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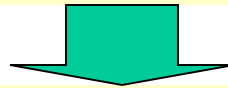
Background

- Environmental conditions are **deteriorating in the Asia-Pacific region** experiencing rapid population and economic growth. To solve such problems, the world needs a **tangible path toward sustainable development and clearer plan for implementation.**
- The launch of the Asia-Pacific Environmental Innovation Strategy Project (APEIS) was endorsed with appreciation at ECO ASIA 2001.

Objectives and Key Concepts

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- To develop **scientific knowledge-based tools and innovative strategy options** to promote informed decision-making
- To promote **regional cooperation and capacity building**
- To propose a **model of a regional initiative** to substantiate and realize the Plan of Implementation for the WSSD



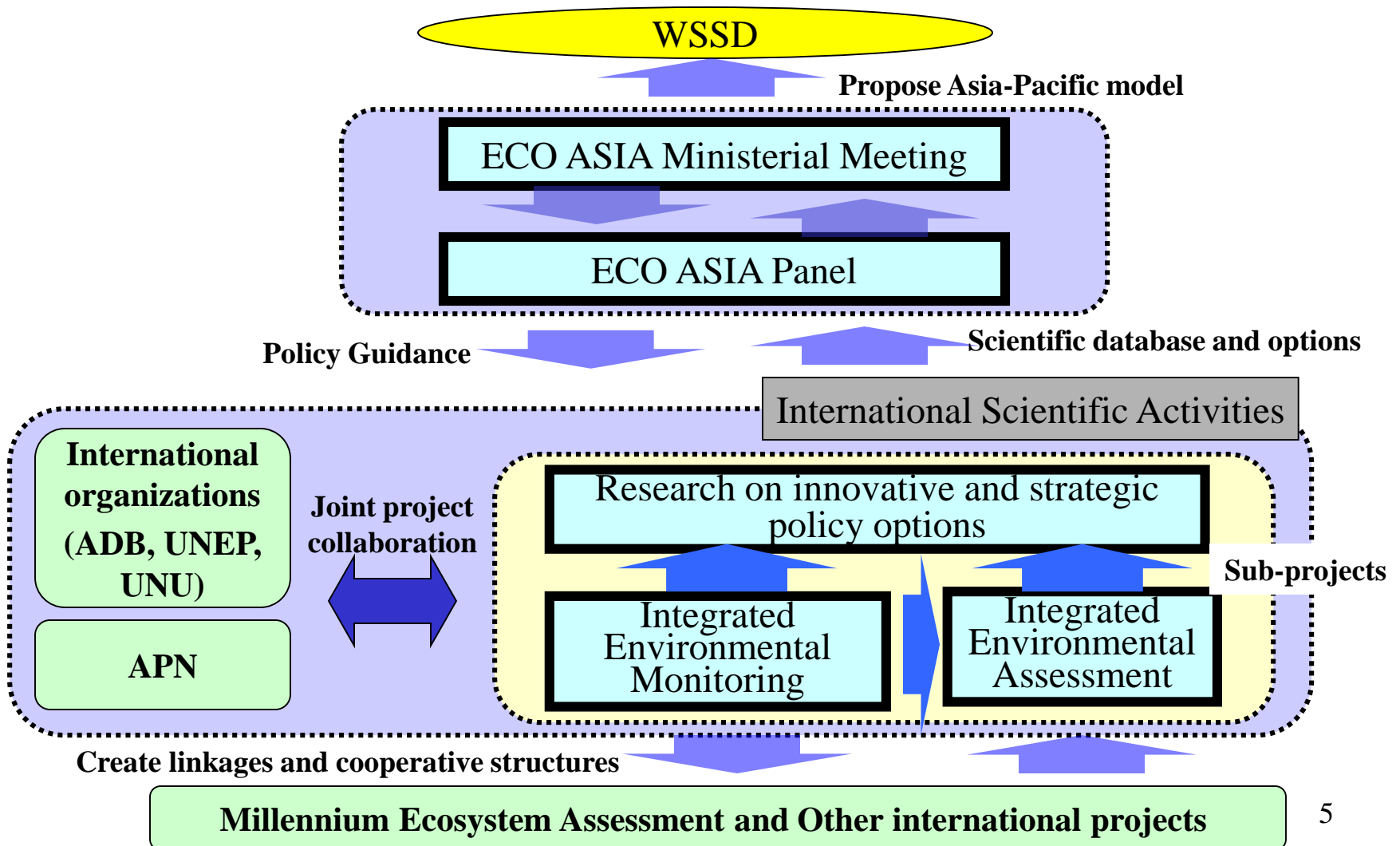
- Key Concepts

- Ensure the highest possible level of **participation and collaboration**
- Create a **framework** in which scientific activities and policy makers interact synergistically and constructively
- Fully incorporate and utilize **resources of existing regional activities**
- Consider and reflect **specific needs and diversified circumstances**

Why is this Project “innovative”?

- Objects and Processes
 - development of scientific knowledge-based tools and strategy options for policy-makers as a regional common asset, through dynamic interaction between scientific activities and policy makers
- Outcomes
 - proposal of innovative policy instruments and environmental strategy options
- Technical elements
 - employment of innovative methodologies such as satellite- and ground-based integrated monitoring and environment-economy integrated models

Framework of APEIS



Integrated Environmental Monitoring (IEM)

- Main Components
 - Establishment of a **MODIS data network** (receiving stations and analytical systems) covering the Asia-Pacific region
 - Development of a **ground-truth observation network** to validate satellite data
 - Integrated monitoring of **environmental disasters**
 - Integrated monitoring of **environmental indices and degradation**
 - Study of land-atmosphere processes and ecological functions at the **watershed scale**, and modeling of **water resources and agricultural productivity**

Integrated Environmental Assessments (IEA)

- Main Components
 - Development of a set of **integrated assessment models** based on the AIM project
 - Development of **indicators** and a **strategic database** comprised of the fundamental database, index base, model base and strategy option base
 - Assessment of the **current conditions** and possible **future changes** of the environment and economy, and the **quantitative effects** and **implications** of proposed innovative strategy options

Research on Innovative and Strategic Policy Options (RISPO)

- Main Components
 - Conduction of **field-based case studies** in selected countries
 - Development of **policy inventories** (good practices inventory and innovative instruments inventory) based on case studies and existing projects
 - Proposal of **strategic policy options** based on the analysis of practices and instruments compiled in the policy inventories
 - Implementation of **pilot projects** on selected issues and site to examine the effects, feasibility and applicability of the strategic policy options

Cooperation with Related Projects

- Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA)
 - Regional MA in western China is being implemented as a joint activity of APEIS and the MA.
 - Both projects can cooperate in exchanging data and methodologies.
- National Performance Assessment and Subregional Strategic Environment Framework in the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS)
 - Planned by the ADB, UNEP, NIES and IGES
 - Both projects are being designed and will be implemented with close collaboration
- APN
 - Strong partner for APEIS
 - Research Networking and capacity building

Call for Participation

- Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ) is **proposing APEIS** as a **Type 2 Partnership/Initiative** to the WSSD.
- Many research institutes and international organizations are already participating in APEIS.
- MOEJ is **calling for wider participation** of interested bodies, in particular, **ministries and agencies in the Asia-Pacific region**.
- Please contact to **MOEJ** (yuji_kimura@env.go.jp) as soon as possible but no later than **9 August**.