



IGES Bangkok Regional Centre, Thailand (BRC) works on critical environmental and sustainable development issues and is IGES' main arm for collaborating with local and international partners in Asia and the Pacific. BRC works closely with partners and governments to deliver real change on the ground by facilitating dialogue, conducting research and sharing replicable practices that are useful for policymakers. BRC's activities focus on four key areas: climate change adaptation; climate change mitigation; environmental safeguards; and local and city initiatives.

Climate Change Mitigation

We contribute to climate change mitigation in the Asia-Pacific region through strategic research and collaboration with a variety of stakeholders.

IGES BRC hosts the UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centre to accelerate the implementation of the Paris Agreement. Together with the UNFCCC, we assist in building capacities by providing technical assistance to governments, NGOs, and the private sector in developing and implementing Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and low-emission development strategies.

In addition, we work closely with development partners - including ADB, ESCAP, FAO, JICA, UNDP, and UNEP - on a number of focused and cross-cutting themes related to climate policy such as climate finance, market mechanisms, and technology transfer.



Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction

We assist countries in adapting to climate change and reducing disaster risk.

The ASEAN Project on Disaster Risk Reduction by Integrating Climate Change Projection into Floods and Landslide Risk Assessment (ASEAN DRR-CCA) is an initiative under the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management supported by the Government of Japan through Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF).

ASEAN DRR CCA provides tools, methodology and capacity building opportunity for targeted ASEAN government officials, specifically on flood and landslide risk assessment and risk mapping with incorporation of climate projection through pilot studies in Laos and Myanmar (Phase 1: 2018-2021) and support effective climate change adaptation measures across the region.

Environmental Compliance & Enforcement

Our initiative is a leader in promoting environmental compliance and enforcement in Asia, addressing a range of critical issues including but not limited to air and water pollution, and the growing challenge of plastic pollution. We are committed to ensuring robust enforcement of environmental laws, collaborating with regional and global networks dedicated to environmental compliance and enforcement. These collaborations span across diverse sectors, bringing together expertise and resources to effectively address environmental challenges.

In our focused efforts, we prioritise tackling plastic waste management, emphasising capacity building, stakeholder engagement, and awareness-raising within a circular economy framework. Our approach involves supporting local implementation and scaling up innovative technologies to address plastic pollution. These activities facilitate knowledge exchange and promote sustainable practices, crucial for advancing environmental protection and achieving sustainable development goals in Asia.



Localising SDGs in the Cities

Deep collaboration with major non-state actors, especially cities who will lead the actual implementation of the Paris Agreement and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (SDGs) is key to achieving IGES mission as a "change agent".

- We were established in 2011 as the **'ASEAN ESC Model Cities' initiative with the support of the Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) and under the auspices of the ASEAN Environment Ministers and ASEAN Working Group on Environmentally Sustainable Cities (AWGESC)** to support bottom-up and innovative actions and help to realise sustainable, green, clean, low-carbon and beautiful ASEAN.
- In 2018, we renamed ourselves **'ASEAN SDGs Frontrunner Cities'** and aligned with the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The programme has been supporting 65 cities in 8 countries in ASEAN, including Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam.

