# Twenty-ninth Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-29) of NEASPEC

**25-26 November 2026**

**Moscow, Russian Federation**

## Provisional Programme

| Day 1: 10:00 – 18:00 (GMT+3), Wednesday, 25 November 2026 | |
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| 09:00 – 09:30 | **Registration** |
| 09:30 - 10:00 | **Coffee/tea break** |
| 10:00 –10:20 | **1. Opening of the meeting**<br>• Opening Remarks by the secretariat<br>• Special remarks on behalf of the ESCAP Executive Secretary<br>Welcoming Remarks by the host government |
| 10:20 – 10:30 | **2. Election of officers**<br>**3. Adoption of agenda** |
| 10:30 - 10:35 | **Group Photo** |
| 10:35 – 11:20 | **4. Statements by delegations of the member States, the United Nations and international organizations on issues related to sustainable development in North-East Asia** |
| 11:20 – 13:00 | **5. Review of programme planning and implementation**<br>a) Air Pollution<br>b) Low Carbon Cities<br>c) Desertification and Land Degradation<br>d) Biodiversity and Nature Conservation<br>e) Marine Protected Areas<br>*Short presentations to be made by the secretariat and partner institutions for each programme area, followed by interventions from the member States.* |
| 13:00 – 14:30 | **Lunch** |
| 14:30 - 16:30 | **5. Review of programme planning and implementation (Cont'd)** |
| 16:30 - 16:45 | **Tea break** |
| 16:45 – 18:00 | **5. Review of programme planning and implementation (Cont'd)** |

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| 18:30 – 20:00 | **Welcome reception** |
| **Day 2: 09:00 – 12:30 (GMT+3), Friday, 26 November 2026** | |
| 09:00 – 09:30 | **6. Review of the Core Fund and Project-based Fund**<br>*The meeting will review the state of the Core Fund and project-based funds of NEASPEC. Member States are invited to announce intended cash and/or in-kind contributions for the new cycle 2026-2030.* |
| 09:30 – 10:00 | **7. Venue, date, and provisional agenda of the Thirtieth Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-30)**<br>*The meeting will invite the member State hosting the 30th Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-30) to inform on provisional plans for SOM-30 organization.* |
| 10:00 -10:10 | **8. Other issues**<br>*The meeting may raise any other issues not covered under the abovementioned items.* |
| 10:10 – 10:40 | **Preparation of draft meeting report by the Secretariat** |
| 10:40 – 12:00 | **9. Adoption of the conclusions and recommendations of the Meeting/ Closing Session**<br>*The report on the meeting consists of two major parts: (i) the conclusions and recommendations, and (ii) the proceedings of the Senior Officials Meeting. The first part (i.e. conclusions and recommendations) will be adopted at SOM-29, and the second part (i.e., proceedings) will be prepared by the secretariat after the meeting and will be circulated to the member States for review and approval.* |

## Annex. SOM-29 Associated Events (Indicative)

| | Event Name | Date and Time | Location | Participants from the Russian Federation | International Participants |
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| 1 | SOM-29 | 25 Nov (full day) – 26 Nov (morning) | Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Moscow, Russian Federation | TBC (subject to MNRE request) | NEASPEC delegates from member States and representatives from the NEASPEC partner institutions. |
| 2 | 6th International Forum on Low Carbon Cities | 23 Nov (full day forum)<br>24 Nov (technical tour) | National Centre Russia, Moscow, Russian Federation | Representatives from local governments, relevant institutions, academia and the private sector (coordinated by the Moscow City Government, co-organizer of IFLCC-6 and host of the International Municipal Forum) | City officials and representatives from Asia-Pacific Region (i.e., East and North-East Asia, North and Central Asia, South-West and South Asia, South-East Asia), UN agencies, and North-East Asia Low Carbon Cities Platform (NEA-LCCP) partners |

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| 3 | Capacity-building Workshop on the Impacts of Energy Infrastructure and Agricultural Practices on Migratory Birds and Their Habitats in North-East Asia | 26 Nov (afternoon) - 27 Nov (full day) | Moscow, Russian Federation | Implementing partners of the Project "Connectivity Conservation for Migratory Birds and Their Habitats in North-East Asia", young researchers and academia (TBC) | NEASPEC delegates from member States, implementing partners of the Project, experts, and representatives from NEASPEC partner institutions |