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2026-2030

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## I. INTRODUCTION

1. The NEASPEC Strategic Plan 2026-2030 is set to guide NEASPEC's efforts in advancing environmental cooperation across North-East Asia, building upon the achievements and lessons learned from previous strategic plans. Through the strategic plan, NEASPEC aims to strengthen subregional collaboration to address key environmental challenges in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the unique needs of North-East Asia.
2. Developed by the member States, the Strategic Plan 2026-2030 is envisaged to further operationalize and carry forward the *NEASPEC Commemorative Statement on Promoting Environmental Cooperation in North-East Asia* adopted by member States on 23 November 2023 on the occasion of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of NEASPEC. Member States envisioned: (a) accelerating the progress of NEASPEC's activities, projects and platforms in five programmatic areas; (b) bolstering NEASPEC's relevance to tackling environmental challenges and delivering concrete benefits for the subregion and beyond; (c) developing subregional knowledge base and capacity through NEASPEC's works for the member States; and enhancing the effectiveness of NEASPEC's work.

## II. INDICATIVE TIMELINE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEASPEC STRATEGIC PLAN 2026-2030

3. The indicative timeline for the NEASPEC Strategic Plan 2026-2030 development is suggested below pending member States' approval. The timeline is structured to ensure close consultation with member States at each stage of the development process. The timeline, subject to member States' guidance and agreement, allows flexibility based on the progress made.
4. An experts group meeting will be held on 13 December 2024 in conjunction with SOM-27 to kickstart the process, exchange perspectives among NEASPEC member States, experts and practitioners on how to further operationalize the goals articulated under the NEASPEC Commemorative Statement and discuss the approach and timeline in developing the strategic plan (see Annex I. Programme for the Experts Group Meeting).

**Table 1. Indicative Timeline for the Development of NEASPEC Strategic Plan 2026-2030 (draft)**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
13 December 2024	Convene initial discussions at SOM-27 on the overall approach and timeline for the development of the NEASPEC Strategic Plan 2026-2030
January-February 2025	Draft an annotated outline of the strategic plan
March 2025	Circulate the draft annotated outline to member States (through National Focal Points) for preliminary feedback
April 2025	Organize consultations with member States to refine the strategic direction, goals, and programmatic areas
May-June 2025	Develop a draft of the strategic plan
July 2025	Share the draft strategic plan with member States (through National Focal Points) and stakeholders for review
August 2025	Revise the draft strategic plan based on received feedback
September-October 2025	Organize a National Focal Points meeting to review the revised draft and agree on final draft of the NEASPEC Strategic Plan 2026-2030 for submission to SOM-28
SOM-28	Present the final draft of the NEASPEC Strategic Plan 2026-2030 for adoption at SOM-28

### **III. ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

5. The Meeting may wish to invite member States to share views on the indicative timeline and approaches for the development of the NEASPEC Strategic Plan 2026-2030.
6. Member States may also wish to propose additional actions or approaches for the development of the NEASPEC Strategic Plan 2026-2030 taking note of timeline feasibility, stakeholder engagement, etc.