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Twenty-third Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-23) of NEASPEC

9-10 October 2019

Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

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 and subregional cooperation 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 for decisions on follow-up actions:

- a) **Transboundary Air Pollution:** to review the outcome of the Roundtable and first meeting of Science and Policy Committee of the North-East Asia Clean Air Partnership

(NEACAP), and the overall plan for implementing the core programmes, i.e., (a) emission inventory, (b) scientific assessment report, (c) integrated assessment modeling and (d) policy dialogue.

- b) **Nature Conservation in Transboundary Areas:** to review (1) the outcome of the Workshop on Transboundary Conservation of Big Cat Species in North-East Asia, organized as part of the International Forum on Tigers and Leopards Transboundary Conservation and discuss new project on the conservation of Amur tigers and leopards; and (2) findings of a preliminary study and proposal for future consultation on the transboundary cooperation among protected wetlands in the Tumen River Estuary for the protection of key migratory birds and their habitats.
- c) **Marine Protected Areas:** to review the implementation of the project on “Strengthening the subregional cooperation through knowledge sharing on sustainable management of MPAs” and the progress in the operation of the North-East Asian Marine Protected Areas Network (NEAMPAN).
- d) **Low Carbon Cities:** to review the activities and key findings of the studies conducted under the North-East Asia Low Carbon City Platform, including (a) the Peer Review Study of Guangzhou City, China and (b) the Comparative Study on Low Carbon City Policies in China, Japan, and the Republic of Korea.
- e) **Desertification and Land Degradation (DLD):** to review (1) the workshop organized in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) on Multi-stakeholder Cooperation in North-East Asia on Combating DLD during the Asia-Pacific Forestry Week 2019, and (2) consultations with member countries and relevant mechanism on the future activities on DLD under NEASPEC.

6. New NEASPEC programmes and activities

Member States, UN and international organizations are invited to present proposals for new activities. Those who wish to propose new activities are kindly requested to circulate their proposals to other member States via the Secretariat at least two weeks before the SOM in order to provide other member States with sufficient time for review.

7. Review of the Core Fund

The SOM will review the status of the Core Fund and project-based fund. Member States are invited to announce intended cash and in-kind contributions for 2019-2020.

8. Plan for the NEASPEC Strategic Plan 2021-2025

The SOM will review the plan for the preparation of the NEASPEC Strategic Plan 2021-2025.

9. Venue, date and provisional agenda of the Twenty-Fourth SOM (SOM-24)

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

10. Other issues

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

11. 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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