
REGIONAL MECHANISMS IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC

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UNESCAP

United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

- established in 1947
 - headquartered in Bangkok
 - 53 member states
 - 4.1 billion people
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UNESCAP

Provides a forum to promote regional cooperation and collaborative action and carries out norm setting and policy work for the region in the following areas:

- ICT and disaster risk reduction
 - Environment and development
 - Social development
 - Statistics
 - Macroeconomic policy and development
 - Trade and investment
 - Transport
 - Sustainable development
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UNESCAP

Regional Cooperation in Space Applications

Through its long standing Regional Space Applications Programme for Sustainable Development (RESAP), ESCAP has made concerted efforts to promote the application of space technology and Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

- Monitoring Drought from Space

Through the Drought Mechanism, timely and free access to space-based data/products and services is provided to participating countries, who also receive training and other capacity building

- Space and GIS for Disaster Management

In order to ensure inclusive and sustainable socio-economic development, ESCAP promotes the integrated use of space-based data to complement socio-economic indicators and ground-based data.

ASEAN

Association of Southeast Asian Nations

10 member states

Established in 1967 (Bangkok Declaration)

The motivations for the birth of ASEAN were the common fear of communism, mistrust of external powers in the 1960s, and a desire for economic development.

+ China/Japan/South Korea

ASEAN+3 institutionalised in 1999

+ Dialogue Partners

ASEAN

- Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC) of 1976: The right of every State to lead its national existence free from external interference, subversion or coercion; settlement of differences or disputes by peaceful manner; and effective cooperation among themselves.
 - With the entry into force of the ASEAN Charter in 2008, ASEAN operates under a new legal framework and will establish a number of new organs to boost its ASEAN Community-building process.
 - It codifies ASEAN norms, rules and values; sets clear targets for ASEAN; and presents accountability and compliance
 - ASEAN has become less successful at resolving political issues such as border disputes between member states
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ASEAN

Committee on Science and Technology (COST) was established in 1978

- Mandate: To promote active collaboration and provide assistance in the form of training and research facilities in the educational, professional, technical, and administrative spheres.
 - Areas covered under S&T cooperation include Space Technology and Applications
 - ASEAN Earth Observation Satellite
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APEC

Asia Pacific Economic Commission

- APEC achieves its goals by promoting dialogue and arriving at decisions on a consensus basis, giving equal weight to the views of all members
 - APEC operates as a cooperative, multilateral economic and trade forum committed to reducing barriers to trade and investment without requiring its members to enter into legally binding obligations. .
 - Its policy direction is provided by the 21 APEC Economic Leaders. Strategic recommendations provided by APEC Ministers and the APEC Business Advisory Council are considered by APEC Economic Leaders as part of this process.
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APEC

~~Emergency preparedness is one of the key elements of APEC's human security agenda, along with countering terrorism and pandemics. APEC's Task Force for Emergency Preparedness (TFEP) was established in 2005. Through its [Terms of Reference](#), the Task Force is mandated to coordinate and facilitate emergency and disaster preparedness within APEC.~~

In 2010 the TFEP was upgraded to the Emergency Preparedness Working Group (EPWG)

- Application of Satellite Technologies (2012-2013)

Led by Russia, this APEC-funded project focused on training for increasing emergency preparedness of APEC economies through proper application of innovative satellite and communication technologies.

- Geospatial Hazard and Risk Information (2013)

Complementary regional mechanism for space cooperation and governance

Association of Equatorial nations

- take advantage of unique geographical attributes
 - launching sites
 - Near Equatorial Low Earth Orbits
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Thank you!
