

## **Activity plan for desertification and land degradation in 2023-2024**

### **Approach and modality**

- Focus on conducting research on trends, causes, drivers and impacts of desertification and land degradation in North-East Asia, which will be a basis for developing a guideline for assessing, monitoring and managing the risk and organizing a capacity-building workshop on policy options for NEASPEC member States in 2025, and organizing subregional forum(s) to promote knowledge sharing in 2025 and 2026.

### **Key Activities**

- **A.1: Preparation of background paper on trends in desertification and land degradation in North-East Asia (Q4, 2023 and Q1, 2024)**

A background paper on trends in desertification and land degradation in North-East Asia will be prepared to understand its overall status and impacts and to identify potential hotspots of desertification and land degradation. (No budget implication)

- **A.2: Conduct a preliminary study on the main causes, drivers and impacts of desertification and land degradation in North-East Asia (Q2-Q4, 2024)**

A study will be conducted to identify the main causes, drivers and impacts of desertification and land degradation in North-East Asia. The findings will provide a solid foundation for policymaking in related sectors and areas. (Approximate budget: US\$15,000)