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Outline on the APFED Knowledge Initiative on *Database*

I. Background of the APFED database

(1) Objectives

The APFED Knowledge Initiative is intended to collect lessons and experiences from innovative policies and measures implemented for sustainable development in the region, extract the lessons learned, and share them with all stakeholders concerned.

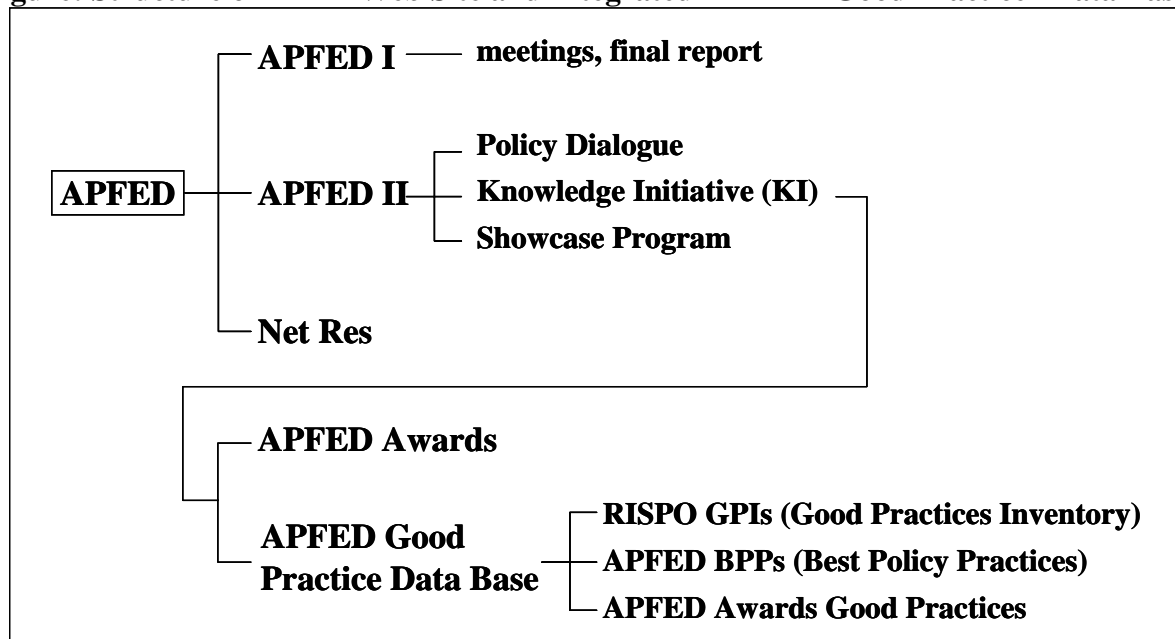
In order for this aim to be realized, the APFED database needs to be structured to continuously and systematically collect the latest good practices in the consistent manner.

For this purpose, the APFED Secretariat is in the process of integrating BPPs, RISPO, the Ryutaro Hashimoto APFED Awards into one newly formatted integrated APFED Good Practice Database in the comprehensive APFED site of IGES.

(2) APFED Web Site.

Overall structure of the APFED website is as below;

Figure: Structure of APFD Web Site and Integrated “APFED Good Practice” Data Base



II. The Structure of the Database

In the Web-site, three types of the data, namely BPPs and RISPO, and APFED Awards Good Practices will be integrated into APFED Database format.

The RISPO data will be integrated in the Database with additional information according to the new format.

Figure: Image of Data Integration

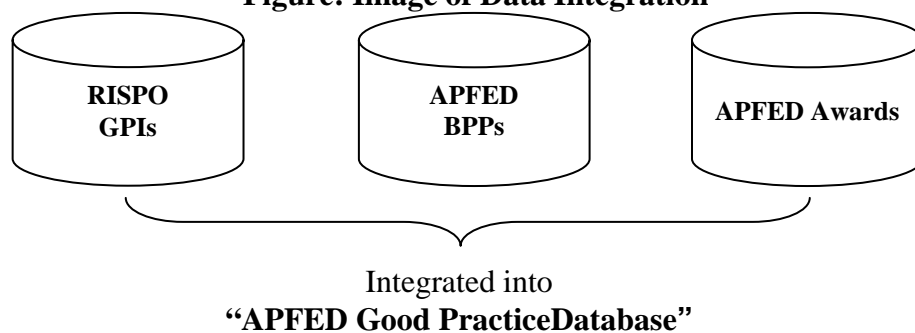


Table: Overview of the Existing Data Bases

	RISPO	APFED BPPs	APFED Awards Good Practices
Outline	Designed to be provided as a searchable database for policy-makers and other stakeholders to assist their informed decision-making	A collection and analysis of best policy practices related to sustainable development considered useful by APFED members	This new international environment award aims to honour not only the winners but also to present and share the lessons learned and knowledge gained for sustainable development in the region.
The number of data	160	160	21
Data collection Methods	The data was originally collected by IGES researchers and the partner organisations.	Those data was collected in collaboration with the APFED members.	The APFED Secretariat called for applications using various media of communication. A call for application was published on the websites of APFED, IGES, APN, Japanese Ministry of the Environment, and other international organisations.
Update plan	To be done by IGES and Mitsubishi Research Institute, Inc.	No plan at this moment	No plan at this moment
Issues to be considered for integration	Response ratio for update requests	Possible future update	Follow-up to awarded projects as well as short listed ones.

III. Criteria for inclusion of projects, case studies in the Data Base

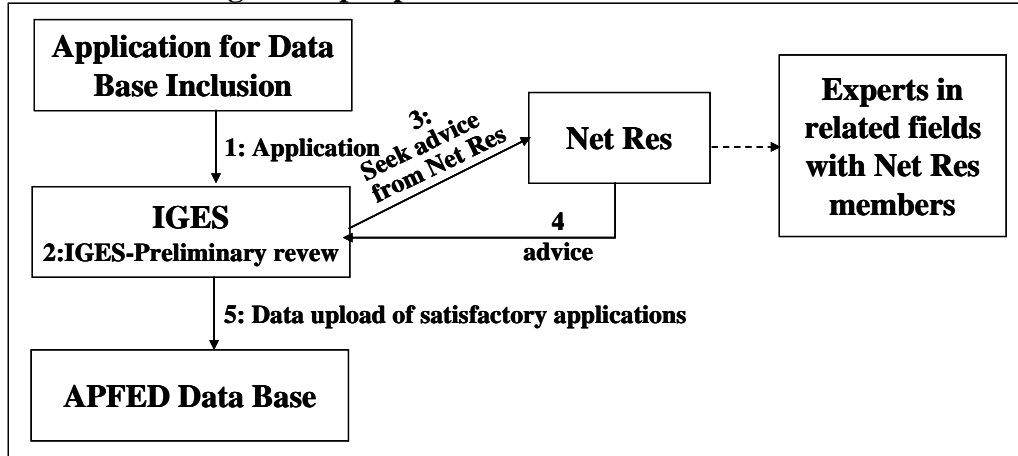
Please refer to the criteria used for the APFED Awards.

IV. Proposed Discussion Points

(1) Procedure for inclusion into APFED Database and NetRes involvement

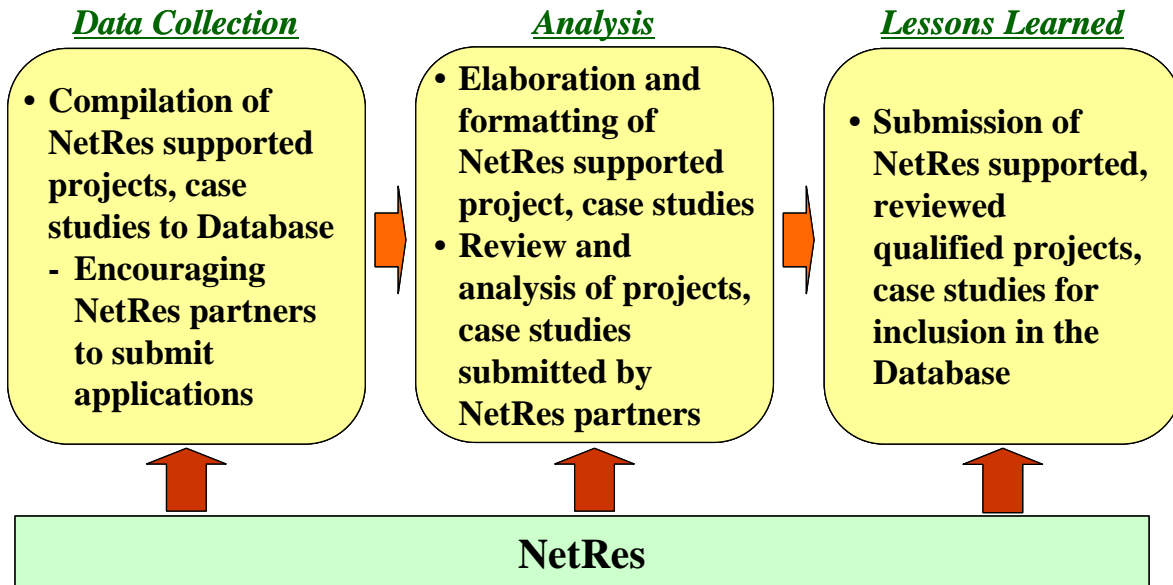
Procedure for inclusion into APFED Database and NetRes involvement are showed as below.

Figure: Input process for APFED GP Data Base



(2) Expected inputs from NetRes for providing information for BPPs, RISPO, APFED Awards.

Figure: Expected Contribution by NetRes



V. Suggestions

To be discussed at the workshop for further collaboration with NetRes.

- The role of NetRes in supporting the submission of projects and case studies both for inclusion in the Database of those under taken by NetRes as well as those by NetRes partners.
- Criteria for inclusion in the Database.
- Analysis on the Database users and their objectives, and the modalities for tailoring the Database to better meet the needs of current/potential Database users.