

Panel 3: Summary

Future Earth in Asia and the Pacific

- Remaining cross-cutting challenges
 - Linking and involving policy,
 - Inter/trans-disciplinarity,
 - transnational research
 - Language barriers need to be addressed
 - Future Earth in the region is both welcomed and needed
- Interim phase to operational Phase (May 2014)

GEC/Asia Platform perspectives on Future Earth:

- Background on RIHN – host and fund research projects on human-environmental research
- 50% from natural sciences; 34% from Humanities and Social sciences and 16% from others...
- Promotes transdisciplinary
- 10 anniversary 2011 (おめでとうございます)

DIVERSITY AND DYNAMIC CHANGE (ASIA-PACIFIC) *Similarities and differences within the region*

- Monsoon Asia
- Ring of Fire
- How can we balance the negative with the positive

GEC/Asia Platform perspectives on Future Earth:

- New framework and alliances
- Regional nodes and partnerships
- GEC-Japan initiative addressing diversity and dynamic change
- International-**Regional**-National Interface is needed that could meet the regional needs of a Future Asia (and Pacific?)
- Stressed the importance of Communication through collaboration, etc
- **What are the key questions? Common agreement is needed** - FUTURE EARTH for EVERYONE

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- Platform : Objectives?
- Ignite Future Earth Platform in Asia
- Science-Policy platform?
- Social scientists missing?
- Science Council Asia – different levels but encouraged to be involved
- Disasters blend in with Future Earth
- Prevent human extinction?
- Future Earth is strong if there is ONE message
- National level is very important basis
- Heterogeneity is key factor (one size does not fit all)
- What can/can't we do? Need to think about this....why Future Earth and push for science.
- Integration – look at problem from all perspectives – teleconnection & globalization – help