

Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought-Northeast Asia Network (DLDD-NEAN)

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What is DLDD-NEAN?

- DLDD-NEAN is an intergovernmental network aimed at combating desertification, land degradation and drought (DLDD) as well as sand and dust storms (SDS) in Northeast Asia.
- Established in 2011 at UNCCD COP10 in Changwon, Korea. Korea, China, and Mongolia joined forces to combat desertification, land degradation and drought in Northeast Asia
- The network has now four member countries, including the Russian Federation, which joined in 2020.

Objectives

- Facilitate the implementation of the Convention at the sub-regional level
- Identifying project activities and develop pilot projects to combat desertification and sand and dust storms (SDS)
- Building capacity for implementing the Convention
- Strengthen partnerships at the subregional, national and local levels
- Share experience and lessons learned as well as best practices

Main Activities

- Annual meeting (expert forum + steering committee meeting)
- Expert/working-level meetings
- Pilot project in Zamiin Uud, Mongolia
- Pilot project on sand and dust storms
- Joint research (underway)

Annual Meeting

- Annual meeting (expert forum + steering committee meeting + field trip)



7th meeting (Seoul 2018)



8th meeting (Ulaanbaatar 2019)

Expert/working-level meeting

- Expert meeting or working-level meetings as need arises.
 - expert meeting to discuss ongoing projects (a pilot sand and dust storm project, etc.)

Pilot Project: GDP in Zamiin Uud, Mongolia

- **Project Period:** 2020-2023
- **Project Implementing Agency:** FAO & Ministry of Environment and Tourism of Mongolia
- **Project donors:** Korea, China, and Mongolia (a total of USD 650,000)
- **Pilot Project Component**
 - Awareness raising
 - Creating windbreaks and a tree belt on the roadside
- **Results**
 - Awareness raising
 - 5ha windbreaks and 2km tree belt

Pilot Project: Combating Sand and Dust Storm in Northeast Asia

- Pilot Project Component
 - SDS source mapping
 - Vulnerability assessment
 - Regional strategy
- Project Status
 - Initial stage : determining methodology & developing a concept note

Joint Research

- Held an expert meeting to develop joint research at WFC in 2022
- Experts agreed on the need for joint research
- Possible research topics
 - Land Degradation Neutrality (SDG 15.3), sand and dust storms, climate change, forest restoration, etc.
 - Developing a framework for long-term joint research

Areas of Cooperation

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- Previous cooperation: Northeast Asia Global Land Outlook Report (2018)
- Potential areas of cooperation:
 - A study on interlinkages (climate change, drought, etc.), research on drivers of desertification and land degradation and solutions in Northeast Asia
 - Joint Capacity Building

A wide-angle photograph capturing a massive dust storm or sandstorm in progress. The storm is a towering wall of brown dust and sand, moving from the right side of the frame towards the left. The sky is filled with heavy, grey clouds, with some light breaking through on the left side. In the foreground, a flat, open landscape with sparse, dry vegetation stretches out. A few small buildings and utility poles are visible on the horizon. The overall atmosphere is one of a powerful natural event.

Thank you.