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Sustainability Insight: Interactive Expert Sessions for Customizing Knowledge Products for New Age Challenges



Background

The usage of social media for ready dissemination of knowledge products has surged in recent times due to the new norm amid COVID-19. People are now adapting to a new knowledge ecosystem where there is limited physical interaction with right mode of presentation. The popularization of online based communication can potentially broaden the opportunity for community to interact with and learn from experts and stakeholders across different countries worldwide. The new global age needs to build existing tools, technologies and knowledge products to rebuild better from the current COVID-19 crisis and provide sound basis of social justice and environmental sustainability.

In compliance to the new norm and adapting to the current trend, UNESCO Jakarta and its various implementing partners from Japanese Funds-in-Trust and Malaysian Funds-in-Trust will organize the specially targeted online interview sessions – Sustainability Insight: Stakeholders of the Funds-in-Trust Programmes.

The objective of these sessions is to highlight and harvest the various tools and outcome produced by the projects implemented via the FIT programmes. These tools, the relevant projects, and its significance outcome, will be shared with targeted viewers, to maximize interest, cultivate new ideas and promote publicity of such tools. The experts will highlight how tools and outcome produced can be customized and adopted to suit the new norm, and in other circumstances as required.

We consider the adaptation process to the post-pandemic “new normal” as a chance to bring transformative change toward sustainable future. Stakeholders in the region can tailor and utilize these tools to understand the increasingly complex interaction between humans and nature which the COVID 19 shed light, and to contribute to the short-term and long-term actions described in the *Asia Pacific Recommendations of Action by the UNESCO Science Family in Asia and the Pacific in response to COVID 19 challenges*¹.

¹This Recommendations were agreed at the webinar, *Science to Enable and Empower Asia Pacific for COVID 19 response*, held by UNESCO Jakarta Office on 19 May 2020 | https://en.unesco.org/sites/default/files/asia_pacific_recommendations_of_action.pdf

Session style:

These series of bi-weekly interview sessions, moderated by the Director of UNESCO Jakarta will bring together the implementing partners of the various Funds-in-Trusts. The interview sessions will be interactively conducted with one partner at a time. These sessions will delve and discuss in a holistic view on one relevant project and its outcomes aided by links to related products. The format of the interview sessions will be limited to 30 minutes each, to maximize the full attention of viewers while accommodating active interactions between the speaker and viewers. The interview sessions will be broadcasted and recorded, to be shortened to 10 minutes videos for later viewing, and finally to 3 minutes, to be uploaded to various social media.

Interview topics:

Topics highlighted will include, but not limited to, the tools, models, technologies, policies and networks developed from the FIT programmes. Drawing on the ongoing and completed projects, the interviews will highlight examples from:

- Products of regional networks of IHP and MAB Biosphere Reserves
- Emerging inter-disciplinary science stakeholder networks, social inclusiveness policy e.g. Education for Sustainable Developments on Climate Change for Small Island Developing States (SIDS)
- Standardization of engineering qualification
- Digitization of historical documents
- Reporting on climate change journalism
- Strengthening education policy and implementation of education blueprint
- Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)
- Management of World Heritage Sites in terms of disaster management
- Demonstration of Sustainability Science application
- Training course on UNESCO Global Geoparks
- Development and dissemination of e-learning course, and many more.

The experts and stakeholders selected will be prominent personalities in their relative fields and industries, with involvement in the relevant projects. Due recognition will be given to the related donors and partners.