

Making the APO carbon neutral

While promoting sustainable socioeconomic development in the Asia-Pacific region, the APO also decided to take the lead in becoming carbon neutral. The organization's main carbon emissions are due to air travel by project participants, experts, and staff, with some from other sources like office use, hotel rooms, etc. The project on Making the APO a Carbon-neutral Organization started in late 2007 and is being undertaken in three steps: assessing carbon emissions from APO activities; reducing emissions; and finally offsetting remaining emission equivalents through Green Productivity (GP) projects. The project is being carried out in consultation with the Energy Management Group of the NPC, India, and expert Dr. Albert Kaupp, Manager of the Indo-German Energy Programme. By becoming carbon neutral, the APO will set an example for other organizations in the region and underline its commitment to GP by practicing what it preaches.