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Dear Dr. Konstantin A. Lutaenko,

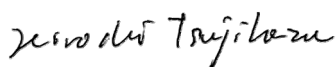
On behalf of the APN, I would like to thank you for your participation in the 20th IGM/SPG Meeting held in Kathmandu, Nepal during the week of 23 to 27 March 2015.

With your active participation and input, the meeting has successfully concluded with important outcomes to guide our work in the next fiscal year and the years to come as we enter the Fourth Strategic Phase.

The IGM approved the Fourth Strategic Plan, a framework for science, institutional and communication agenda for APN activities in the next five-year period. Along with it, the Third Strategic Phase Report was approved, which reviews the achievements of the APN between 2010 and 2015 in science and institutional development. The IGM also approved the budget and work programme for Fiscal Year 2015, and SPG/CDC recommendations on continuing/new activities under the ARCP and CAPaBLE programmes and the CAF Framework, as well as other in-house ongoing/new activities. Initiatives from Sub-Regional Committees continue to bring in momentum for member countries, with new topics and activities and will benefit member countries through close collaboration. We also heard interesting presentations from our outstanding project leaders and representatives from the global change community, where many interesting topics also arise from the discussions and are worth further exploring.

I look forward to working with you very closely towards another fruitful year of APN activities in your country and in the region.

Sincerely yours,



Hiroshi Tsujihara

Director,

APN Secretariat