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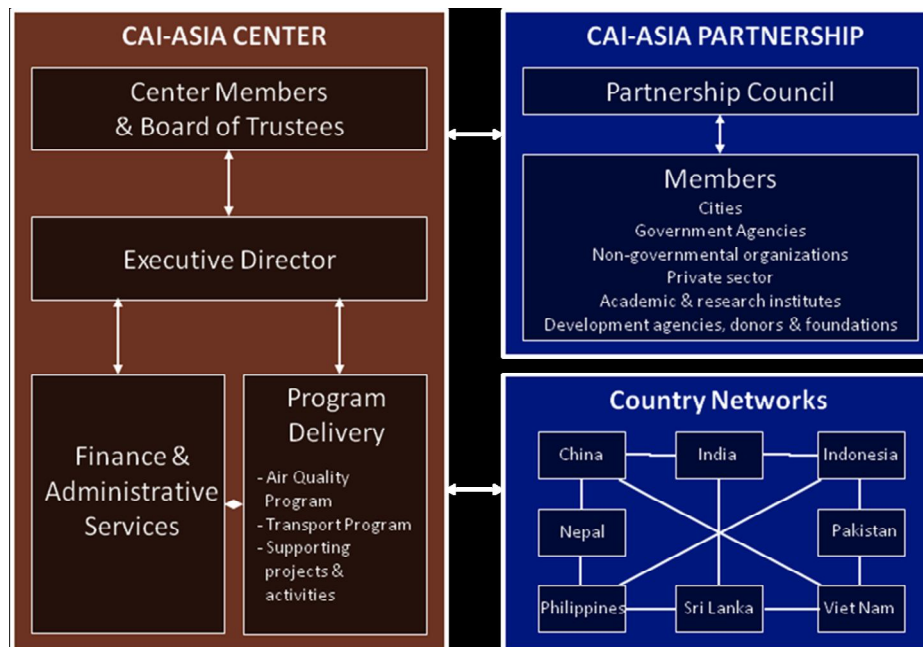
LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	-	Asian Development Bank
AQM	-	Air Quality Management
BAQ	-	Better Air Quality
BoT	-	Board of Trustees
CAI-Asia	-	Clean Air Initiative for Asian Cities
CAI-LAC	-	Clean Air Initiative Latin American Cities
CAI-SSA	-	Clean Air Initiative Sub-Saharan Africa
CitiesACT	-	Cities Air quality, Climate change, Transport Portal
CNR Italy	-	National Research Council
NGOs	-	Non-governmental organizations
SUT	-	Sustainable Urban Transport
TBD	-	To Be Determined
US AEP	-	United States-Asia Environmental Partnership
USAID	-	United States Agency for International Development
USD	-	United States Dollar
WB	-	World Bank

1. INTRODUCTION

The Clean Air Initiative for Asian Cities (CAI-Asia) was established in 2001 as a joint initiative by the Asian Development Bank, World Bank, and the United States – Asia Environmental Partnership (a project of USAID). It is part of a global Clean Air Initiative, which also includes sister initiatives for Latin American Cities (CAI-LAC) and in Sub-Saharan Africa (CAI-SSA). Since 2007, this multi-stakeholder initiative is divided into

- The CAI-Asia Center, a regional, Philippines-based non-profit organization as the implementing arm of CAI-Asia and acts as the secretariat to the CAI-Asia Partnership. It is governed by its Articles of Incorporation and By-laws approved by its Board of Trustees (BoT).¹
- The CAI-Asia Partnership, a United Nations Type II partnership, with over 120 member organizations.
- CAI-Asia Country Networks in China, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Viet Nam.



CAI-Asia Structure as per 1 January 2009

CAI-Asia's **mission** is to promote and demonstrate innovative ways to improve the air quality of Asian cities through partnerships and sharing experiences. The CAI-Asia Center advocates policy development and implementation at the regional, national and local levels to improve air quality in Asian cities. Policies relate to air quality management, sustainable transport, climate change mitigation and energy management.

¹ See http://www.cleanairnet.org/caiasia/1412/articles-71258_incorp.pdf for the Articles of Incorporation and http://www.cleanairnet.org/caiasia/1412/articles-71258_bylaws.pdf for the By-laws of the CAI-Asia Center.

Country Networks share CAI-Asia's common vision of better air quality for Asia, and their role is to advocate policy development and implementation at the national and local levels to improve air quality in cities in their respective countries. They are part of the CAI-Asia Partnership and are organized as registered associations or non-stock, non-profit entities. Some are informal networks. Country Networks exist in China, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Viet Nam.

This document is the Work Plan of the CAI-Asia Country Network in Nepal and covers the period January to December 2009. This document needs to be read in conjunction with the CAI-Asia Strategy 2009-2012 and the CAI-Asia Center Business Plan 2009-2010.

The Work Plan presents activities for 2009 (chapter 2).

2. ACTIVITIES FOR 2009

The basis for the Country Network in Nepal's activities is the integrated AQM model described in detail in the CAI-Asia Strategy 2010-2012. Similarly, activities in Nepal are within the scope and priorities of CAI-Asia as described in the same strategy document. Project activities for Nepal will be part of and in support of the CAI-Asia Center's two flagship programs: the Air Quality Program and the Transport Program.

The objective in 2009 would be to

- Strengthen a Country Network of air quality stakeholders (with links to climate change, energy, and transport), building on existing networks.
- Develop project proposals, with strong support from the CAI-Asia Center, and participate in CAI-Asia activities under and in support of the Air Quality Program and Transport Program.
- Strengthen further collaboration between Nepal Country Network and CAI-Asia Center.

Proposed activities for each of these objectives are provided in the table below. In addition, the Coordinator will prepare brief Quarterly Reports on progress and planned activities.

Activities	Dates	Partners	Remarks
1. Strengthen country network in Nepal			
Communication: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep track of air quality and related activities by stakeholders in Nepal • Establish an Nepal listserv/e-group on air quality management and sustainable urban transport (SUT) matters • Maintain the country page on the CAI-Asia website (www.cleanairnet.org/caiasia) • Prepare monthly air newsletter posted on the Nepal and CAI-Asia listserv • Develop promotional materials, such as a brochure, fact sheets, and publish articles • Populate country and city sections in the CitiesACT portal 			
Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in relevant local and national meetings • Meet with stakeholders within the Nepal AQM and SUT community • Participate in annual Country Network Summits • Participate in BAQ 2010 (probably in China) • Identify and meet with potential donors (embassies, private sector, foundations, development organizations) 		CAI-Asia Center	Travel and accommodation costs for attending BAQ and Country Network Summits are shouldered by the CAI-Asia Center

2. Develop project proposals and contribute to CAI-Asia projects			
Training course on AQM and climate change for local government officials			
Discussions (e.g. via email, discussion forums, webinars) on Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST) and experiences and lessons learned Webinar or other online discussion forum with selected experts and Nepali/Kathmandu government representatives and relevant stakeholders to discuss (a) the process of developing an EST Strategy and (b) which experts/stakeholder should be involved in drafting this	Later half of 2009 to 2010	CAI-Asia Center, UNCRD	This is an activity under the KnowledgeAir project of CAI-Asia Center supported by ADB
Collect data on energy and transport indicators required to come up with GHG and air pollution emissions estimates in Nepal	TBD	CAI-Asia Center	Project is pending approval by the World Bank
Provide information on ambient air quality standards and monitoring data and process of setting up air quality standards	May to June 2009	CAI-Asia Center	The information will form part of a CAI-Asia report on air quality standards and compliance in Asia
Others as required		TBD	The CAI-Asia Center will include Nepal in leads for new projects
3. Strengthen further collaboration between Nepal Country Network and the CAI-Asia Center			
Develop project proposals for areas of common interest as agreed			
Prepare Quarterly Reports on progress and planned activities based on CAI-Asia Center's template	Quarterly		

