Enabling Environmental Security (ES) through Social Networks

Connect / Integrate / Collaborate

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Background



















Projects, Conferences, and Studies over the past seven years have resulted in a mature body of knowledge and have helped establish partnerships.





Environmental Security: The Challenge

"The change wrought by a warming planet will lead to new conflicts over refugees and resources; new suffering from drought and famine; catastrophic natural disasters; and the degradation of land across the globe." - National Security Strategy 2010

Highest urban population worldwide



Urbanization/Slums

Identify initiatives in key areas of environmental security which might

term stability and the role

affect near, mid and long

of SOUTHCOM

90% of surface waters contaminated

Water Resources



33% of population is food insecure

Resource Scarcity

More people die yearly due to preventable **disease (4.8%)** than to violent crime (2.6%)

Highest

deforestation

rate

worldwide



Socio-Economic Inequality

Food Shortages

Flooding 2000-2007: 5,630 deaths 8.16M displaced **USD \$7.63B**

High-Impact Natural Disasters

Energy, Water, Food, Climate Change



Environmental Security: The Trend



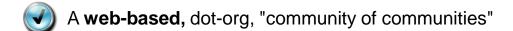
Security is affected by deficiencies (perceived or real) in water, health, energy, disasters and food (collectively "Environmental Factors"). These deficiencies are expressed in many ways (e.g. migration) and can be linked to a plethora of vulnerabilities (e.g., strength of institutions). These vulnerabilities are not independent of each other and may express themselves in different timeframes. Measuring the relationships remains challenging.





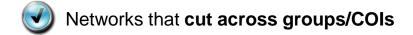
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Group-centric (issues or geography)



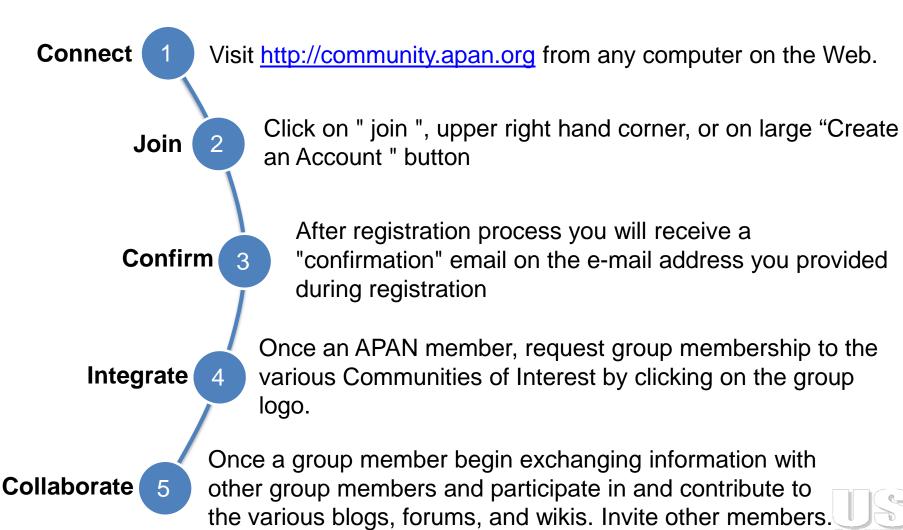


A web 2.0 service / platform



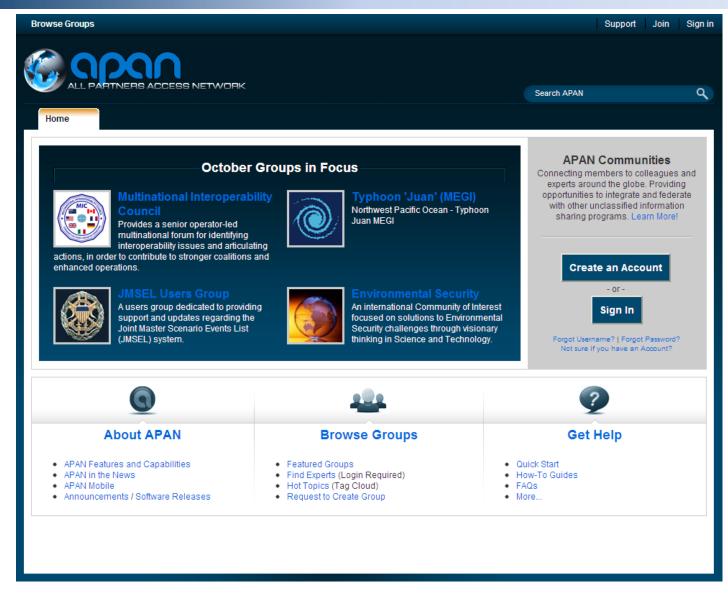


How to get Started?





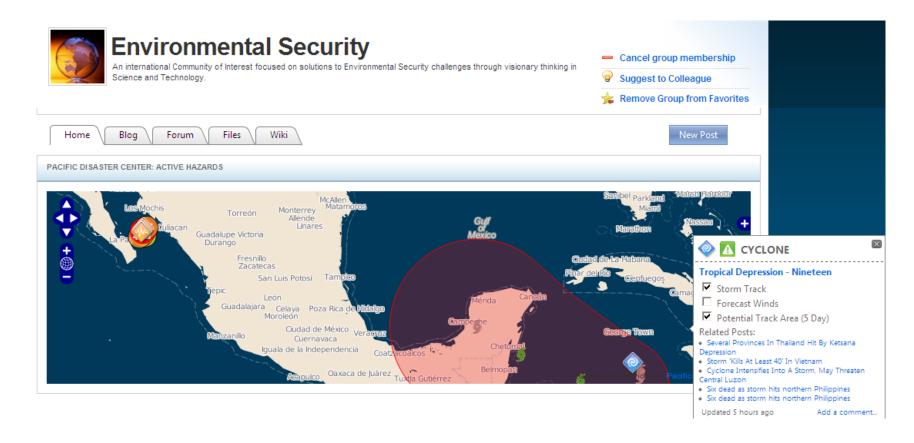
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