

- promote inter-governmental and intersectoral communication for policy planning,
- develop environmentally sound approaches and technology transfer, particularly as nations in the region restructure their economies;
- emphasize particular areas such as waste minimization, energy conservation and pollution prevention;
- promote sound resource economics as an element of sustainable economic growth and responsible environmental management;
- analyze environmental issues and data, develop approaches to environmental regulations and standards informed by integrated management principles and economic mechanisms;
- improve capacity to study and understand environmental health effects and ability to integrate health studies and policies with environmental management approaches.

1.2.3. Education

- promote public environmental awareness and literacy;
- help integrate environmental issues into public education;
- stimulate and assist in the creation of environmental units within existing professional and other associations and organizations.

1.2.4. Clearinghouse

- serve as a clearinghouse for matching resources (e.g., assistance programs, donated equipment, exchange programs, fellowships) from a variety of sources, including local and national governments, international organizations, non-governmental groups, scientific institutes and laboratories, and monitoring stations.