



Scope of Initiative Climate Change Partnerships Initiative

The *Climate Change Partnerships* initiative will provide assistance to developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region to support climate adaptation and mitigation initiatives, in particular in improved water resource management and energy management. Some of the major components of this initiative include partnerships with the World Bank, Asian Development Bank (ADB), the Mekong River Commission, and the Least Developed Countries Fund of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The Climate Change Partnerships Initiative complements Australia's global efforts to address climate change including the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate (AP6), the Global Initiative on Forests and Climate and negotiations at the UNFCCC.

Climate Change Partnerships initiative will invest \$32.5 million in 2007-08.

As part of this investment, AusAID will undertake a range of activities to address priorities identified in key partner countries or through key partner organisations. Major activities planned include:

Global/Regional Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership with the Mekong River Commission with the objective of promoting integrated water resource management and amongst the four riparian countries and improving hydrological knowledge of the Mekong to mitigate flooding. • Collaboration with the ADB Water Financing Partnerships Facility aimed at providing safe drinking water and improved sanitation for about 200 million people; drainage services to around 40 million people; and reduced flood risk for about 100 million people. • Assistance will be provided to the Energy Sector Management Assistance Program (ESMAP) which is jointly sponsored by the World Bank and United Nations Development Program. The ESMAP, through activities including analytical research and technical assistance, assists developing countries achieve outcomes such as improved policy and regulatory environments for energy infrastructure, access to energy, and energy efficiency. • Least Developed Countries Fund of the UNFCCC to limit the impact of climate change on some of the poorest and most vulnerable countries. • Regional initiatives to integrate climate change into development planning.
Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research partnerships on climate change.

AusAID will monitor the effectiveness of the activities under the *Climate Change Partnerships* initiative through a monitoring and evaluation framework established under a new Environment Strategy due to be publicly released in late August.