

2. MAJOR ACTIVITIES IN FY2008

2.1 Establishment of the Working Group

The Working Group of this project was established with the following experts.

Leader: Cielito F. Habito (Ateneo de Manila University, the Philippines)

Coordinator: Satoshi Kojima (Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Japan)

Members: Jintao Xu (Peking University, P.R. China)

Rizaldi Boer (Bogor Agricultural University, Indonesia)

Kausik Gupta (Rabindra Bharati University, India)

Jeonin Kim (Chung-Ang University, Republic of Korea)

Souphasay Komany (Prime Minister's Office, Lao PDR)

Sitanon Jesdapipat (Mae Fah Luang University, Thailand)

Xin Zhou (Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Japan)

Anindya Bhattacharya (Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Japan)

Akiko Onodera (Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Japan)

Advisors: Raman Letchumanan (ASEAN Secretariat)

Peter King (Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Japan)

2.2 Working Group Meetings

The following 3 Working Group Meetings were held in FY2008.

- The 1st Working Group Meeting of the ERIA-SD Project was held on 31 July 2008 at the Richmonde Hotel in Manila, the Philippines. The meeting was attended by 12 participants, 11 Working Group Members from 8 countries including the project leader Prof. Habito (the Philippines) and Dr. Peter King as an advisor. At the meeting, the research plan was proposed by IGES, which is coordinating the project on behalf of the ERIA that is under preparation, and based on the proposal it was discussed how to implement the project. Furthermore, each Working Group member presented priority SD issues in his country and these input were reflected in the discussion.
- The 2nd Working Group Meeting was held on 3 and 4 December 2008 at the IGES Headquarters Office in Hayama, Japan. The unexpected airport closure in Bangkok precluded having perfect attendance, and finally 8 Working Group members including those from China, Japan, Republic of Korea, India attended the meeting. Main meeting objectives were (i) to discuss the draft of country review papers to be presented by Working Group members, and (ii) to report the progress of case studies.
- The 3rd Working Group Meeting was held on 12 and 13 March 2009 at the Novotel Bogor Hotel in Bogor, Indonesia. The meeting was attended by 12 participants, 10

Working Group Members from 7 countries except for Thailand, Ms. Riena Prasiddha from ASEAN Secretariat as an advisor, and Prof. Fukunari Kimura, the Chief Economist of ERIA, as an observer. At the meeting, each WG member presented the progress in this fiscal year, and based on these presentations the research plan of the next fiscal year was discussed.