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Twenty-second Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-22) of NEASPEC

25-26 October 2018

Beijing, China

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 and the Head of delegation of the Host Government, respectively.

2. Election of officers

A chairperson, a vice-chairperson and a rapporteur will be elected.

3. Adoption of agenda

The provisional agenda, drawn up by the Secretariat, in accordance with the established practices of the previous sessions and in consultation with the host Government, will be adopted.

4. Statements by delegations of member States, UN and international organizations on issues related to sustainable development in North-East Asia

The heads of national delegations and representatives of UN and international organizations will be invited to deliver their statements on policies, initiatives and proposals in relation to sustainable development in North-East Asia.

5. Review of programme planning and implementation

Documents for the following agenda items will be submitted to member States for the review of progress in developing and implementing activities of NEASPEC and decisions on follow-up actions:

- a) Transboundary Air Pollution: to review and adopt the Terms of Reference for the North-East Asia Clean Air Partnership (NEACAP).

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- b) Nature Conservation in Transboundary Areas: to discuss new projects on the conservation of Amur tigers and leopards, and key migratory birds, particularly in transboundary areas.
 - c) Marine Protected Areas: to review the progress in the operation of NEAMPAN and a project on “Strengthening the subregional cooperation through knowledge sharing on sustainable management of MPAs”.
 - d) Low Carbon Cities: to review the first peer review conducted for Wuhan City, China and plans of the second peer view for Guangzhou City, Chia and the comparative study of national policies and practices under the North-East Asia Low Carbon City Platform.
 - e) Desertification and Land Degradation (DLD): to discuss new areas of activities on DLD.

6. External Evaluation of NEASPEC

The SOM will review the plan for the external evaluation of NEASPEC to be conducted in the first quarter of 2019 in connection with the preparation of the NEASPEC Strategic Plan 2021-2025. The evaluation is expected to further strengthen the Programme in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Agenda.

7. Review of the Core Fund

The SOM will review the status of the Core Fund. Member States are invited to announce intended cash and in-kind contributions for 2018-2019.

8. Venue, date and provisional agenda of the Twenty-Third SOM (SOM-23)

The SOM will invite member States to express interest in hosting the next SOM.

9. Other issues

The SOM may raise any other issues not covered under the items mentioned above.

10. Adoption of the conclusions and recommendations of the Meeting

The Report of the Meeting consists of two major parts, i.e. (i) the conclusions and recommendations, and (ii) the proceedings of the SOM. The first part of the Report will be adopted by the SOM, and the second part will be prepared by the Secretariat after the Meeting and will be circulated to member States for review and approval.

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