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Conclusion of the First Meeting of NEACAP Science and Policy Committee and Technical Centers

1. The first meeting of the NEACAP Science and Policy Committee (SPC-1) was held on 5 July 2019 following the Roundtable on the Future of NEACAP on 4 July and discussed the core programme of NEACAP based on the Discussion Paper of the Meeting (NEACAP/SPC/1). The Discussion Paper presented the following areas as the core programmes.
 - Common information basis: Emission Inventory
 - Consensual knowledge through interdisciplinary studies and open platform: Scientific Assessment Report
 - Policy goals and measures: Integrated Assessment Modeling
 - Policy experiences and technology information: Policy Dialogue
2. SPC-1 came to a consensus on the need to develop the NEACAP Emission Inventory and, in this regard, agreed to establish the Working Group on Emission Inventory (WGEI) for the development of the draft framework and relevant methodology of the emission inventory to be submitted to the next SPC meeting for its consideration. SPC-1 also recommended to involve experts of relevant emission inventories in North-East Asia for the development of the framework and invite resource persons from outside the region.
3. SPC-1 noted the need for a scientific assessment report as a means to promote consensual knowledge among diverse stakeholders. The SPC-1 recommended an incremental approach to compile the scientific assessment reports, and the first report focuses on the state of the air pollution taking stock of existing national reports and studies rather than covering wide scopes of issues including assessments of air pollution impact and policy effectiveness. SPC-1 recommended the Secretariat to engage experts to develop the draft and involve SPC members and other stakeholders in the process of the first report.

4. SPC-1 agreed NEACAP to initiate the work on integrated assessment modeling (IAM) with the approach of multiple models to enhance the credibility of outcomes as a reference for policy and technical cooperation, and to establish the Working Group on IAM (WGIAM) to prepare its detailed workplan.
5. SPC-1 recommended to further explore the approaches and modalities of policy dialogue under NEACAP taking account of collaboration with the relevant platforms/ opportunities including Tripartite Policy Dialogue on Air Pollution (TPDAP), Clean Air Asia (CAA), Asia Pacific Clean Air Partnership (APCAP) and Better Air Quality (BAQ). SPC-1 also recommended NEACAP to utilize outcomes of the scientific assessment report and IAM.
6. Concerning the institutional arrangement, SPC-1 requested the Secretariat to develop draft Terms of References (TOR) for SPC, Working Groups and Technical Centers, respectively, to define the roles and responsibilities. The TOR would include the following points.
 - (a) SPC: Each session of the meeting will elect the chair on a rotational basis for the moderation of the respective meeting. The chair would serve the position until the next session of SPC. If the SPC member could not attend the session, the member could nominate his or her alternate who will exercise the same level of the rights and duties of the SPC members.
 - (b) Working Groups: The composition and operation of the WGs would take a flexible and practical approach without limiting the number of members from each country. The nomination of WG members will base on the relevant expertise of the expert/ institute. The nomination will be made by SPC members in accordance with required procedures in his or her government.
 - (c) Technical Centers: The specific role of each technical center will be reviewed and decided upon the development of detailed workplan of NEACAP in accordance with the interest and capacity of the technical centers.
7. SPC-1 recommended the Secretariat to circulate the TOR of SPC, WG and TC at earliest convenience for its review and endorsement and circulate the nomination form of the WG members together with the endorsed TOR. The SPC-1 requested the Secretariat to organize meetings of two WGs by first quarter of 2020 for the planning of each programme well in advance the next SPC meeting.
8. SPC-1 requested the Secretariat to present a detailed draft workplan 2020-2022 including budget plan to the next SPC meeting based on the frameworks developed in each programme area.