



## **Accelerating Readiness and Implementation of NDCs in Southeast Asia -The Role of Regional Capacity Building and Mutual Cooperation -**

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**Time: 14:45 – 16:00 p.m.**

**Venue: Japan Pavilion, COP24 Katowice, Poland**

### **Introduction**

Having the successful entry into force of the Paris Agreement in 2016, signatory countries are transitioning towards its implementation phase starting 2021. Such transition, however, requires multi-folded tasks at country level, including, inter alia, putting in place robust regulatory and institutional framework, translating country Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) into implementable action plans and bankable projects, setting workable MRV system to keep track of the progress of the pledged targets, and securing adequate means of implementation. Such effort is indeed not one agency's job, but rather requires teamwork beyond traditional climate change focal point agency in country. In particular, social inclusion and empowerment of wide range of domestic stakeholders are also deemed indispensable for successful implementation.

Glancing at Southeast Asia, while the region continues to be the epicenter of the global economic growth, there is emerging needs to curve soaring GHG emissions and reduce energy intensity to increase competitiveness, as well as to build resilience to minimize the losses and damages of the adverse impacts of climate change. Sophisticating technical capacities to respond to such emerging needs through implementing NDC and the Paris Agreement remains common challenges.

Against this backdrop, Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organization (TGO) has launched its Climate Change International Technical and Training Center (CITC) in 2014, with a vision to serve as a leading climate change training center serving for the practical needs of Southeast Asia. Having entered into 4th year of operationalization, it is time to step up its mode of engagement to further bridge implementation gap.

This Dialogue Event brings together key stakeholders from the region, public organization, development partners, regional organizations and global think tanks, to collectively discuss how capacity development opportunities can be best structured and utilized to facilitate implementation in a meaningful manner.

## Agenda

14:45-14:50 (5 min)	<b>Opening Remark</b> <b>Dr. Kazuhiko Takeuchi</b> President, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)										
14:50-15:00 (10 min)	<b>Keynote Speech</b> <b>Dr. Kurujit Nakornthap</b> Chairman of the Board of Directors Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organization (TGO)										
15:00-15:55 (55 min)	<b>Panel Discussion</b> <b>Co-Facilitators</b> <table><tr><td><b>Mr. Koji Fukuda</b> Chief Advisor JICA Technical Assistance, Thailand</td><td><b>Dr. Jakkani Karunarak</b> Director, Capacity Building and Outreach Office, TGO</td></tr></table> <b>Panelist</b> <table><tr><td>1. <b>Dr. Natarika W. Nittiporn</b></td><td>Deputy Executive Director, TGO</td></tr><tr><td>2. <b>Dr. Masato Kawanishi</b></td><td>Senior Advisor on Climate Change, JICA</td></tr><tr><td>3. <b>Mr. Pankaj Bhatia</b></td><td>Deputy Director, Climate Program World Resources Institute (WRI)/NDC Partnership</td></tr><tr><td>4. <b>Mr. Makoto Kato</b></td><td>Senior Researcher, OECC</td></tr></table> <b>Framing Questions</b> <b>Nurturing Implementation Capacity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Targeted Stakeholder – who and which entity should acquire implementation capacities to enable effective implementation of NDC and the Paris Agreement? How are they differentiated from each other given different roles and responsibility?</li><li>● Private sector is key to realize implementation. To what extent can regional technical training platform such as CITC contribute to assume G-B interfacing function?</li></ul> <b>Catalytic Role of International Support &amp; Partnership</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● How can strategic partnership be established among providers of capacity development to maximize effectiveness and resource efficiency of CD effort?</li><li>● How do south-south or triangular cooperation best fit into the capacity development landscape?</li></ul> <b>Application of Training and Knowledge Management</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● To what extent and how is ex-post monitoring of application of training/knowledge tracked?</li><li>● What is the role of knowledge management to support CD for NDC/PA implementation?</li><li>● How can we best evaluate the progressive development of capacities for NDC/PA implementation?</li></ul>	<b>Mr. Koji Fukuda</b> Chief Advisor JICA Technical Assistance, Thailand	<b>Dr. Jakkani Karunarak</b> Director, Capacity Building and Outreach Office, TGO	1. <b>Dr. Natarika W. Nittiporn</b>	Deputy Executive Director, TGO	2. <b>Dr. Masato Kawanishi</b>	Senior Advisor on Climate Change, JICA	3. <b>Mr. Pankaj Bhatia</b>	Deputy Director, Climate Program World Resources Institute (WRI)/NDC Partnership	4. <b>Mr. Makoto Kato</b>	Senior Researcher, OECC
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15:55-16:00 (5 min)	<b>Closing Remark</b> <b>Mr. Hiromichi Murakami</b> Director, Office for Climate Change Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)										