

### **Japanese comments on draft Guidance Note on PPCR Regional Programs**

I would like to express our sincere appreciation to the secretariat's effort and general support to context to the draft Guidance Note. However, taking into account that the regional approach must be very challenging task not only for donors but for recipient countries, I would like to state four general comments to the Note as below. My suggestions for paragraph-by-paragraph revisions are made to the attached.

1. Japan believes that it is of utmost importance that under the PPCR the regional programs pursue the same objectives as other programs for each country, and thus, welcomes description of the paragraph 4 of the draft. In this respect, it is emphasized that the balance between regional cooperation and differing circumstances of countries is crucial in all phases. It is appropriate, in some cases, to differentiate the extent of assistance reflecting each country's economic development in the case of CCRIF.
2. It is expected that this regional approach will optimize the efficient use of the PPCR resource within the region, taking into account and building on existing resources and activities in the country level as well as in the regional level. In this connection, we should develop a "regional map" of the existing projects/programs to support adaptation actions by countries in the region and monitor their progress. It will be very helpful to avoid duplication and to enhance coordination with existing assistance provided by other development and/or environmental partners, including, among others, bilateral agencies and the GEF. To maximize its effectiveness, PPCR should leverage efforts by all actors working in the field.
3. Emphasis should be put to establishing the knowledge network for adaptation. Japan expects that PPCR regional pilot programs promote the synergy between all institutions and better access to knowledge for adaptation.
4. As PPCR is an attempt of piloting integration of climate actions to national development strategies, the experience and lessons learnt through PPCR should be openly shared to all stakeholders.