



Session III Networking Experts in the Region

Introductory Presentation

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1. Introduction: Networking – why?

- Importance of networking has been emphasized on many occasions.
 - WGIA4 (February 2007) agreed upon the importance of **effective use of GHG inventory experts in the region to enhance (policy-makers') awareness of significance of inventory.**
 - Manila meeting (June 2007) highlighted **regional network of experts (web based forum)** as the overall needs of inventory compilers in the SEA countries to **exchange regional information (EF, AD, other parameters).**



1. Introduction: Why not existing ones?

- Inventory-related networks already exist.
 - e.g., Greenhouse Gas Experts Network (<http://www.ghgnetwork.org>)
- However, apparently those networks are little used by experts in Asian region.
 - According to the questionnaire about Greenhouse Gas Experts Network, almost all WGIA5 participants have never used it.
- Why...? Some problems make Asian country experts keep away from existing networks, presumably?



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1. Introduction: What is the way forward?

- Given some difficulties Asian country experts are facing, it will be helpful for WGIA to establish a new regional on-line network.
- To this end, let's consider:
 - What are the problems Asian country experts might be seeing in the existing networks?
 - What features need to be sought when we design the new regional on-line network?



2-1. Case Example 1: GHG Experts Network



-On the web

-Information is open

- Offering all information collectively

-You can take contact directly with a specialist

<http://www.ghgnetwork.org/>



The screenshot shows the 'Member Directory' page of the GHG Experts Network. The page has a navigation menu on the left with links to Home Page, About the Network, Messages, Member Directory (highlighted), Resources, Feedback, and Site Map. The main content area features a search bar at the top right, a search button, and a search results section. A text box explains that the directory is open to all and separate from the message list. Below this, there is a 'Join Now!' link and a message stating 'Found 573 results.' A pagination control shows '1' selected. A table lists members with columns for Name, Organization, and Country. A sidebar on the right contains a search form with fields for keyword, topic, and country, a 'go' button, and a 'Join the Member Directory' section with an 'email address' field and a 'Subscribe' button. At the bottom of the sidebar, there is a link to 'Login here' for users who need to edit their entry.

Home > Member Directory

Member Directory

The Network's professional directory is open to all, and is separate from the Network's message list. By joining the directory, your colleagues both near and far will be able to find and contact you. In this way we hope to increase collaboration and communication throughout our community of experts.

Enter keyword(s) to search for in the directory.

[topic] [country] go

Join the Member Directory

To include your information in our directory, enter your email below.

email address

Subscribe

Need to edit your entry? [Login here.](#)

(Privacy information)

[Join Now!](#) »

Found 573 results.

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| Name | Organization | Country |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Abraham, Joe | Kleinfelder, Inc. | United States |
| Ackom, Emmanuel | The University of British Columbia | Canada |
| Acquah, Philip | Environmental Protection Agency | Ghana |
| Adam Mohammed, Sebbit | Depf/ Mech. Engineering, Makerere | |
| Adejuwon, Samuel Adeoye | Federal Ministry of Environment, | Nigeria |
| ADESINA, Francis | Dept of Geography, Obafemi Awolowo | Nigeria |

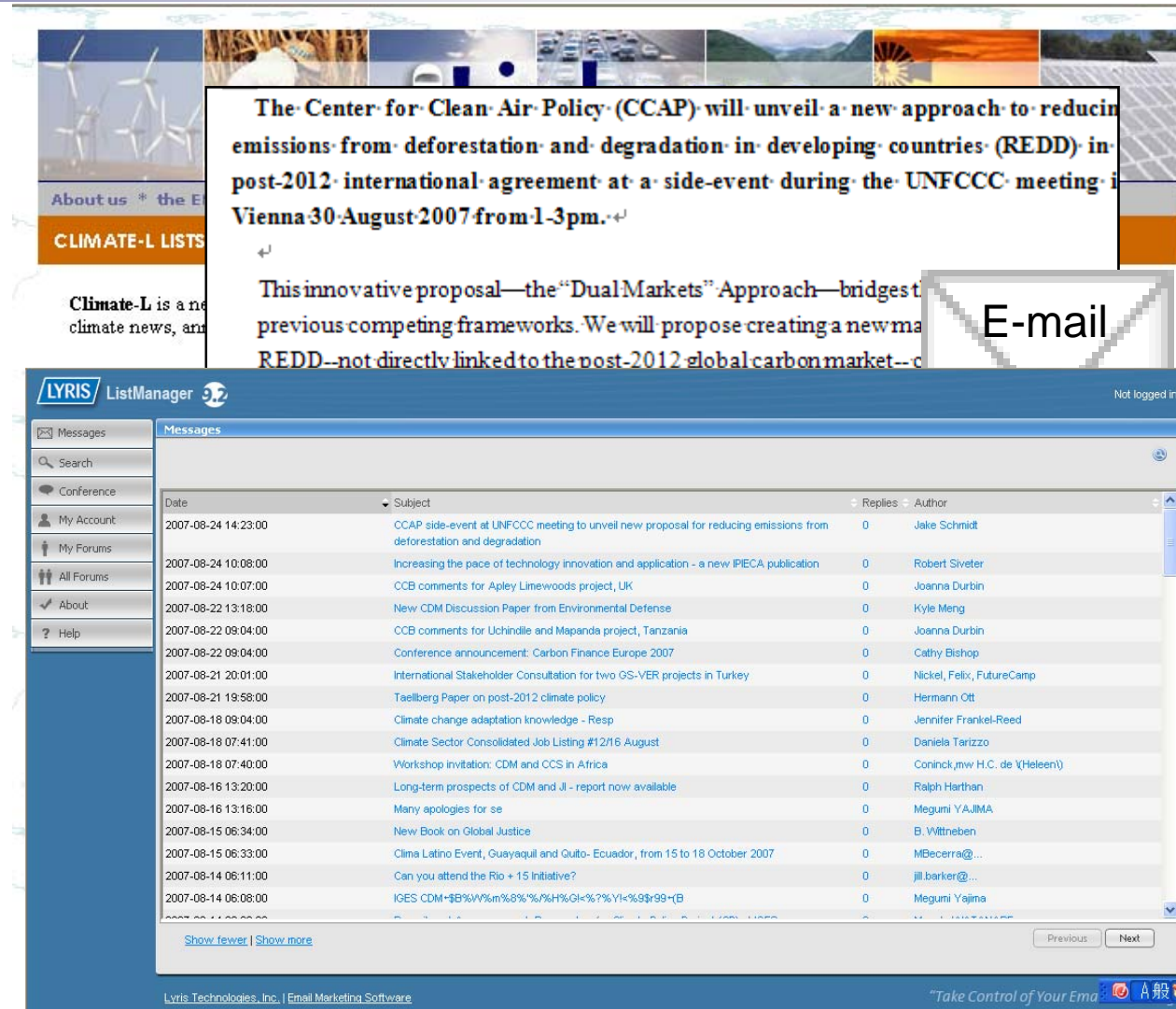
2-2. Case Example 2: Climate-L

-Mailing List

-Register to this, contribution mail is distributed to your E-mail address.

-Contribution mails are stocked on the web

<http://www.iisd.ca/email/climate-L.htm>



The screenshot shows the Climate-L mailing list website and a LYRIS ListManager interface. The website header includes "About us * the E" and "CLIMATE-L LISTS". A main text box reads: "The Center for Clean Air Policy (CCAP) will unveil a new approach to reducing emissions from deforestation and degradation in developing countries (REDD) in post-2012 international agreement at a side-event during the UNFCCC meeting in Vienna 30 August 2007 from 1-3pm." Below this, it says "This innovative proposal—the 'Dual Markets' Approach—bridges two previous competing frameworks. We will propose creating a new market for REDD—not directly linked to the post-2012 global carbon market—". An "E-mail" icon is also present.

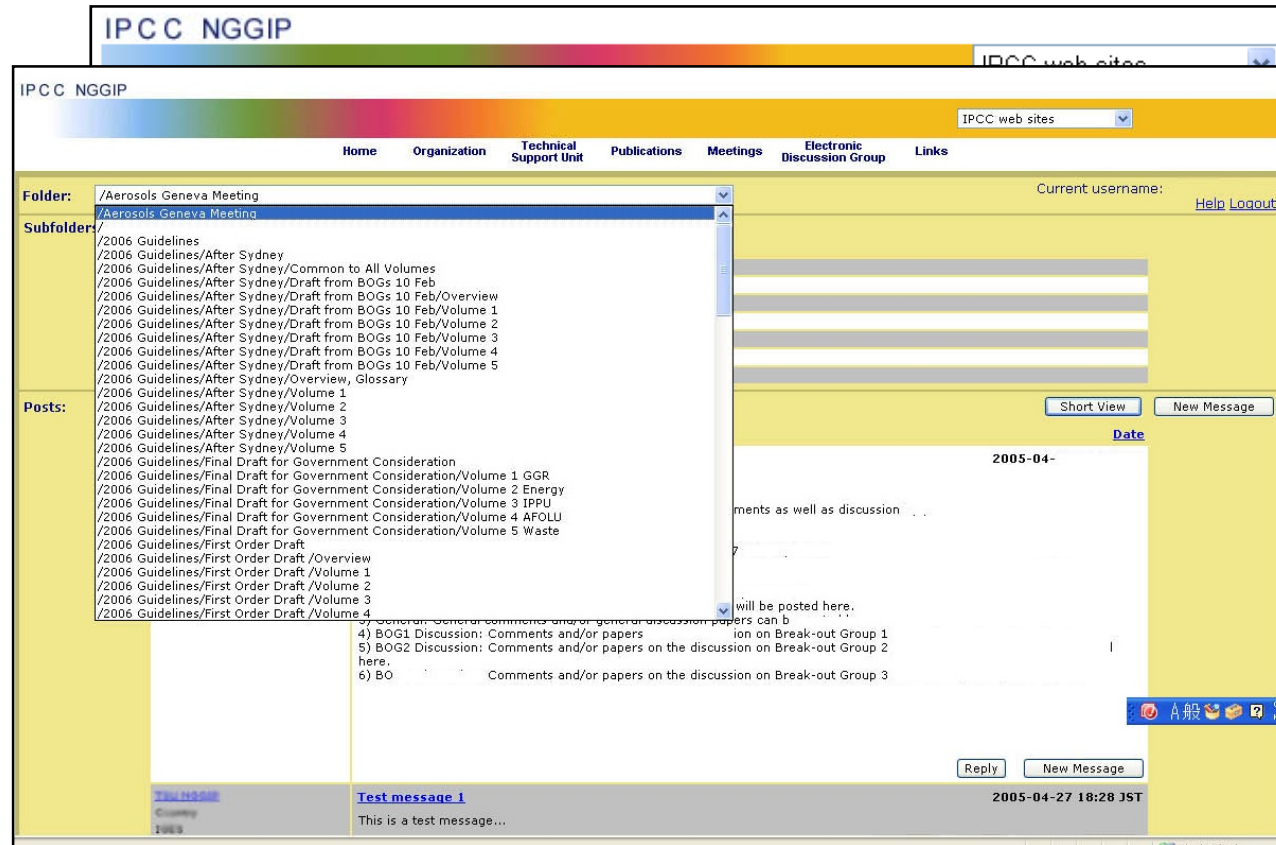
The LYRIS ListManager interface shows a list of messages with columns for Date, Subject, Replies, and Author. The messages are as follows:

| Date | Subject | Replies | Author |
|---------------------|--|---------|-----------------------------|
| 2007-08-24 14:23:00 | CCAP side-event at UNFCCC meeting to unveil new proposal for reducing emissions from deforestation and degradation | 0 | Jake Schmidt |
| 2007-08-24 10:08:00 | Increasing the pace of technology innovation and application - a new IPECA publication | 0 | Robert Siveter |
| 2007-08-24 10:07:00 | CCB comments for Apley Linewoods project, UK | 0 | Joanna Durbin |
| 2007-08-22 13:18:00 | New CDM Discussion Paper from Environmental Defense | 0 | Kyle Meng |
| 2007-08-22 09:04:00 | CCB comments for Uchindile and Mapanda project, Tanzania | 0 | Joanna Durbin |
| 2007-08-22 09:04:00 | Conference announcement: Carbon Finance Europe 2007 | 0 | Cathy Bishop |
| 2007-08-21 20:01:00 | International Stakeholder Consultation for two GS-VER projects in Turkey | 0 | Nickel, Felix, FutureCamp |
| 2007-08-21 19:58:00 | Taellberg Paper on post-2012 climate policy | 0 | Hermann Ott |
| 2007-08-18 09:04:00 | Climate change adaptation knowledge - Resp | 0 | Jennifer Frankel-Reed |
| 2007-08-18 07:41:00 | Climate Sector Consolidated Job Listing #12/16 August | 0 | Daniela Tarizzo |
| 2007-08-18 07:40:00 | Workshop invitation: CDM and CCS in Africa | 0 | Coninck,mw H.C.de V(Heleen) |
| 2007-08-16 13:20:00 | Long-term prospects of CDM and JI - report now available | 0 | Ralph Harthan |
| 2007-08-16 13:16:00 | Many apologies for se | 0 | Megumi YAJIMA |
| 2007-08-15 06:34:00 | New Book on Global Justice | 0 | B. Wittneben |
| 2007-08-15 06:33:00 | Clima Latino Event, Guayaquil and Quito- Ecuador, from 15 to 18 October 2007 | 0 | MBecerra@... |
| 2007-08-14 06:11:00 | Can you attend the Rio + 15 Initiative? | 0 | jill.barker@... |
| 2007-08-14 06:08:00 | IGES CDM #B%W%#m%0%#%#H%G!=%?%Y!<%9#99#(B | 0 | Megumi Yajima |

- Issue 7. International Program Manager
- Issue 8. 10 - 27 January 2003: [html](#); [txt](#); [pdf](#)
- Issue 9. 27 January - 16 February 2003: [html](#); [txt](#); [pdf](#)

2-3. Case Example 3: Electronic Discussion Group

- On the web
- Restricted person only
(Need password)
- Offering information by topics



replaced by this new version in June 2005. All the contents of the old version were withdrawn. The User IDs and Passwords for the old version are not valid for this new version.

For further details or any questions, contact the [Technical Support Unit](#).

<http://www.ipccnggip.iges.or.jp/edg/edg.htm>



3. Advantages and Disadvantages by Each Item in Formation of Network Platforms

- Items for Our Discussion
 1. Participants
 2. Information Browse
 3. Mailing List & Message Board
 4. Information to be Offered
 5. Contents of Information
 6. Methods of Posting Information
 7. List of Experts



3-1. Advantages and Disadvantages in Each Item

– (1) Participant

Choice 1: Unrestricted

- **Advantages**
 - Wide range of participants
 - Various perspectives different from inventory development but related to climate change issues
- **Disadvantages**
 - Too much information straying off inventory development

Choice 2: Restricted

- **Advantages**
 - Providing information focused only on inventory development
- **Disadvantages**
 - Difficulty to decide the range of participants related to inventory development
 - Possibility of excluding external cooperation



3-2. Advantages and Disadvantages in Each Item

– (2) Information Browse

Choice 1:

Open without
Password

- **Advantages**
 - None
- **Disadvantages**
 - Too difficult to control information offering and browse

Choice 2:

Open with Password

- **Advantages**
 - Promoting the understanding of inventory development
- **Disadvantages**
 - Causing unexpected use of information

Choice 3:

Close and allowing
only limited
Participants

- **Advantages**
 - Preventing misunderstanding and unexpected use of information
- **Disadvantages**
 - Excluding persons less relevant to inventory but interested in climate change policy



3-3. Advantages and Disadvantages in Each Item

– (3) Mailing List & Message Board

Choice 1:

Mailing List & Message Board

- **Advantages**
 - Providing various choices on the network
- **Disadvantages**
 - Increasing tasks for moderators to manage the network

Choice 2:

Mailing List Only

- **Advantages**
 - Less tasks for moderators to manage the network
- **Disadvantages**
 - Decreasing variety of choices on the network

Choice 3:

Message Board Only

- **Advantages**
 - Avoiding offering unnecessary information to each participant's mailbox
- **Disadvantages**
 - Needing to access the network to browse information



3-4. Advantages and Disadvantages in Each Item

– (4) Information to be offered

Choice 1:

Information offering Only

- **Advantages**
 - Decreasing the number of moderators' tasks
 - Preventing discussions unnecessary for all participants
- **Disadvantages**
 - Losing the chances to discuss about inventory development in detail

Choice 2:

Allowing to post questions and discussions

- **Advantages**
 - Offering the chances to discuss about inventory development in detail
- **Disadvantages**
 - Providing discussions necessary for **not** all participants
 - Increasing the number of moderators' tasks



3-5. Advantages and Disadvantages in Each Item

– (5) Contents of Information

Choice 1:

Every information relevant to climate change

- **Advantages**
 - Offering information not only inventory development but also other issues relevant to climate change
- **Disadvantages**
 - Making vague the original purpose of offering information for improving inventory development

Choice 2:

Information directly relevant to inventory development only

- **Advantages**
 - Offering information focused on inventory development
- **Disadvantages**
 - Making impossible to receive other information relevant to climate change



3-6. Advantages and Disadvantages in Each Item

– (6) Methods of Posting Information

Choice 1:

Offering all information collectively

- **Advantages**
 - Providing various information to all participants
- **Disadvantages**
 - Causing to offer information unnecessary for receivers who are interested in a particular topic

Choice 2:

Offering information by topics

- **Advantages**
 - Providing information necessary for each receiver
- **Disadvantages**
 - Preventing participants from browsing various information



3-7. Advantages and Disadvantages in Each Item

– (7) List of Experts

Choice 1:

Posting the list on the website

- **Advantages**
 - Participants can ask questions by their choices and every time they want.
- **Disadvantages**
 - Experts receive unexpected tasks.

Choice 2:

Not posting the list on the website

- **Advantages**
 - Experts can avoid unexpected tasks.
- **Disadvantages**
 - Participants cannot choose experts who they want to ask their questions.
 - It takes time for participants to receive answers.



4. Discussion Points

| Item | Choice 1 | Choice 2 | Choice 3 |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Participant | Unrestricted | Restricted | |
| Information Browse | Open with password | Open with password | Close and allowing only limited participants |
| Mailing List & Message Board | Mailing List & Message Board | Mailing List only | Message Board only |
| Information to be offered | Information offering only | Allowing to post questions and discussion | |
| Contents of Information | Every information relevant to climate change | Information directly relevant to inventory development | |
| Methods of Posting Information | Offering all information collectively | Offering information by topics | |
| List of Experts | Posting the list on the website | Not posting the list on the website | |

Thank you!

We hope our following discussion comes to be very fruitful.



Reference 1: GHG Experts Network

| Item | Characteristics |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Participant | Unrestricted |
| Information Browse | Open |
| Mailing List & Message Board | Mailing List & Message Board |
| Information to be offered | Allowing to post questions and discussions |
| Contents of Information | Every information relevant to climate change |
| Methods of Posting Information | Offering all information collectively |
| List of Experts | Posting the list on the website |

Reference 2: Climate-L

| Item | Characteristics |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Participant | Unrestricted |
| Information Browse | Mailing list |
| Mailing List & Message Board | Mailing List only |
| Information to be offered | Information offering only |
| Contents of Information | Every information relevant to climate change |
| Methods of Posting Information | Offering all information collectively |
| List of Experts | Not posting the list on the website |

Reference 3: Electronic Discussion Group

| Item | Characteristics |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Participant | Restricted |
| Information Browse | Close |
| Mailing List & Message Board | Message Board only |
| Information to be offered | Permitting question posting and discussion |
| Contents of Information | Information directly relevant to inventory development |
| Methods of Posting Information | Offering information by topics |
| List of Experts | Not posting the list on the website |