

The 19th Asia-Pacific Seminar on Climate Change
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Toward Low Carbon and Climate Change-resilient Asia-Pacific

– From Copenhagen to Cancun–

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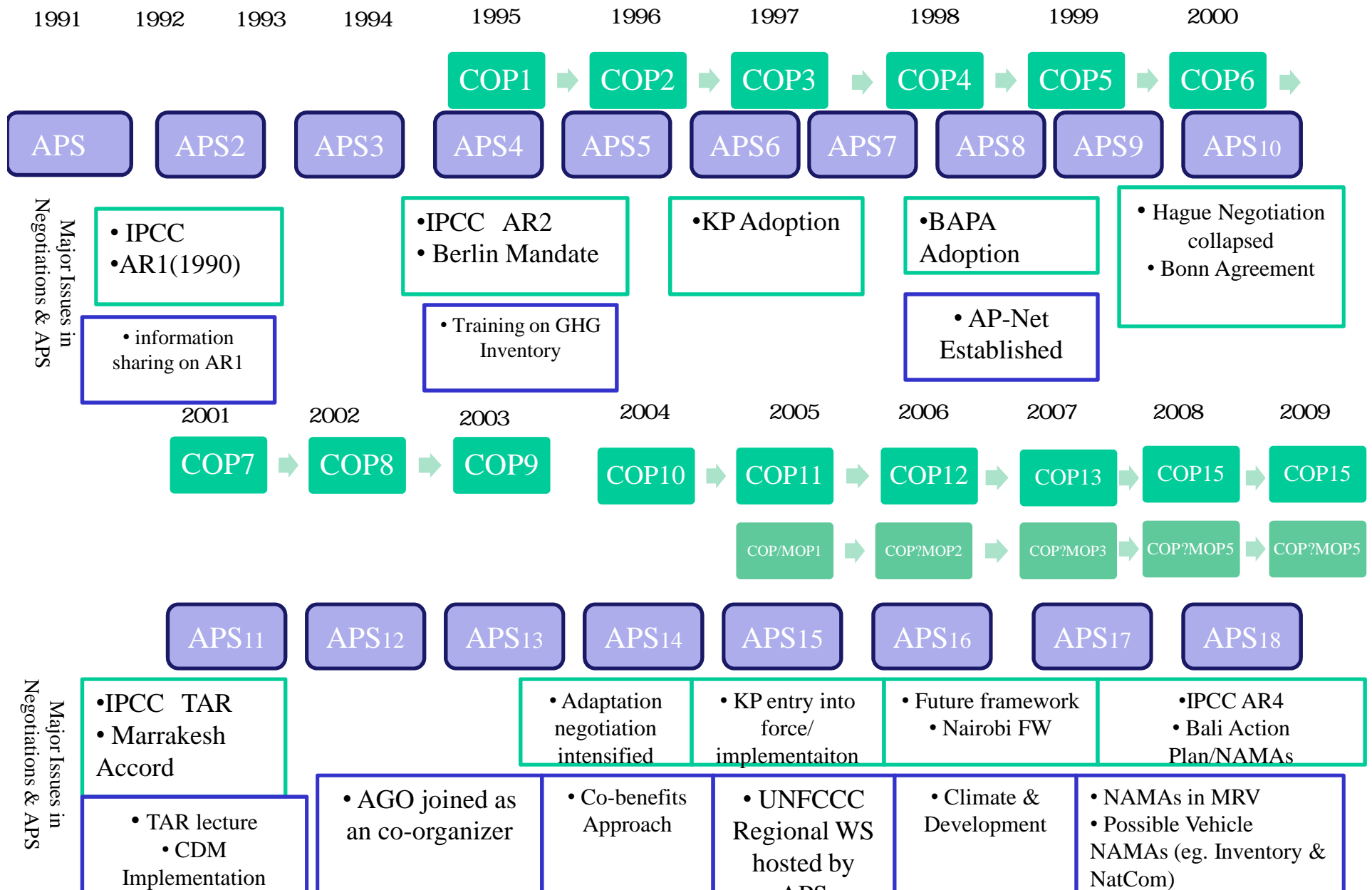




Welcome to Kitakyushu!



Historical Development of the AP Seminar



AP Seminar has traditionally supported policymakers informal exchange

AP Seminar is **not a forum for negotiation**.

While participants include many negotiators, we need to be continuously updated with new information, findings and lessons learnt from activities, studies, surveys, and other practical efforts. And such enhanced understanding will help us move forward to solve real problems. The Seminar supports exchange of information, views and experience, which **enhances effectiveness of policy formulation and implementation**.

One of the distinct features of the AP Seminar is its way of discussion. The Seminar has highlighted **practical approaches to tackle climate change**, so that policy makers may obtain “hints” for their efforts at home or in other activities, such as negotiations.

What are objectives of
the 19th Seminar?

Objectives of the Seminar

Through the 19th AP Seminar...

- Participants are provided with opportunities to exchange information, views and experiences related to climate change in a technical and practical manner
- Participants may also explore ideas about hints for negotiations from a technical point of view by participating in discussion on 2 proposed themes;
- The Seminar will showcase examples of practices, plans or ideas that may address the issues.

What kind of topic do we discuss?

Structure of the 19th AP Seminar

Setting the Scene

-Implication of major outputs from Copenhagen and highlight of selected topics on the negotiation table-

Understanding outputs from Copenhagen and the current situation

MRV
(NAMAs, national communications and GHG inventory, Capacity Building for MRV)

**Adaptation to Climate Change/
Scientific
&
Technological
aspects**

How do we draw a picture of MRV, based on past experiences and current/future needs and challenges?

How should we enhance our effort to address adaptation to climate change, through international cooperation and national activities?

Increased understanding of selected topics

Session I

MRV

MRV has become one of the most important aspects to several key subjects of climate change including NAMAs, national communications and GHG inventory. Capacity Building for MRV has also been drawn keen attention. Thus, lessons learned from past experiences are good sources of useful information. Discussion will highlight what are useful design for MRV to ensure effective & efficient implementation, and how we support them?

Session

Adaptation to Climate Change /Scientific&Technological aspects

Adaptation to climate change requires more location/context specific-response. Depending on selection of policy options, ongoing future development and development activities may be highly affected. To minimize negative impacts, and to increase preparedness and resilience, how we should integrate/mainstream adaptation concerns into regular activities?

Final Session

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Climate Change-resilient
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