

LOW-CARBON, CLIMATE-RESILIENT SOCIETY: ISSUES AND CHALLENGES FOR ASIA

SPECIAL PAPER COMPETITION CLOSING DATE: 1 November 2008

The Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) invites submission of papers focusing on suitable policy frameworks to achieve a low-carbon, climate-resilient society in Asia. Papers proposing strategies for a post-2012 climate change regime, which recognizes and rewards policies and measures to enable the development of a low-carbon future in Asia, are especially welcome. Likewise, papers discussing good practices for achieving low-carbon society in different contexts (e.g. urban, industrial) will be preferred.

The IGES will select a few of the submitted papers and award winning authors an honorarium of USD1,500 per paper. The winning entries will be published through the IGES Climate Policy Project's Working Paper Series (web site: <http://www.iges.or.jp/en/cp/>) or as a book by a commercial publisher or as a special issue of a relevant journal.

Papers should be submitted as a PDF file attachment by email to lcs-asia@iges.or.jp by **1 November 2008**. Include "IGES LCS PAPER" on the subject line of the email.

The paper should include the following: the title of the paper, name and institutional affiliation of author(s) and their disciplines on the title page as well as a one-page abstract. The text should not be less than 5,000 words but must not exceed 8,000 words. Only English-language papers will be considered in the competition. E-mail submissions should also include a PDF file attachment of the lead author's curriculum vitae. Submissions should represent original, previously unpublished work. At the time the paper is submitted to IGES, and throughout the entire review period, the paper should not be under review by any other journal.

The Climate Policy Project will acknowledge receipt of all submissions by email. Notification of selected papers will be made by **01 January 2009**. This competition is open to policy practitioners, scholars and students from both developed and developing countries. The focus of study should be on Asia or at least the implications should be relevant to Asia.

Guidelines for Submission

The submission may follow any of the two (2) options provided below:

Option 1: Submission of abstracts first, then a full paper

Option 1 (with abstract)	Due Date
1. Submission of a two-page abstract	15 August 2008
2. Review of abstracts	
3. Advise from the review committee by email to authors of submitted abstracts. Note, however, that no decision of selection of papers will be made at this stage.	30 August 2008
4. Submission of the full paper (as pdf file attachment)	01 November 2008
5. Screening and selection of papers	
6. Notification of selected papers	01 January 2009

Option 2: If you choose not to submit an abstract, you may still submit a full paper by 01 November 2008. Notification of selected papers will be made by 1 January 2009.

Criteria for Selection of Papers

The Climate Policy Project will evaluate the submitted papers based on how effectively they address one or any combination of the following questions:

1. What are the key challenges and opportunities for transitioning to a low-carbon, climate-resilient society in Asian countries for the medium term (~2030) as well as the long term (~2050)? (Country-specific or region-wide analyses are encouraged)
2. What social, economic and industrial changes are needed to build a low-carbon, climate-resilient society in emerging economies without adversely affecting their developmental aspirations?
3. What good practices are readily available with high potential for creating a low-carbon society? For example, what are the national, regional and local strategies, policies and voluntary initiatives in place to help reduce the large-scale carbon emissions associated with cities? How effective are the initiatives and what impacts are they having? How are their effects and impacts being measured?
4. What incentives must the post-2012 climate policy framework provide to achieve the vision of a low-carbon, climate-resilient society in Asia?
5. How does the proposed policy framework address key issues raised in the Bali Action Plan, including mitigation, adaptation, technology, and financing?
6. Is the proposed policy framework robust enough to withstand various economic, political, and environmental shocks as well as the resolution of uncertainty over time?
7. How does the proposed approach achieve the vision of low-carbon, climate-resilient society while paying due attention to equity, cost-effectiveness, environmental outcome and flexibility of the post-2012 climate regime?
8. What are the best ways to facilitate the exchange of low-carbon technologies and practices in a way that is mutually beneficial to all stakeholders?
9. What are the obstacles to translating national initiatives and targets into local or regional actions and how can they be overcome?

If you have any specific queries about this competition, please contact:

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About the Climate Policy Project at IGES

The mission of the project is to recommend effective climate policies for sustainable development in Asia in this era of evolving global climate regime. In Phase 4 of its research (April 2007-March 2010), the project conducts research on four sub-themes: market mechanisms, adaptation, climate regime beyond 2012, and co-benefits. This call for papers is specifically designed to assist the work of the sub-theme of climate regime beyond 2012. For additional details of the project, please refer to <http://www.iges.or.jp/en/cp>.