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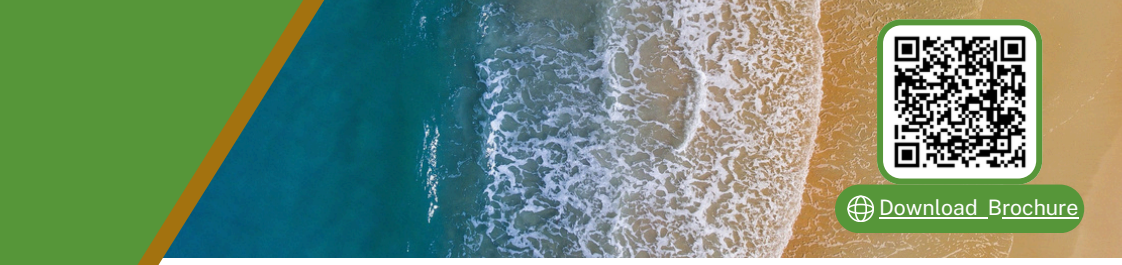

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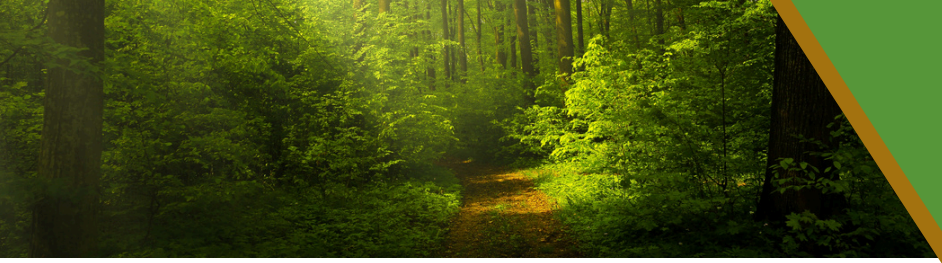
ABOUT US

The Regional Resource Centre for Asia and the Pacific (AIT RRC.AP) is an outreach center of the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) that has over 35 years of experience assisting the Asia-Pacific region. Its main aspiration is to use advanced scientific knowledge to create practical solutions for environmental issues, focusing on air pollution, climate change, and waste and resource management. Initially, it was founded in 1989 as the Global Resource Information Database (GRID-Bangkok) by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and AIT, started as a data hub for environmental information. It evolved in 1994 to become the Environment Assessment Programme (EAP.AP), shifting its focus to building the capacity of governments to perform their own environmental assessments. In 2015, it was integrated into AIT, where it continues to help countries meet their environmental and sustainable development goals (SDGs).

OUR PARTNERS

- **UN and Regional Organisations**
  We partner with the UN and other regional organizations to provide trainings and workshops that equip participants with the tools for sustainable development.
- **Countries**
  We work with stakeholders at all levels to improve policy by conducting research, preparing reports, and developing recommendations.
- **Cities**
  We help cities become more resilient by engaging with regional and global networks on climate change and sustainable development.
- **Civil Society**
  We mentor youth and students through joint initiatives, helping them develop projects and build capacity for climate action and sustainable energy.
- **Enterprises**
  We partner with social enterprises focused on waste and resource management to create impactful solutions for a sustainable future.



MISSION AND VISION

Our mission is to engage and empower stakeholders, communities, and governments through capacity building, cutting-edge research, and robust technical and policy support to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals with a vision to bridge science and policy to foster environmental sustainability in Asia and the Pacific.

WHAT WE DO

Capacity Building

Our training programmes and workshops equip participants with practical tools, insights, and the know-how to foster sustainable development actions.

Knowledge Sharing

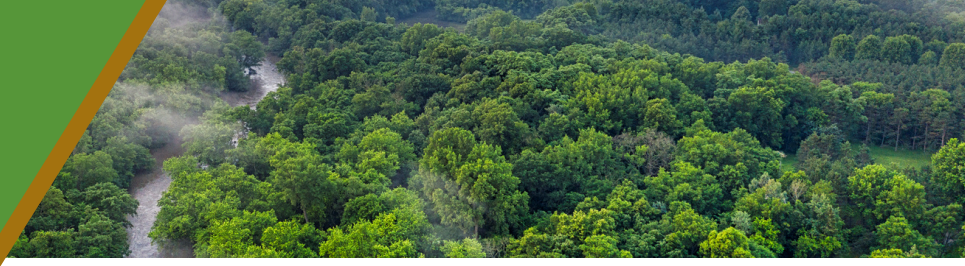
We organize seminars, consultations, conferences and webinars, and develop user friendly outreach materials, with the aim to facilitate intergovernmental and cross-sector dialogue, knowledge exchange, and science-based knowledge transfer.

Policy Advise

We work closely with local, national and regional stakeholders to strengthen policy formulation and implementation. We achieve this by conducting research, preparing policy briefs and reports, and developing recommendations to improve the science-policy interface.

Research and Assessment

We believe that problem-oriented data assessment and scientific research are crucial for understanding and solving environmental problems. By collaborating with AIT units and external partners, we offer research services to help stakeholders in the Asia-Pacific region better understand and address environmental issues.



OUR THEMATIC AREAS

Air Pollution

The Air Pollution Cluster (APC) is dedicated to finding effective solutions for air pollution and related environmental issues in South and Southeast Asia. It aims to achieve a clean and sustainable environment by fostering regional cooperation, developing science-based policies, improving air quality management, and understanding current emission levels.

Climate Change

The Climate Change Cluster (CCC) empowers various stakeholders to take effective, science-based climate action and strengthen disaster resilience in Asia and the Pacific. The CCC achieves this by supporting the implementation of global frameworks like the Paris Agreement and the Sendai Framework, translating them into practical solutions through capacity building, technical support, and knowledge sharing.

Waste and Resource Management

The Waste and Resource Management Cluster (WaRMC) promotes sustainable waste management and resource utilization policies in the Asia and Pacific region. They leverage their science-policy expertise to create decision-support systems, knowledge, and tools, guiding governments and stakeholders toward sustainable resource models that align with relevant SDGs.