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In October 2009, Asia-Pacific Safeguards Network (APSN) was founded to improve the quality, effectiveness and efficiency of safeguards implementation and promote regional cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region. As of 2018, APSN is composed of 16 member countries including 4 Steering Committee members (Australia, Japan, Republic of Korea, and Indonesia).

Five working groups constitute the APSN. WG1 coordinates APSN programs and activities in the areas of: infrastructure; implementation and R&D collaboration. WG2 supports members with safeguards capacity building by identifying their needs and exchanging information about supportive activities. WG3 ensures whether the APSN web-site satisfies members'needs, examines other IT issues relevant to APSN operations and develops communication plans for raising APSN's profile. WG4 provides member states with references to a wide array of consolidated elements and provisions contained in the global framework for nuclear safeguards to develop a more comprehensive national legislation on nuclear safeguards. WG5 discusses matters on physical protection to strengthen the national safeguards system.

Regional networks of safeguards ?authorities sharing regulatory experiences are valuable both for supporting capacity building and for maintaining international confidence in how member states meet nonproliferation commitments. APSN is one such model for a regional network, but there are other examples - most focussing more on safety and security. From 30 October to 2 November 2017, the 8th Annual Meeting of APSN was held in Busan and APSN tried to maintain a partnership with ASEANTOM for strengthening non-proliferation regime in the Southeast Asia region. In addition, APSN and ESARDA signed a MOU in 2015 and have been discussing specific education and training cooperation. Expanding the concept of regional cooperation, this paper proposes a network of networks panel to bring together representative from different regional networks. The panel would compare experiences with cultivating collaboration on capacity building and explore how the work of regional networks could be enhanced further.

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