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An overview of UNEP ABC project

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UNEP has commissioned Project Atmospheric Brown Cloud (ABC) in Asia in 2002 in collaboration with a group of scientists from within and outside Asia with three major programs: 1) Observatory program, 2) Impact assessment program, and 3) Awareness and mitigation program. The project successfully completed its Phase I (2002-2008) and the science team meeting in December 2007 decided to move to Phase II (2009-2013) with endeavoring long-term monitoring of ABC, expansion to other regional hotspots, comprehensive and scientific impact assessment studies, dissemination of findings and initiation of policy level dialogues. I like to overview the result of Phase I and the 4-year Phase II plan with three sub-programs of ABC- Asia, Africa, and Latin America and Caribbean.

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