

## Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN)

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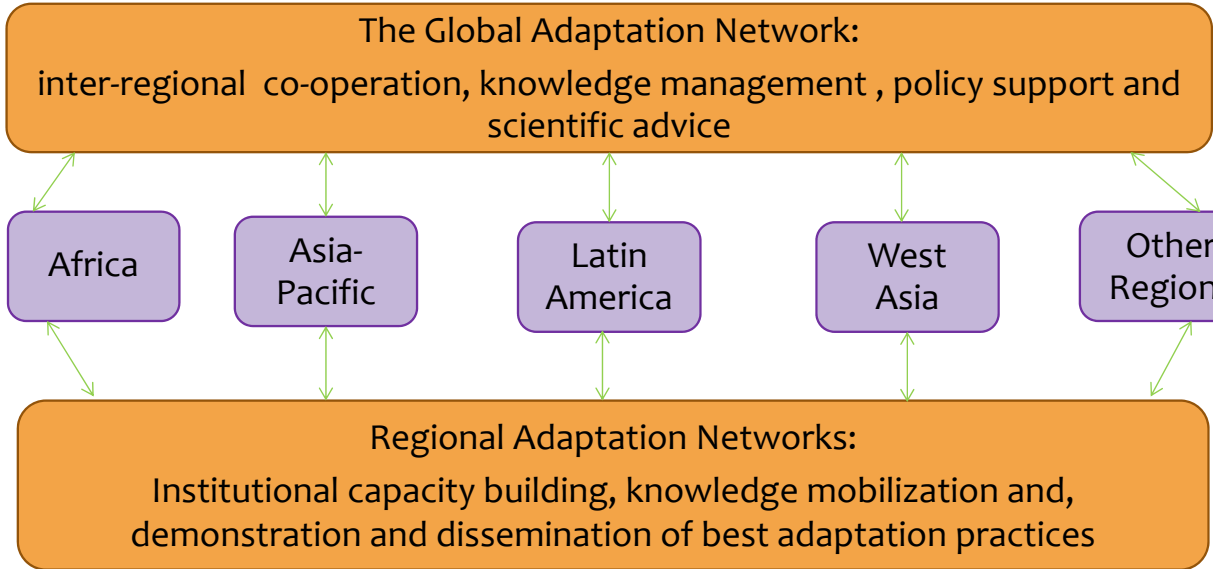
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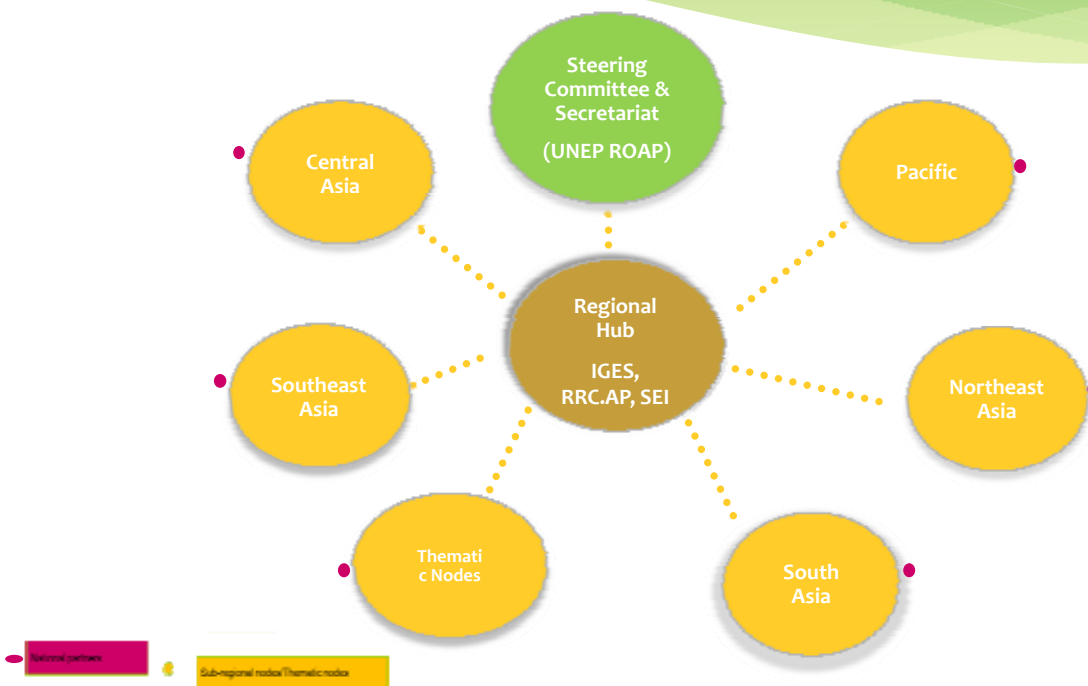
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- Background
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- Lessons learnt: Adaptation planning challenges in the region
- Possible and feasible measures to overcome the constraints
- Possible Ways for improving Adaptation Strategies

# UNEP's Global Adaptation Network (GAN)



# APAN Structure



# Network Activities

- Key areas:
  - Knowledge Generation
  - Knowledge Management
  - Capacity Building
  - Research/ synthesis
  - Networking and outreach

## Lessons learnt: Adaptation planning challenges in the region

- Lack of awareness on climate change
- Lack of conceptual understanding
  - Partly due to the on-going debate as to what constitutes adaptation, and what represents good and sustainable development
- Low adaptive capacity
- Lack of expertise to assess Vulnerability and Adaptation

## Lessons learnt: Adaptation planning challenges in the region

- Limited availability of specific studies and relevant research on impacts of climate change,
- Lack of meteorological data,
- Mainstreaming climate change, environment and poverty into National plans and policies.

## Possible and feasible measures to overcome the constrains

- Conducting sound needs assessments including technology needs assessments,
- Promote stakeholder collaboration,
- Develop technical capacity of relevant stakeholders on climate change,
- Address the financial and technical gaps among the stakeholders,
- Awareness creation,
- Capacity development.

# Possible Ways for improving Adaptation Strategies

- Making Adaptation a national priority,
- Mainstreaming adaptation in national policies/ development strategy,
- Better inter ministerial coordination and cooperation,
- Need for a strategy that promotes improved governance, economic growth, and improved resource management- key to the adaptation to climate change.

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