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Regional assessment report examining the interlinkage between SCP and regional issues in Asia



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List of Acronyms:

JGSEE	Joint Graduate School of Energy and Environment
KMUTT	King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi
RPAC	Regional Policy Advocacy Component
SCP	Sustainable Consumption and Production
SPP	Sustainable Public Procurement
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme

Background:

The Joint Graduate School of Energy and Environment, King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi (JGSEE-KMUTT) in partnership with The EU-funded SWITCH-Asia Regional Policy Advocacy Component (RPAC) and United Nations Environment Programme has studied the linkage between regional issues, mainly relevant to resource efficiency, and sustainable consumption and production (SCP). 6 countries of the region were covered in this assessment including China, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Thailand, and Vietnam. The main focus has been made on agriculture, tourism, mobility, and manufacturing sectors. However, the analysis was not limited to these sectors only and some sectors have been added/ removed considering their relevance and for the specific indicators.

Objectives of the event

This consultative webinar aims to introduce the regional indicator, databases, and the regional assessment report highlighting the importance of tracking the regional indicator and having an accessible and transparent data for national and regional policy development, the opportunities of the regional indicator and assessment as a tool to guide national interventions on sustainable consumption and production and examining the interlinkage between SCP and regional issues in Asia.

- 1) Present the summary findings of the regional assessment report on SCP and regional issues in Asia.
- 2) Gather expert's feedbacks and recommendations on the regional assessment report and the regional indicator database
- 3) Facilitate sharing of this regional assessment report on SCP and regional issues in Asia with all stakeholders.

Participants/Target audience

Multi-stakeholders relevant to SCP with a focus on government from the region especially from China, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Logistical information about the event

66 registered participants from the Asia Pacific countries joined the regional online training. Based on total of 66 registration, 55% were female represented mainly by Academia sector, Government Agency and Private sectors and businesses and 45% were male represented mainly by Academia sector and Government Agency.

Summary of key messages:

Session Moderator: Dr. Anthony Shun Fung CHIU,

University Fellow, Distinguished Full Professor and Senior Research Fellow
Don Antonio Cojuangco Chair Professor, De La Salle University

Welcome Remarks

Dr. Mushtaq Memon

EU SWITCH-Asia Regional Policy Advocacy Component (RPAC)

Dr. Mushtaq gave the welcoming remarks by highlighting the importance of examining the interlinkage between SCP and regional issues especially considering a sectoral perspective. He appreciated the timely effort considering the role of SCP in solving the regional issues being faced by Asia.

Summary of regional assessment report examining the interlinkage between SCP and regional issues in Asia

Prof. Dr. Shabbir Gheewala

The Joint Graduate School of Energy and Environment (JGSEE), King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi (KMUTT)

Prof. Shabbir gave the presentation on the interlinkage between SCP and regional issues. He introduced the interlinkage between SCP and regional issues in Asia. He then explained the modified driver-pressure-state-impact-response framework followed by the current report. After that, an overview of the findings from six individual country reports (i.e., China, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Thailand, and Vietnam) for agriculture, tourism, mobility, and manufacturing sectors were presented. In the end, a comprehensive conclusion of the report was also presented.

Q&A Session

After the presentation, a detailed question and answer session was held where the participants extensively asked their questions and made their comments on the report. Overall, the participants highly appreciated the report. The questions were mainly to ask the expert suggestions on the impact of the political situation, impact of renewable transition on rare earth minerals extraction, effective implementations of SCP especially in SMEs, and an overall resource efficiency improvement in the region. Further questions were more relevant to the countries, such as the alignment of Pakistan with its Alternative and Renewable Energy Policy (ARE-2019) and the building of large dams in Pakistan and India. A comprehensive discussion was also made on the role of youth as discussed in the Global Youth Energy Outlook project and launched findings of COP26.

Introduction of Regional Indicator Database

Ms. Punchaya Raksasakul

Senior Programmer, AIT Solutions

Ms. Punchaya gave the presentation on the introduction of a regional indicator database. She presented the web tool presenting the database of selected indicators for the eighteen countries of Asia Pacific. She briefly introduced how the online tool can be used to obtain the required data of any available indicator.

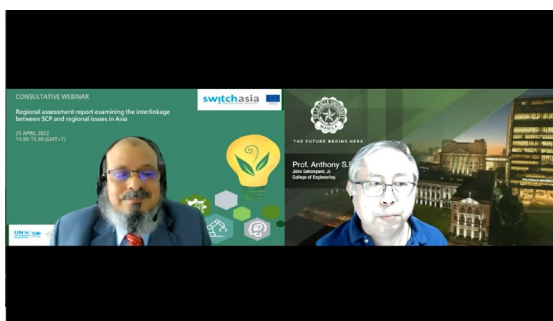
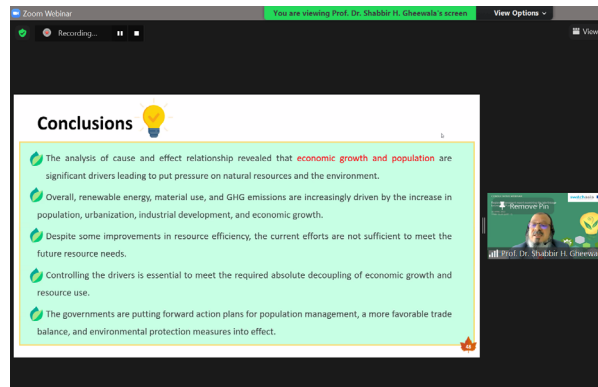
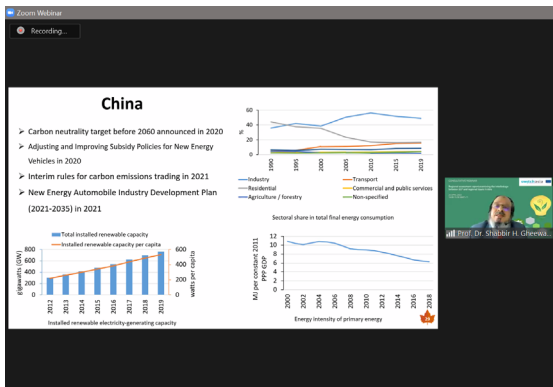
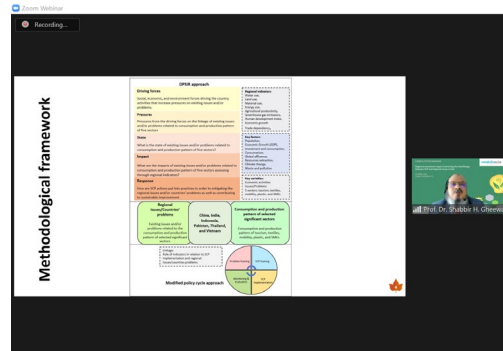
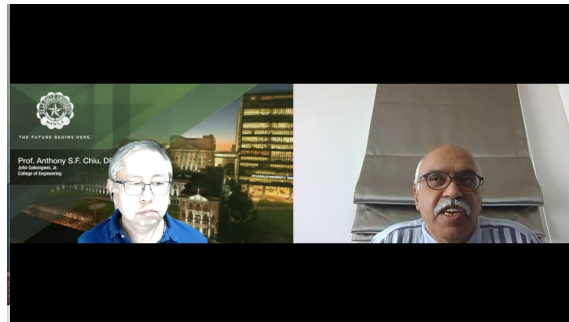
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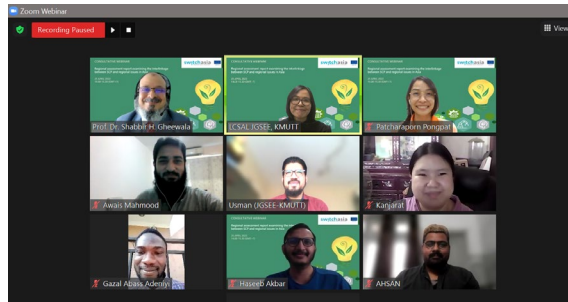
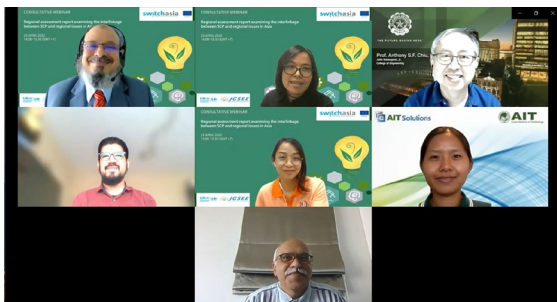
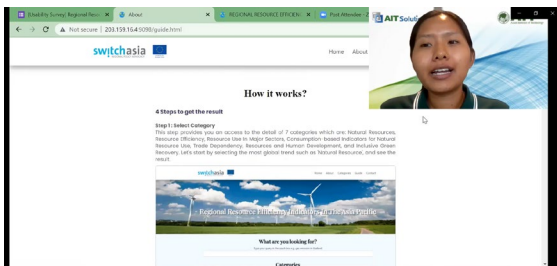
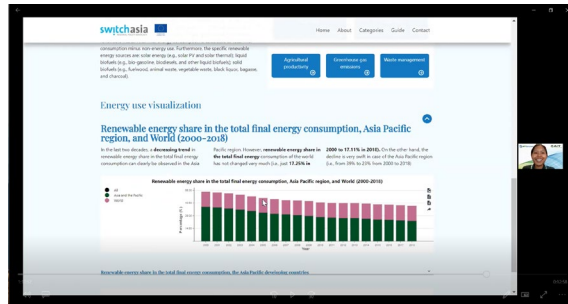
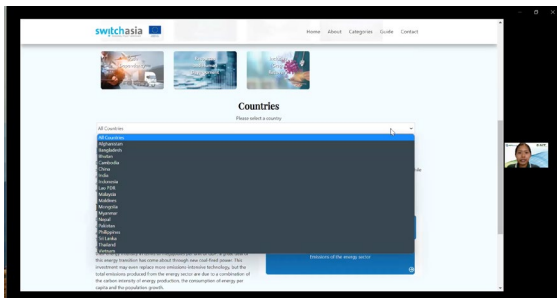
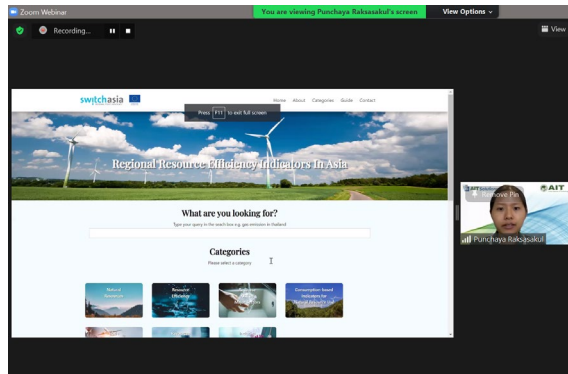
Prof. Dr. Shabbir Gheewala

JGSEE, KMUTT

In the closing remarks, Prof. Shabbir thanked the speakers and participants for their precious time and a very comprehensive and informative discussion.

Screenshots of the event





Statistics of participants:

There were 66 participants (both registered and staff) from the following country in attendance; Cambodia, Myanmar, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Spain, Ethiopia. The major groups of participants are from government, academia, and business as 15%, 70% and 15% respectively. Additionally, there were 55% female represented mainly by Academia sector, Government Agency and Private sectors and businesses and 45% were male represented mainly by Academia sector and Government Agency.

Annex:

Annex 1: The Final agenda

AGENDA

Time (GMT+7) Session Details

Session Moderator: Dr. Anthony Shun Fung Chiu
University Fellow, Distinguished Full Professor and Senior Research Fellow
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| 14.00 – 14.05 | Introduction of the Consultation Webinar
Dr. Anthony Shun Fung Chiu |
| 14.05 – 14.10 | Welcome Remarks
Dr. Mushtaq Memon,
EU SWITCH-Asia Regional Policy Advocacy Component (RPAC) |
| 14.10 – 14.45 | Presentation 1: Summary of regional assessment report examining the interlinkage between SCP and regional issues in Asia
Prof. Dr. Shabbir H. Gheewala
The Joint Graduate School of Energy and Environment (JGSEE)
King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi (KMUTT) |
| 14.45 – 15.10 | Q&A Session |
| 15.10 – 15.25 | Presentation 2: Introduction of Regional Indicator Database
Ms. Punchaya Raksasakul
Senior Programmer, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) Solutions |
| 15.25 – 15.30 | Wrap-up and Closing Remarks
Prof. Dr. Shabbir H. Gheewala
The Joint Graduate School of Energy and Environment (JGSEE),
King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi (KMUTT) |

Annex 2: Summary of post event evaluation

Post event evaluation

1. All respondents reported that the content of the workshop was informative.
2. All respondents responded that the information was relevant and sufficient.
3. All respondents responded that the duration of presentations was adequate.
4. More than 60% of respondents were very satisfied with the online webinar.
5. More than 80% of respondents were very satisfied with the presenters who were able to explain things clearly
6. Respondents' feedback
 - Need some certain guidelines for each indicator and timeframe. More capacity is needed for database and M&E.
 - It seems like intergenerational issues.
 - Trying to see how to adopt to the resent situation of Sri Lanka
 - Inter ministries communication and collaboration is needed to improve data quality. beside political.
 - The webinar was so fast.

For more information

SWITCH-Asia event page:

<http://switch-asia.eu/event/regional-assessment-report-examining-the-interlinkage-between-scp-and-regional-issues-in-asia/>

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