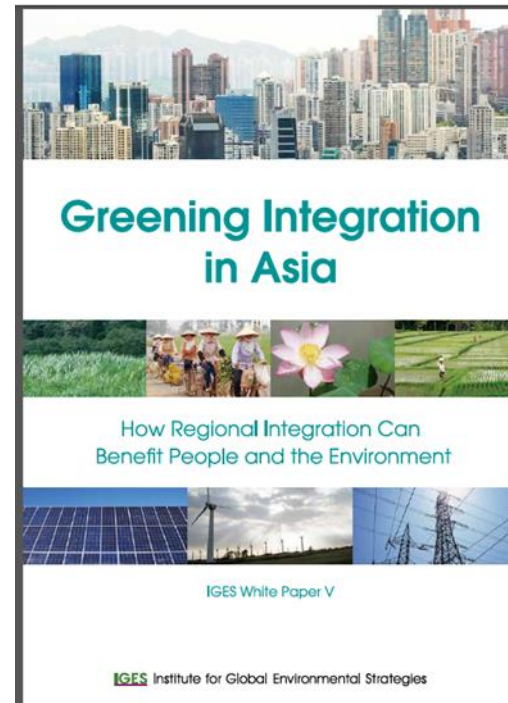


# Greening Integration in Asia

## How Regional Integration Can Benefit People and the Environment

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# Why Green Integration?

- **Asia is facing multiple environmental and social challenges**
  - Soaring resource consumption
  - Increasing impacts of climate change
  - Growing gaps between rich and poor
- **Such challenges are difficult to address by individual countries**
  - Countries' economic competition is adding to these difficulties
- **International solutions are needed**
  - Potential to strengthen regional collaboration and to make regional integration processes contribute to sustainable development

# IGES' White Paper 5

- **Timely topic**
  - New integration initiatives: AEC, TPP, etc.
  - Promoting international trade and economic growth
  - Limited attention to environmental and social issues
- **Unique perspective and coverage**
  - Broad view of regional integration and sustainable development
  - Covers multiple challenges and sectors
- **A concern for everyone**
  - Regional integration has implications for people's everyday lives – deserves more attention and public debate

# Making Integration Greener: *A Three-pronged Approach*

- **Effective environmental and social safeguards in free-trade agreements**
  - Analysis of sustainability impacts
  - Harmonised (minimum) standards
- **Capable regional institutions with strong environmental and social mandates**
  - Leadership and agenda-setting
  - Research and knowledge sharing
  - Monitoring and assessments
- **Capacity building at national and city levels**
  - Especially for effective policy implementation and monitoring