness is modest
- Lack of coordination
- Inadequate funding (much from outside Asia)







Important New Trends/ 重要かつ新たな動向

- 1. Japan's weakening financial position
- 2. Emerging new donor countries in the region
 - China, Korea, Thailand
 - New organizations: China ASEAN Cooperation Centre,
 Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)
- 3. Regional economic integration, trend towards an East Asian community
 - Need to make sure environment is an important part,
 not just trade and finance

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Options for Strengthening Regional Institutions/

アジア域内制度強化のための選択肢

- 1. Greater efforts by countries
- 2. Strengthen existing regional institutions (incremental)
- 3. Strengthen regional, (and/or add country) offices of UN institutions UNESCAP, UNEP
- 4. New regional institution?







Areas to strengthen regional institutions/

アジア域内制度で強化すべき分野

- 1. Information sharing, monitoring, capacity building
- 2. Strengthen the scientific basis of decisions
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- 3. Coordinate policies & regulations
- 4. Address transboundary issues
- 5. Take concrete actions





Strengthen role of environment in East Asian integration

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Regional perspective at Rio+20/ リオ+20に向けたアジアの視点

- Rio+20 discussion has mainly focused on global and UN aspects
- Regional institutions and perspectives are also important
 - Strengthen regional & national presence of UNESCAP,
 UNEP, especially for capacity building
 - Strengthen non-UN institutions and networks (including civil society)
 - What should regions do?





