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# Asia - Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate

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## Flagship Guidelines

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The purpose of these guidelines is to establish a framework for the identification of flagship projects by the Policy and Implementation Committee, and to assist Task Forces to propose appropriate projects as potential flagships.

### 1. Introduction

1.1 These guidelines have been prepared by the Policy and Implementation Committee (the ‘Committee’) of the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate (the ‘Partnership’).

1.2 These guidelines should be read in conjunction with the Partnership:

- Charter, January 2006.
- Work Plan, January 2006.
- Communiqué, Inaugural Ministerial Meeting, January 2006.
- Task Force Guidelines, April 2006.
- Action Plan Guidelines, April 2006.

1.3 The Action Plan Guidelines (paragraph 3.9) stated that:

At their discretion and consistent with guidance issued by the Committee, Task Forces may propose ‘flagship’ projects and activities as part of their Action Plans. Proposed flagship projects or activities will only be designated as such with the approval of the Committee.

### 2. Flagship Portfolio

2.1 A small number of Task Force projects and activities may be designated as flagship projects. In general, the Committee would expect there to be around ten to fifteen flagship projects at any time, but the actual number will depend on the characteristics of the projects proposed.

2.2 The flagships comprise a portfolio of projects and activities that, collectively, exemplify (illustrate and demonstrate) the vision and objectives of the Partnership. The portfolio should therefore include the full range of actions intended by the Partnership – technology research and development, pilot projects, demonstration and deployment activities, skills enhancement and best practice dissemination.

2.3 The flagship portfolio should include substantive engagement of both government and industry entities across the Partnership, demonstrating self-perpetuating action.

2.4 The flagship portfolio must be focussed on outcomes that will advance the goals of the Partnership on a significant scale. Flagship projects and activities would be expected to include realistic and ambitious goals relating to their thematic area.

### **3. Flagship Selection**

3.1 The Committee will examine all projects and activities proposed by Task Forces, particularly those proposed as flagships, and select projects that best meet the considerations outlined in Section 2 above and that necessary financial resources have been secured for their implementation.

3.2 Committee members may nominate projects and activities contained in Action Plans that have not been nominated as possible Flagship Projects by the Task Forces. The Committee will consult with the Task Force Chair and Co-Chair if they intend to do so. The Committee may also nominate projects and activities that are being undertaken outside the Task Forces.

3.3 The Committee may update the flagship portfolio, at any time, as new projects and activities develop and existing flagships conclude. Task Forces may propose such updates at any time.

3.4 To ensure a balanced and representative portfolio, the Committee may decide not to select a project or activity proposed by a Task Force as a flagship. Such a decision does not mean that the project or activity is considered to be of low merit. The portfolio approach may mean that projects or activities of high merit, which are similar in nature to other flagships, are not selected.

### **4. Flagship Publicity**

4.1 Flagship projects and activities are likely to be used to publicise the actions and goals of the Partnership. This may include site visits by Ministers and media reporting.

4.2 Task Forces and the Committee should consider the suitability of projects and activities for such high profile publicity, when proposing and selecting flagships.

4.3 As a result of this higher visibility of flagship projects and activities, the Committee would expect Task Forces to monitor their flagships closely, and report all significant developments to the Committee.