

Twenty-third Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) of NEASPEC

9-10 October 2019

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ulaanbaatar

Provisional Programme

Day 1: Wednesday, 9 October 2019

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 09:20 **1. Opening Session**

- Opening remarks by *Mr. Ganbold Baasanjav, Head of UNESCAP East and North-East Asia Office*
- Welcoming remarks by the host government

09:20 – 09:30 **2. & 3. Election of officers, and Adoption of agenda**

09:30 – 10:45 **4. Issues related to sustainable development in North-East Asia**

Statements by delegations of the member States, UN and international organizations

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 13:00 **5. Review of program planning and implementation**

- a) Transboundary Air Pollution
- b) Nature Conservation in Transboundary Areas
- c) Marine Protected Areas
- d) Low Carbon Cities
- e) Desertification and Land Degradation

Short presentations to be made by the Secretariat and partner institutions for each programme area, followed by interventions from delegations of member States

13:00 – 14:30 **Lunch**

14:30 – 16:30 **5. Review of program planning and implementation (Cont'd)**

16:30 – 16:45 Coffee Break

16:45 – 18:00 **5. Review of program planning and implementation (Cont'd)**

18:30 – 20:00 **Welcoming Banquet**

Day 2: Thursday, 10 October 2019

09:00 – 10:00	6. Consideration of new NEASPEC programmes and activities <i>Member States, the Secretariat and international organizations present proposals for new activities to be conducted under NEASPEC. Each proposal will be introduced with a power point presentation followed by discussion (proposals circulated at least two weeks prior to the meeting)</i>
10:00 – 10:30	7. Review of the Core Fund <i>The session will review the state of the Core Fund and other project funds, where applicable, and discuss budget plans. Member governments are invited to announce intended cash and/or in-kind contributions for 2019-2020</i>
10:30 – 11:30	8. Plan for the NEASPEC Strategic Plan 2021-2025 <i>The session will review the implementation of the current NEASPEC Strategic Plan 2016 – 2020 and discuss the preparation of the next strategic plan.</i> 9. & 10. Venue, date, provisional agenda of SOM-24, and Other Issues
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee break (preparation of meeting report by the Secretariat)
12:00 – 12:45	11. Adoption of the conclusions and recommendations of the Meeting/ Closing Session
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 17:00	Field trip: Fuel processing factory in Ulaanbaatar