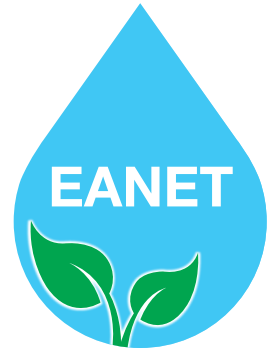


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1.) Instrument for Strengthening the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET)

Exclusively the 13th member country of EANET, Indonesia signed the Instrument for Strengthening the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET)

At the Instrument signing ceremony and the opening session of the 16th Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG16) hosted by the Republic of Indonesia on 25 November 2014 in Jakarta, Indonesia, His Excellency Mr. Arief Yuwono, Deputy Minister of Environment and Forestry signed the Instrument for Strengthening the EANET and Ms. Emma Rachmawaty, Assistant Deputy Minister for Mitigation and Atmospheric Function Preservation delivered the signed page of Instrument for Strengthening the EANET to the Secretariat and delivered the welcome speech emphasizing on the importance of EANET and Instrument signing to Indonesia and reaffirming the willingness of Indonesia to actively participate in EANET program.



Indonesia presented the Instrument signed page to the EANET Secretariat representative



EANET Secretariat representative delivered the token to Indonesia

The Instrument signed by Indonesia made the completeness of Instrument signing by all 13 country members of EANET. The Instrument is though a non-legally binding agreement operationalized since 2012, it expresses the country's willingness to participate actively and contribute both technically and financially to the EANET on a voluntary basis.

2.) EANET Meetings

2.1 Sixteenth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG16) on the EANET

The Sixteenth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG16) was held on 25-26 November 2014 in Jakarta, Indonesia. The event was jointly organized by the Regional Resource Centre for Asia and the Pacific (RRC.AP) as the Secretariat for the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET) and the Asia Center for Air Pollution Research (ACAP) as the Network Center (NC) for the EANET, and hosted by Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Republic of Indonesia. The representatives of the thirteen participating countries of the EANET, namely Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russia, Thailand and Vietnam attended and participated in the Session. Experts from various international organizations were invited to attend, namely, the Secretariat of Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (CLR-TAP), United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE); Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES); and Kanazawa University.



IG 16 participants, 25-26 November 2014

On behalf of His Excellency Mr. Arief Yuwono, Deputy Minister of Environment and Forestry, Ms. Emma Rachmawaty, Assistant Deputy Minister for Mitigation and Atmospheric Function Preservation delivered welcome and opening address to all participants,

expressing its pleasure and honor to host the IG16. Mr. Henk Verbeek, Senior Administrative Officer, UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, and Dr. Jonathan Shaw, the Deputy Director of RRC.AP, also gave welcome speeches to the participants.

The Session considered and discussed several important issues on the EANET, such as: (i) the report of the review on the State of Air Pollution in East Asia; (ii) the arrangements of the EANET Secretariat at UNEP with some function implemented through RRC.AP/AIT, (iii) the report of Pre-feasibility Study on the Expansion of the Scope of the EANET; (iv) the preliminary draft of the Medium Term Plan for the EANET (2016-2020); and the (v) final candidates for EANET laureates to receive the EANET Awards of Recognition for their contributions to the EANET, among others.

2.2 Thirteenth Session of the Working Group on Future Development (WGFD13) of the EANET



WGFD13 participants, 1-2 October 2014

The Thirteenth Session of the Working Group on the Future Development (WGFD13) of the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET) was organized by the Secretariat for the EANET (RRC.AP) on 1-2 October 2014 in Ayutthaya, Thailand. Representatives from the EANET member countries namely, Cambodia, China, Japan, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Russia, Thailand, and Vietnam participated in the Session. The Network Center (NC) for the EANET; United Nations Environment Programme, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (UNEP ROAP); Kanazawa University and Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) were represented.

Mr. Henk Verbeek, Senior Administrative Officer, UNEP ROAP delivered the opening address on behalf of UNEP Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific. He welcomed all the delegates to the historic city of Ayutthaya and emphasized the important deliberations of the meeting for the future development of the EANET with the next Medium Term Strategy, particularly the expansion of the scope, and the arrangements for the establishment of the EANET Secretariat at UNEP ROAP. He also informed the meeting that the first United Nations Environmental Assembly (UNEA) held in June 2014 adopted a resolution on air pollution which has intensified UNEP's existing work on air pollution and strengthened global and regional cooperation.

The Session also considered and discussed several important issues on the EANET, such as: (i) the draft Third Report for Policy Makers (RPM3); (ii) the review on the State of Air Pollution in East Asia; and (iii) the draft report on Future Development of the EANET both for the Secretariat arrangements and extended scope of EANET activities, among others. The views and comments from the WGFD13 were submitted to the IG16 for consideration and decision.

2.3 Fourteenth Session of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC14) on the EANET



SAC14 participants, 2-4 September 2014

The Fourteenth Session of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC14) of the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET) was held on 2-4 September 2014 in Incheon, Republic of Korea. The Session was hosted by the Government of Republic of Korea and co-organized by the Secretariat for the EANET (RRC.AP) and the Network Center (NC) for the EANET (ACAP). The Session was attended by the members of the SAC and/or their alternates nominated by the participating countries of the EANET, namely Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russia, Thailand and Vietnam. Some experts from various scientific institutes, namely, the Atmospheric Environment Institute, Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences, China; Hankuk University of Foreign Studies; and National Institute of Environmental Research (NIER), Republic of Korea also participated.

The Session was opened with the welcome remarks delivered by Dr. Kim Sam-Cwan, President of the National Institute of Environmental Research (NIER) who introduced the acid deposition research in NIER of which the outcomes from the NIER research would contribute to the advancement of the EANET. He expressed his confidence over the collaborative efforts of the EANET to contribute to the better environmental changes in East Asia.

The Session reviewed several important issues on the EANET including, (i) the progress report of EANET since the Thirteenth Session of the SAC (SAC13); (ii) the Financial Report in 2013; (iii) Data Report in 2013; Inter-laboratory Comparison projects 2013; (iv) the updated National Monitoring Plans of the participating countries; (v) report of Task Force and Expert Group of SAC; (vi) report of the Review on the State of Air Pollution in East Asia; (vii) Pre-feasibility Study on the Expansion of the Scope of the EANET from scientific and technical viewpoints; (viii) EANET awards; (ix) draft Medium Term Plan for the EANET (2016-2020); (x) joint research activities progress; and the (xi) Work program and budget in 2015.

2.4 Seventh Meeting of the Task Force on Research Coordination (TFRC7)

The Seventh Meeting of the Task Force on Research Coordination (TFRC7) was held on 2 September 2013, in Incheon, Korea organized by the Network Center (NC) for the EANET. The participants were the members of the Task Force and/or their alternates, etc. The meeting was opened by Director General of the ACAP and the Chairperson. The TFRC7 discussed (i) progress of the Task Force since its sixth meeting (ii) consideration on the status of the Reviewing Committee on the Status of Air Pollution in East Asia under TFRC; (iii) report of Research Fellowship Program in 2013; (iv) report of progress of Ad hoc Research Planning Group; (v) Miscellaneous issues i.e. EANET Science Bulletin IV and replacement of TFRC members. It was proposed that the members may contact through e-mail, etc. for the useful discussion before the proposed schedule of the next TFRC meeting in autumn 2015.

2.5 Fifteenth Senior Technical Managers' Meeting (STM15) of the EANET

The Fifteenth Senior Technical Managers' Meeting of the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia was held on 4-5 August 2014 in Hanoi, Vietnam co-organized by the Network Center (NC) and Government of Vietnam. The meeting reviewed and discussed several important issues and reports of EANET, including (i) the Report on the progress of EANET since the Fourteenth Senior Technical Managers' Meeting (STM14); (ii) the overview of the preliminary draft Data Report 2013; (iii) the evaluation for the results of the Inter-laboratory Comparison projects 2013; (iv) consideration of the National Monitoring Plans (NMPs), current monitoring activities for the EANET monitoring and overall air concentration monitoring status of the participating countries; and (v) the progress report on technical activities of the EANET such as the status of the reviewing committee on the state of air pollution in East Asia. Latest status of air quality monitoring in Vietnam, and Introduction of Integrated Programme on Better Air Quality (IBAQ). The session also emphasized the importance of PM and ozone monitoring and its inclusion in the national monitoring plan, so that the QA/QC program and capacity building activities could be scheduled and supported by the EANET.



STM15 Participants, 4-5 Aug, 2013

2.6 Fourth Meeting of the Reviewing Committee on the Status of Air Pollution in East Asia (RC4)

The RC4 organized by the Network Center was held on 15-16 July 2014, in Niigata, Japan. The Reviewing Committee (RC) members, Dr. Sergey Gromov, the Chairpersons of both Task Force on Research Coordination (TFRC) and the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) and the Network Center attended. The RC4 discussed draft contents of "Review on the State of Air Pollution in East Asia" to be submitted to the TFRC7 and SAC14 in September 2014, how to respond to the comments from external reviewers, and how to finalize the Forewords, Executive Summary, Chapter 9 Conclusions and Recommendations, and Summary for Policy Makers including their schedules.



3.) EANET Work Program

3.1 Implementation of the EANET Fellowship Research in 2014

In May 2014, the Network Center for the EANET sent a letter to the National Focal Points and the SAC members of the participating countries inviting applicants for the research fellowship program in 2014. The Network Center received 4 applications from 4 countries, namely Cambodia, Mongolia, Russia and Thailand. The Selection Committee of the Network Center decided to invite one each researcher from Mongolia and Russia. Duration of the fellowship research in 2014 in the ACAP was 8 weeks from 20 October to 12 December 2014. The research topic of the researcher from Mongolia was "Meteorological condition during the highly polluted and clean days in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia" and the research topic of the researcher from Russia was "Investigation

of long-term changes of air pollutants concentrations in North-East Asia including Russia using EANET monitoring data". Their fellowship researches were finished successfully. Their scientific reports are expected to be submitted to the Network Center within a few months.



Dr. BATMUNKH Tsatsral,
Mongolia



Ms. Alisa TRIFONOVA-IAKOVLEVA,
Russia

4.) Announcements

4.1 Call for submission of the EANET 2014 monitoring data

In accordance with the Work Program and Budget in 2015, it is recommended for participating countries to prepare and submit earlier as possible the data of 2014 to the Network Center but no later than the end of June 2015. The Network Center will process the data from participating into the (Preliminary) Draft Data Report 2014 submitted to the Senior Technical Managers' Meeting (STM) and the Session of the SAC, consequently.

4.2 Upcoming EANET Events/Activities in 2015 (tentatively)

Events/Activities	Tentative Dates	Venue, etc.
EANET Individual Training Course	23 February-13 March	Niigata, Japan
Deadline for submission of the analytical results of Inter-laboratory Comparison Projects 2014	End of February	to the Network Center
First Drafting Committee (DC1) for the Third Periodic Report on the State of Acid Deposition in East Asia (PRSAD3)	June	Niigata, Japan
Fourteenth Session of the Working Group on Future Development of the EANET (WGFD14)	16-18 June	Rayong, Thailand
Deadline for submission of the EANET 2014 monitoring data	End of June	to the Network Center
Fourth Meeting of the Task Force on Monitoring for Dry Deposition (TFMDD4)	June/July	Niigata, Japan
Deadline for submission of the latest National Monitoring Plan from the participating countries	End of July	to the Network Center
Sixteenth Senior Technical Managers' Meeting (STM16)	25-26 August	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
EANET Fellowship Research 2015	September-December (2 months)	Niigata, Japan
Eighth Meeting of Task Force on Research Coordination (TFRC8)	28 September	Vietnam
Fifteenth Session of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC15)	29 September – 1 October	Vietnam
Seventeenth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG17) on the EANET (with High Level Segment incorporated, if any)	November	Participating Country
EANET Individual Training Course in 2013	December	Niigata, Japan

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