# Toward an Integrated Approach to Co-benefits in Asia: Building Bridges and Making Connections

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## 1. Introduction

The Japan Committee for International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) was established in 1972 to facilitate collaboration between researchers in IIASA and Japan. Since 2012, part of this collaboration has been in the form of a workshop aimed at strengthening the links between scientific and policy research on co-benefits, especially in Asia. For instance, last year’s workshop concluded with the following key messages:

- Rather than starting with a climate change perspective on co-benefits, air pollution control may be a good point of departure for Asia’s approach to co-benefits.
- The air pollution perspective on co-benefits is particularly important in the case of tropospheric ozone (O₃). In contrast to concentrating on methane (CH₄) to mitigate O₃, non-methane precursors (namely NOₓ and VOCs) play a greater role in ozone formation in Asia.
- While other socioeconomic benefits are the main driver of climate actions, in some countries in Asia climate change is becoming an important motivation for action.

As these messages imply, there is a growing awareness of an integrated approach to air pollution and climate change policy in Asia. However, there is still considerable debate over how such an approach would be designed and implemented in the region. The purpose of this workshop is to begin to build bridges and make connections between researchers and policymakers to better define and operationalize an integrated approach in Asia.

This workshop will therefore consist of a series of panels that aim to make these connections. The workshop will begin with an opening session that highlights what we have learned about co-benefits and where we need to go. It will then follow with three panels on possible ways linking science and policy on co-benefits. It will conclude with panel discussion involving the four chairs from the three sessions that aim to synthesize the recommendations in the session into an integrated approach to co-benefits in Asia.

## 2. Objectives

1) To discuss an integrated approach to co-benefits in Asia
2) To determine how gap between and among policymakers and researchers can be reconciled by an integrated approach in Asia
3) To identify pragmatic alternatives for overcoming these difficulties

## 3. Schedule

| Date & Time       | March 6, 2014: 9:30 - 16:30  
|                  | March 7, 2014: 9:15 - 11:50  
| Venue            | Pacifico Yokohama; 4F Room #416+417  
|                  | (1-1-1 Minato Mirai, Nishi-ku, Yokohama, 220-0012, Japan)  
|                  | http://www.pacifico.co.jp/english/facility/accessmap.html  
| Organisers       | Ministry of the Environment Japan  
|                  | Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)  
| Collaborator     | The Japan Committee for the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)  |
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**6-7 March 2014 at Pacifico Yokohama, Yokohama, Japan**

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## - Agenda -

### Day 1: 6 March 2014 (Thursday)

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| 9:45 - 10:00  | Welcome Remarks
               - Ms. Masako Ogawa, Ministry of the Environment, Japan
               Introduction of Participants

#### Session 1: Progress in Atmospheric Science and Modelling

*Chair: Prof. Katsunori Suzuki*

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| 10:00 - 12:00 | Outcome of IIASA - S-7-3 Collaboration - Concept Design of SLCP Co-benefit Approach in East Asia
               - Dr. Hajime Akimoto, ACAP, Japan
               Introduction of IPCC WG1 AR5 and S-12 project related to short-lived climate pollutants
               - Dr. Toshihiko Takemura, Kyushu University, Japan
               Improvement of Emission Inventories and Development of Emission Scenarios for Air Pollutants in East Asia
               - Dr. Jun-ichi Kurokawa, ACAP, Japan |
| 11:00 - 11:15 | Coffee Break                                                          |
| 12:00 - 13:00 | Lunch                                                                 |

#### Session 2: Promotion on Co-benefits (1)

*Chair: Dr. Eric Zusman*

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| 13:00 - 14:45 | Japanese strategy to promote co-benefits in Asia
               - Ms. Masako Ogawa, Ministry of the Environment, Japan
               Addressing Air Pollution in Asia-Pacific: Cohesion between existing initiatives
               - Mr. Iyungaranas Mylvakanam, UNEP ROAP
               Clean Air Asia Strategy
               - Ms. Maria Katherine Cortez Patdu, CAA
               European perspectives on Co-benefits and SLCPs
               - Dr. William Kevin Hicks, GAPF |
| 14:45 - 15:00 | Coffee Break                                                          |

#### Session 3: Promotion on Co-benefits (2)

*Chair: Dr. Markus Amann*

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| 15:00 - 16:30 | The Asian Co-benefits Partnership: Looking Back and Forward
               - Dr. Eric Zusman, ACP Secretariat/IGES, Japan
               Short-lived Climate Pollutants and Co-benefits Approach in China
               - Dr. Kebin He, Tsinghua University, China
               Indonesia’s co-benefits approach
               - Ms. Noor Rachmaniah, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Indonesia |
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<td>Progress of GAINS application to China, Korea and other parts of Asia - Dr. Zbigniew Klimont and Dr. Markus Amann, IIASA</td>
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