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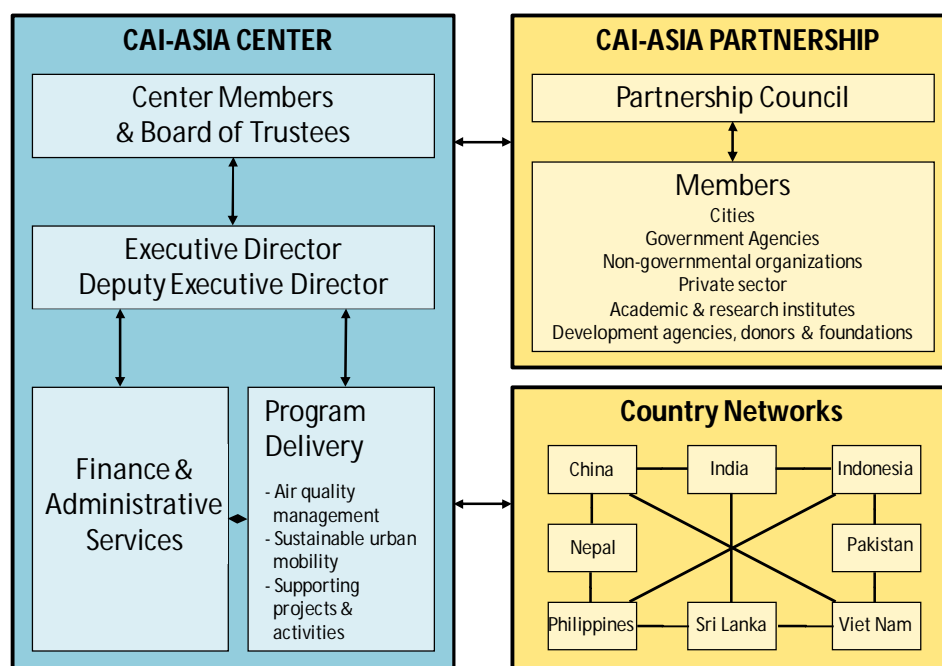
LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AQM	-	Air Quality Management
AQMA	-	Air Quality Management in Asia
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
CEMDI	-	Center for Environmental Monitoring Data and Information
DONRE	-	Department of Natural Resources and Environment
HCM	-	Ho Chi Minh
FK	-	Fredskorpset
ISPONRE	-	Institute for Strategy and Policy of Natural Resources and Environment
IUCN	-	International Union for Conservation of Nature
MONRE	-	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment
SUMA	-	Sustainable Urban Mobility in Asia
SVCAP	-	Swiss-Vietnamese Clean Air Program
TBD	-	To Be Determined
USAID	-	United States Agency for International Development
USD	-	United States Dollar
VACNE	-	Vietnam Association for Conservation of Nature and Environment
VCAP	-	Vietnam Clean Air Partnership

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 (2009), 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, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Viet Nam.

This document is the Work Plan of the CAI-Asia Country Network in Vietnam 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) and staffing and funding (chapter 3).

2. ACTIVITIES FOR 2009

The basis for the Vietnam Country Network activities is the integrated AQM model described in detail in the CAI-Asia Strategy 2010-2012. Similarly, activities in Vietnam are within the scope and priorities of CAI-Asia as described in the same strategy document. Project activities for Vietnam will be part of and in support of the CAI-Asia Center's two flagship programs: the Air Quality Management in Asia (AQMA) program and the Sustainable Urban Mobility in Asia (SUMA) program.

The objective in 2009 would be to:

- Strengthen the Vietnam Country Network and the network of air quality stakeholders (with links to climate change, energy, and transport), building on existing networks.
- Promoting knowledge management, capacity building, and policy dialogue in air quality management and climate change.
- Develop project proposals, with support from the CAI-Asia Center, relevant units in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Vietnam, international organizations in Vietnam, and from the AQMA and SUMA programs.
- Strengthen further collaboration between the Vietnam Country Network and CAI-Asia Center.

Proposed activities for each of these objectives are provided in the tables below. In addition, the Coordinator will prepare brief 5-page Quarterly Reports on progress and planned activities.

1 **Organizational Development**

The key activities to be undertaken in 2009 are:

Activities	When	Comments
Continuing VCAP office activities (e.g., organizational, administrative, communication)	2009	
Organizing VCAP and Executive Board annual meeting; Standing Committee meetings as needed	2009	
Maintaining activities of 2 focal points in the Middle and the South Vietnam	2009	
Enhancing VCAP membership aiming especially at the private sector	2009	
Maintaining and promoting the existing good relationship with CAI-Asia Center	2009	
Engaging a VCAP Coordinator on a part-time basis who will work closely with SVCAP staff and the Fredskorpset Exchange Participant to be posted in Vietnam for 10 months	2009	

2 Knowledge Management

The key activities to be undertaken in 2009 are:

Activities	When	Comments
Update the Vietnam country page for CAI-Asia website and contribute to the CitiesACT portal, the "first point of entry" for data and information on Air quality, Climate change and energy, and Transport	Monthly	In cooperation with CAI-Asia Center
Publish VCAP Newsletter "Clean Air Vietnam"	Two-monthly	With partial support from Swisscontact and CAI-Asia Center
Publish VCAP E-newsletter on air quality, transport, and energy	Two-weekly	Through CAI-Asia Listserv
Upload news on the Vietnam Association for Conservation of Nature and Environment's (VACNE) website for wider distribution of information	Monthly	In cooperation with VACNE
Provide VCAP members and stakeholders with VCAP newsletters	According to the date of publishing or uploading the newsletters	Through CAI-Asia Listserv and by emailing to addresses of VCAP members and stakeholders
Prepare and print some training and propaganda materials on air quality and climate change	TBD	In cooperation with Fredskorpset Project on exchanging interns financed by Norway
Conduct 3 meetings in Hanoi, Hue, and HCM City with VCAP members in the North, Middle, and the South of Vietnam to outreach the results of BAQ 2008, introduce CAI-Asia and discuss possibilities for cooperation	TBD	In cooperation with CAI-Asia Center
Elaborate a proposal and seeking financial support for a workshop on "Clean Air and Climate Change"	End of 2009	In cooperation with the Institute of Strategy and Policy for Natural Resources and Environment (ISPONRE), MONRE

Conduct a training course for environmental propagandists	TBD	In cooperation with VACNE and voluntary groups
Support Hanoi in developing an awareness raising program on air pollution and climate change	2009	In cooperation with Hanoi DONRE
Elaborate a proposal and seeking financial support for 2 training courses on air quality and climate change in Hue (for community) and in HCM City (for journalists)	2009	Seeking financial support from IUCN or other donors
Encourage and facilitate VCAP members to participate in workshops or training courses inside and outside the country	2009	

3 Capacity Building

The key activities to be undertaken in 2009 are:

Activities	When	Comments
Updating a directory of VCAP members and partners	2009	
Enhance cooperation and relationship with institutions inside and outside the country	2009	
Seeking a capacity building project to support the operation of VCAP office	2009	CAI-Asia Center, the AQMA and SUMA programs

4 Policy Dialogue and Networking

The key activities to be undertaken in 2009 are:

Activities	When	Comments
Participating in the elaboration of the project on development of the Vietnam Clean Air Act	According to ISPONRE plan	In cooperation with ISPONRE, CAI-Asia Center and Fredskorpset exchange participant
Participating in the development of the National Strategy on AQM	According to ISPONRE plan	In cooperation with ISPONRE, CAI-Asia Center and Fredskorpset exchange participant
Participating in the project on indication of environmental	According to	In cooperation with

Activities	When	Comments
protection fee to gas emissions	ISPONRE plan	ISPONRE
Organize separate dialogues with private sector associations, development agencies, and government agencies		

5 *Implementation and Investments*

The key activities to be undertaken in 2009 are:

Activities	When	Comments
Elaborate and submit to the Vietnam Environment Protection Administration (VEPA) a task proposal on environmental monitoring or information and implement it if it's approved	2009	In cooperation with the Center for Environmental Monitoring, Data, and Information (CEMDI)
Participating actively in CAI-Asia activities	2009	
Implementing well assigned activities of the Fredskorpset (FK) project financed by Norway on (1) Interns Exchanging Program among CAI-Asia Local Networks (including the Philippines, Hong Kong, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam) and (2) Asian Sub-Regional Network (Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, and Vietnam), namely:	2008-2009	Financed by FK
- Cooperating closely with Hong Kong University of Technology in setting up a ten-month working program in Hong Kong for a Vietnamese intern	2008-2009	
- Cooperating with the Swiss-Vietnamese Clean Air Project (SVCAP) to facilitate and support the Philippines intern working in Vietnam (for 10 months) focusing on activities of community awareness raising and clean air legal documents development	2008-2009	
- Cooperating closely with member organizations of the Vietnam Network (under the Asian Sub-Regional Network) to organize an international workshop on Reducing and Controlling Air pollution.	November 2009	

