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Twenty-seventh Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-27) of the North-East Asian Subregional Programme for Environmental Cooperation (NEASPEC)

12-13 December 2024
Beijing, China

Annotated Provisional Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

Opening and welcoming remarks will be delivered by the Head of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) East and North-East Asia Office and the Head of delegation of China as the Host Government.

2. Election of officers

A chairperson, a vice-chairperson and a rapporteur will be elected.

3. Adoption of agenda

The provisional agenda, prepared by the secretariat, in accordance with the established practice of previous sessions, and in consultation with the host Government, will be adopted.

4. Statements by delegations of member States, the United Nations and international organizations on issues related to sustainable development in North-East Asia

The heads of national delegations and representatives of the United Nations and international organizations will be invited to deliver their statements on policies, initiatives, and proposals in relation to sustainable development in North-East Asia.

5. Review of programme planning and implementation

Progress in implementing the activities of the North-East Asian Subregional Programme for Environmental Cooperation (NEASPEC), together with appropriate documentation prepared by the secretariat, will be reviewed across the following programmatic areas:

- a) **Air Pollution:** Review of progress on the implementation of the North-East Asia Clean Air Partnership (NEACAP) Work Plan 2021-2025, including: (1) the policy analysis report (2) the first policy dialogue, and (3) follow-up actions on the

recommendations from the Senior Official Meeting (). Additionally, report on the outcomes of the sixth Science and Policy Committee (SPC) Meeting of NEACAP, including the Activity Plan for 2025.

- b) **Biodiversity and Nature Conservation:** Review of (1) the progress of the project on “Connectivity conservation for habitats of flagship migratory birds in North-East Asia (Black-faced Spoonbills, Hooded Cranes, and White-naped Cranes)”; (2) the report of the workshop on nature conservation and biodiversity for transboundary cooperation;(3) the publication of a leaflet (or brochure) of NEASPEC projects on big cats (4) and the related workplan for 2025.
- c) **Marine Protected Areas:** Review the progress in the operation of the North-East Marine Protected Areas Network (NEAMPAN) in 2024, including (1) NEAMPAN workshop, (2) the progress of the study on climate change and marine protected areas in North-East Asia, (3) the MPA talk and (4) collaborative activities such as the East Asia Seas Congress, (4) the NEAMPAN workplan for 2025.
- d) **Low Carbon Cities:** Review the progress and activities under the North-East Asian Low Carbon City Platform (NEA-LCCP), including (1) the 4th International Forum on Low Carbon Cities and (2) an informal dialogue on low carbon city development. Additionally, discuss the 2025 workplan.
- e) **Desertification and Land Degradation:** Review the progress on implementation of the Desertification and Land Degradation (DLD) activities including the background paper on trends in desertification and land degradation in North-East Asia and a preliminary study on the main causes, drivers and impacts. Additionally, discuss the NEASPEC work programme on DLD in 2025 in preparation for the 17th Conference of the Parties (COP17) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) to be held in Mongolia in 2026.

6. Review of the Core Fund and Project-based Fund

The meeting will review the status of the Core Fund and project-based funds of NEASPEC. Member States are invited to announce intended cash and/or in-kind contributions for 2025.

7. Preparation for the development of NEASPEC Strategic Plan 2026-2030

The meeting will discuss the preparation for the development of NEASPEC Strategic Plan 2026-2030.

8. Venue, date and provisional agenda of the Twenty-eighth Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-28)

The meeting will invite the member State hosting the Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-28) to inform on its provisional plan for its organization.

9. Other issues

The meeting may raise any other issues not covered under the abovementioned items.

10. Adoption of the conclusions and recommendations of the meeting

The report of the meeting consists of two major parts: (1) the conclusions and recommendations and (2) the proceedings of the Senior Officials Meeting. The first part of the Report will be adopted by the Senior Officials Meeting, 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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