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Eighth Meeting of Science and Policy Committee
North-East Asia Clean Air Partnership

3 July 2026
Bangkok, Thailand

**REPORT OF THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE SCIENCE AND POLICY
COMMITTEE OF NORTH-EAST ASIA CLEAN AIR PARTNERSHIP**

1. The Eighth Meeting of the Science and Policy Committee (SPC) of the North-East Asia Clean Air Partnership (NEACAP) convened in Bangkok, Thailand on 3 July 2026.
2. The Meeting was attended by SPC members from China, Japan, Mongolia, the Republic of Korea, and the Russian Federation, as well as representatives of NEACAP Technical Centres (TC) from China and the Republic of Korea (Annex 1. List of Participants).
3. In adherence to the Rules of Procedure for the Science and Policy Committee of NEACAP, the Meeting elected the Chair and Vice-Chair for the eighth meeting of SPC (SPC-8) as follows:

Chair:	Mr. Sergey Gromov Principal Scientist Institute of Global Climate and Ecology
Vice-Chair:	Ms. Gantuya Ganbat Associate Professor German-Mongolian Institute for Resources and Technology, Mongolia
4. The SPC members and TC representatives expressed their thoughts and reflections remembering the invaluable contribution and legacy of Mr. Takashi Ohmura, SPC member of Japan.
5. The Meeting adopted the provisional agenda without any amendment (Annex 2. Agenda).
6. The Meeting welcomed the successful organization of the NEACAP knowledge-sharing side event on “Advancing Clean Air in Asia and the Pacific: Lessons from North-East Asia for Regional Action” held on 2 July 2026 in conjunction with the 9th session of the Committee on Environment and Development of ESCAP. The side event was jointly

organized by the Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences and the National Institute of Environmental Research (NIER) of the Republic of Korea, together with NEACAP and ESCAP. The Meeting reaffirmed the commitment of further promoting the visibility of NEACAP's work in the Asia-Pacific region, including through workshops and other capacity building activities.

7. The Meeting discussed the side event's outcomes and key messages. The Meeting noted the evolving focus in reducing other pollutants (such as ozone precursors) in light of the significant progress achieved in reducing PM_{2.5} concentrations across North-East Asia and many Asia-Pacific countries, while at the same time, also acknowledged the complex atmospheric chemistry involved which could lead to unintended outcomes. The Meeting further noted the greater emphasis placed on the synergies between air quality and climate action in view of increasing difficulties faced in securing funding on projects solely focused on air pollution. In this regard, the Meeting highlighted the entry points for follow-up actions under the NEACAP Work Plan 2026-2030, such as the Work Plan's two priority areas, i.e., on air quality management and its synergies with climate strategies as well as on clean technologies and low-emission policy measures.

8. The Meeting welcomed the timely progress in the implementation of the NEACAP Activity Plan 2026. The Meeting discussed the preparations for the NEACAP Symposium to be held marking the International Day of Clean Air for blue skies on 7 September 2026 in Seoul, Republic of Korea and welcomed the broadening partnership with the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and the Secretariat for the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET) as co-organizers of the NEACAP Symposium in 2026, together with the National Air Emission Inventory and Research Center (NAIR) of the Republic of Korea and ESCAP Subregional Office for East and North-East Asia serving as NEACAP secretariat. NAIR introduced the symposium's three-session structure, which will facilitate knowledge exchange on PM and ozone management, and noted the suggestions on proposed speakers as well as possible issues to be discussed for further coordination with secretariat.

9. The Meeting reviewed the proposed NEACAP Activity Plan for 2027 and agreed that the proposed activities are consistent with the NEACAP Work Plan 2026-2030. The Meeting supported the initiation of a knowledge product, as envisaged under the Work Plan, focusing on air quality management and its synergies with climate strategies. The Meeting further highlighted that this knowledge product could serve as the next NEACAP flagship report, building on the successful country collaboration in the development of the first flagship publication, the NEACAP Policy Analysis Report, which was launched in September 2025. The Meeting also emphasized strengthening collaborations in delivering the proposed activities in 2027.

10. The secretariat will consult with SPC members and TC representatives on the organization of the ninth meeting of the Science and Policy Committee (SPC-9) scheduled in 2027.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

11. Following review and deliberation, the Science and Policy Committee of NEACAP reached the following conclusions and recommendations:

- a. strengthen research on air quality management and its synergies with climate strategies in NEACAP's future work implementing the NEACAP Work Plan 2026-2030, including in developing the next NEACAP flagship knowledge product on related research topics;
- b. share information of events and activities planned in 2027 to explore opportunities of collaboration in delivering NEACAP activities; and
- c. submit the proposed NEACAP Activity Plan 2027 for the endorsement of NEASPEC 29th Senior Officials Meeting (Annex 3. NEACAP Activity Plan 2027).



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Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Election of officers
3. Adoption of agenda
4. Reflection on the NEACAP knowledge-sharing activity
5. NEACAP Activity Plans – 2026 and 2027
6. Date and provisional agenda of the next regular SPC meeting or ad hoc meeting
7. Other issues
8. Adoption of the meeting report
9. Closing of the meeting

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NEACAP Activity Plan 2027

Objective: By 2030, the North-East Asia Clean Air Partnership, supported by the Science and Policy Committee and designated Technical Centers, is developed as a fully functioning platform facilitating strategic and effective cooperation in addressing air pollution challenges in North-East Asia.

Activities:

A. Knowledge Production: Research and Policy Advice

1. Initiate analytical work on air quality management and its synergies with climate strategies

Approach: In line with the output on strengthening collective and transformative actions through joint research focusing on coordinated strategy for improving air quality management and its synergies with climate strategies, preparatory and scoping work in conducting research on air quality management and its synergies with climate strategies will be initiated. These include, among others, (a) consultations on possible research scope; (b) identification of partners / contributors to co-deliver the research; (c) work plan in conducting the research, etc.

Budget: tbc

B. Knowledge Sharing: Capacity Building

2. Organize the NEACAP Symposium

Approach: In line with the output on strengthening information exchange through cross-sectoral collaboration and cooperation to support member countries improve air quality, the NEACAP Symposium will be jointly organized with Technical Center(s) and other partners.

Budget: tbc

3. Conduct capacity building activities (e.g. trainings, seminars, workshops, etc.)

Approach: In line with the output(s) on increasing technical collaboration and capacity building assistance through designated Technical Centers (TC) and on strengthening synergies with existing collaborative programmes and mechanisms, capacity building activities will be jointly delivered in close consultation with TC representatives and in coordination with external partners (e.g., EANET).

Budget: tbc

C. NEACAP Science and Policy Committee

4. Organize the Ninth Meeting of the NEACAP Science and Policy Committee (SPC-9)

Approach: The secretariat will consult with SPC members and TC representatives on co-hosting SPC-9.

Budget: tbc