CCOP activities related to UNFC (2018/19)

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**WHAT IS CCOP?**

**CCOP:** Coordinating Committee for Geoscience Programmes in East & Southeast Asia

**VISION**

A Premier Intergovernmental Earth Science organization in E & SE Asia

**MISSION**

To contribute significantly to the economic development and sustainable management of the environment and improvement of the quality of life of its MCs by the application of Earth science knowledge.
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CCOP

1966: Committee for Coordination of Joint Prospecting for Mineral Resources in the Asian Offshore Areas.

• 15 Member Countries
• 14 Cooperating Countries
• 16 Cooperating Organizations

1966

1987

CCOP established under UN ECAFE

To promote & coordinate the planning & implementation of joint prospecting programmes & research in offshore area

CCOP became Intergovernmental Organization – 12 member countries
(UN funding continued)

CCOP became full Intergovernmental Organization (IGO)

1991

Present

2016
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As of 2 Nov 2018
Mongolia’s joined CCOP

Member Countries (MC)
1. Australia
2. Belgium
3. Canada
4. Denmark
5. France
6. Germany
7. The Netherlands
8. Norway
9. Poland
10. Russian
11. Sweden
12. Switzerland
13. United Kingdom
14. U.S.A.
15. Vietnam

Cooperating Countries (CC)
1. Cambodia
2. China
3. Indonesia
4. Japan
5. Republic of Korea
6. Lao PDR
7. Malaysia
8. Mongolia
9. Myanmar
10. Papua New Guinea
11. The Philippines
12. Singapore
13. Thailand
14. Timor-Leste

Cooperating Organizations (CO)
1. ASCOPE
2. CIFEG
3. CPC
4. EUROGEOSURVEYS
5. GETECH
6. IOC
7. IOMAC
8. IUGS
9. PETRAD
10. SOPAC
11. UKM
12. UN-ESCAP
13. UNESCO
14. THE WORLD BANK
15. YES Network

ORGANIZATION
CCOP-KIGAM-UNECE-PETRAD Workshop on Application of the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources (UNFC): 30 October 2018, Haeundae Grand Hotel, Busan, Republic of Korea
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- Dr Synn Joong-Ho, former President, KIGAM gave Congratulations and Opening Remarks.
- A Welcome Address to the Workshop was given by Mr. Scott Foster, Director, Sustainable Energy Division in the form of video.
- Mr Per Blystad and Mr Sigurd Heiberg, PETRAD International Programme for Petroleum Management and Administration, were the resource persons.
A total of 50 participants from CCOP Member Countries (Cambodia, Lao PDR, the Philippines, Thailand), Uzbekistan, with the majority came from Korea; and one participant from IUGS.

Korean participants expressed their interest in using UNFC for resource classification in the country.

(Jong Moon Jay Choi, Institute of Management Accountants, Republic of Korea also supported and joined the workshop.)
Workshop on Mineral Exploration and Mineral Resources Evaluation
11-14 March 2019 Crowne Plaza Hotel, Vientiane, Lao PDR
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- CCOP cooperated with the Department of Geology and Minerals (DGM), the Ministry of Energy and Mine (MEM), Lao PDR, organized this workshop.
- Mr. Chansone Senbouttalath, Vice Minister of Energy and Mine (MEM), Lao PDR, delivered a Welcoming Address.
- Dr Adichat Surinkum, Director CCOP TS (at that time) delivered the Opening Speech.
- Dhiti Tulyatid and Dr Adichat Surinkum were resource persons for UNFC Resource Classification & Case studies from Thailand.
Participants expressed their interest in using UNFC for their mineral resource classification. Mr Shaun Versace, Principal Resource Geologist of PanAust, expressed his interest in using the UNFC system (compared to JORC system) to evaluate the mineral deposits they are working on.

Participants also expressed their support for the establishment of:

- a body to represent the resource evaluation and classification in East and Southeast Asia Region; &
- a regional “pool” of “Competent Persons” (CP) for the resource classification of the region without having to import CP from other system & regions of the world.
SUMMARY

• Member countries and related agencies are interested in applying the UNFC to their reserves and resources.

• They would also like to
  • Establish a body to represent the resource evaluation and classification of the East and Southeast Asia Region
  • Set up a regional “pool” of “Competent Persons” (CP) for the resource classification of the region
WAY FORWARD

- E&SE Asia shares similar situation & scenario as countries in SE Europe & Central Asia (Rob Smith, 2019: “Strengths & challenges in energy and mineral resource information in SE Europe and Central Asia”)
  - “International organizations must assist countries by developing: training materials & programmes; workshops; and sharing of expertise”
- However, “information” is always treated as “confidential” and many countries do not want to contribute the information during the workshop.
- Thus, international organizations should act as both “facilitator” and “intermediator” for the success of the application of the UNFC.
WAY FORWARD

What’s next:

• CCOP continues to emphasize its intention to support and facilitate related activities on the use of UNFC for resource classification for minerals, petroleum deposits, and other resources to support the UN Sustainable Development Goals in East and Southeast Asia region.
WAY FORWARD

What’s next:

Short-term plan:

• Working closely with UNECE, etc.
• Branding the UNFC in E & SE Asia.
  • Three Workshops (UNFC; Application on case studies; Summary & publication) to be held within one year.

Follow-up: Setting up a Centre for Resource Classification in the region.

Funding: Potential donors / supporters will be identified and approached.
WAY FORWARD

CCOP is based at the centre of East and Southeast Asia region. We are there to support the application of UNFC in our region.

Would you and your organization like to reach out to our region?

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Thank you

“Your comment is gold, your commitment is diamond!”