

**UNITED NATIONS
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC**

Third Meeting of Science and Policy Committee
North-East Asia Clean Air Partnership

30 April 2021
Virtual meeting

Annotated Provisional Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

Opening and welcoming remarks will be delivered by the Head of the ESCAP East and North-East Asia Office, followed by the introduction of participating SPC members.

2. Election of officers

A chair and a vice-chair will be elected. The Rules of the Procedure for the NEACAP Science and Policy Committee stipulates to elect a chair and vice-chair at the commencement of each meeting, who will hold office until the next regular meeting and be eligible for reelection.

3. Adoption of agenda

The provisional agenda will be considered and adopted by the meeting, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

4. NEACAP plan of category I activities on policy and technology cooperation

The 24th Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-24) of NEASPEC adopted the NEACAP Work Plan 2021-2025 as recommended by the 2nd meeting of SPC, and requested the timely implementation of the Work Plan. The Work Plan identifies “policy and technology cooperation” as the priority area, Category I, and suggests five indicative activities comprising (a) proposing potential technical and policy measures; (b) organizing policy dialogue; (c) conducting policy analysis; (d) supporting voluntary collaboration on the Best Available Techniques; and (e) supporting technology forum. Thus, the meeting is expected to discuss the overall approach to the implementation of the activities and formulate the plan for activities in 2021-2022.

The discussion on the activities will be based on a secretariat paper to be circulated four weeks prior to the meeting, and proposals from the SPC members shared with other members during and before the meeting. SPC members are also encouraged to circulate their ideas and proposals to other members prior to the meeting via the Secretariat. Technical centers are encouraged to propose activities to be led and/or implemented by the respective center.

5. NEACAP plan of category II activities on scientific approaches to policy making

SOM-24 requested the SPC: a) conduct mid-term review of the NEACAP workplan in 2022 with a view of making necessary adjustments; and b) discuss the priority areas of category II on scientific approaches to policy making and submit its recommendation to the SOM before the mid-term review in 2022. Thus, the SPC needs to develop its recommendation for the submission to the SOM-25 to be held in late 2021.

The Work Plan recognizes the need for scientific and collaborative preparation as well as development of expert capacity to initiate the category II activities. The Work Plan also identifies methodological research on (i) Emission Inventory, and (ii) Policy Scenario and Integrated Assessment Modelling in individual member States as potential priority area.

In this regard, SPC members could exchange views on an overall plan for carrying out methodological research and capacity building, identify the needs and interests of individual member countries, review relevant work by other mechanisms and institutions, and formulate recommendations. SPC members are encouraged to share their ideas and proposals on this agenda item prior to the meeting via the Secretariat.

6. Date and provisional agenda of the next regular SPC meeting or ad hoc meeting

The SPC members will discuss the tentative date and provisional agenda of the next regular meeting, which is held annually. SPC members could also consider holding ad hoc meeting if further discussions are required during the inter-sessional period.

7. Other issues

The SPC members may raise any other issues not covered under the items mentioned above. Other participants may share their views and information relevant to the meeting and NEACAP.

8. Adoption of the meeting report

Due to the limited time of the virtual meeting, the meeting report will be prepared after the meeting and circulated to the SPC members for initial feedback and adoption. Thus, the Chair, under this agenda item, may highlight key points of conclusion and recommendation to have the common understanding of the SPC members.

9. Closing of the Meeting

Closing statements will be delivered by the Chair and the secretariat.

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