

Twenty-sixth Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-26) of NEASPEC

23-24 November 2023

Novotel Ambassador Gangnam, Seoul, Republic of Korea

Provisional Programme

Day 1: 09:00 – 18:30 (GMT+9), Thursday, 23 November 2023

09:00 – 09:30 Registration

09:30 – 11:45 **Special Event: Celebrating 30 years of NEASPEC**
(Champagne A, 2nd Floor)

12:00 – 13:30 **Lunch Break**

13:30-18:30 **NEASPEC SOM-26 (Day 1)**
(Bordeaux, Lower lobby)

13:30 – 13:45 **1. Opening of the meeting**

13:45 – 14:00 **2. & 3. Election of officers, and Adoption of agenda**

14:00 – 15:00 **4. Issues related to sustainable development in North-East Asia**
Statements by delegations of the member States, UN and international organizations

5. Review of program planning and implementation

- 15:00 – 17:30
- a) Air Pollution
 - b) Biodiversity and Nature Conservation
 - 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

17:30 – 18:30 **6. Renewed commitments to NEASPEC**
The meeting will consider a joint NEASPEC commemorative document in the occasion of the 30th anniversary of NEASPEC for adoption.

18:30 – 20:00 **Welcome reception**

Day 2: 09:30 – 13:00 (GMT+9), Friday, 24 November 2023

09:30 – 10:00 **7. Review of the Core Fund and Project-based Fund**

The meeting will review the state of the Core Fund and project-based funds of NEASPEC. Member governments are invited to announce intended cash and/or in-kind contributions for 2023-2024.

10:00 – 10:30 **8. & 9. Venue, date, provisional agenda of SOM-27, and other issues**

The meeting will invite member States to express interest in hosting the next SOM. Member States may raise any other issues not covered under the items mentioned above.

10:30 – 11:00 **Break for the preparation of draft meeting report by the Secretariat**

11:00 – 13:00 **10. Adoption of the conclusions and recommendations of the Meeting/
Closing Session**

The Report of the Meeting consists of two major parts: (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.
