

The Second Intergovernmental Meeting
on the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network
in East Asia
25-26 October 2000, Niigata, Japan

REPORT OF THE MEETING

Introduction

1. The Intergovernmental Meeting on the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET) held its second session from 25 to 26 October 2000 in Niigata, Japan.

2. Representatives of the People's Republic of China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Thailand and Viet Nam participated in the Meeting. Experts and officials of the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (CLRTAP), the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), as well as a member of the Interim Scientific Advisory Group, attended the meeting. Officials of the government of Niigata Prefecture, Japan, and other local governments also attended the meeting. The list of participants is attached as Annex I.

Opening of the Meeting

3. The Meeting was opened by the Interim Secretariat (IS) for EANET. Her Excellency Ms. Yoriko Kawaguchi, Minister of State and Director General of the Environment Agency of Japan, delivered an opening address. Mr. Ikuo Hirayama, Governor of Niigata Prefecture, and Mr. Yoshiaki Hasegawa, Mayor of the City of Niigata, made welcoming speeches.

4. Mr. Mari Amano (Japan) was elected as Chairperson, Dr. Daniel Murdiyarso (Indonesia) as Vice-chairperson, and Mr. Nam-jin Zeon (Republic of Korea) as Rapporteur.

5. The Meeting adopted the agenda as proposed by IS (EANET/IG 2/3/1).

Review and evaluation of the preparatory-phase activities (agenda item 4)

6. The Meeting invited Dr. Tsumugu Totsuka, a member of the Interim Scientific Advisory Group (ISAG), to make a presentation on the “Report on the Acid Deposition Monitoring of EANET during the Preparatory Phase – Its Results, Major Constraints and Ways to Overcome Them” (EANET/ISAG 3/4/2 rev.2); the Meeting also heard the explanation by the Chairperson of the Sixth Working Group (WG) Meeting, Mr. Toshiro Kojima (Japan), on the discussions at WG.

7. The Meeting discussed the issues to be further improved in promoting EANET activities, such as methodology of site selection, limited number of the monitoring sites, and the level of quality assurance/quality control activities. The Meeting adopted Decision 1/IG.2 as proposed by WG and amended on the aforementioned aspects. The decisions, including those adopted under the following agenda items, are attached as Annex II.

Consideration of the documents for further implementation of the Network, including designation of the Secretariat and the Network Center (agenda item 5)

8. The Meeting invited Mr. Kojima to present the outcomes of the Sixth WG Meeting on this agenda item. The Meeting also invited Japan to make a presentation of its proposal to host the Network Center.

9. The Meeting considered the draft Joint Announcement on the implementation of EANET (EANET IG 2/5/2) and the Tentative Design of EANET (EANET/IG 2/5/3). The Meeting discussed the issues that had not been settled at the Sixth WG Meeting; among these issues were the description in Decision 2/IG.2 of the Meeting on mutual technical support among participating countries, and the description in the Joint Announcement on financing of EANET activities.

10. The Meeting also discussed such matters as the linkage between the decision of the Intergovernmental Meeting, Joint Announcement and the Tentative Design of EANET, the initial and future bases upon which EANET will operate, activities of ISAG before the nomination of the members of the Scientific Advisory Committee, and the possibility of establishing a Working Group under the Intergovernmental Meeting.

11. Since originally the preparatory phase had been planned to last only until the Second Intergovernmental Meeting, the Meeting agreed that the preparatory-phase activities would continue until EANET commences its activities on a regular basis in January 2001.

12. The Meeting agreed on the Joint Announcement as amended (EANET/IG 2/5/2 rev.), and

adopted Decision 2/IG.2 on further implementation of EANET as recommended by WG and amended on the aforementioned aspects.

13. The Meeting considered designation of the EANET Secretariat, agreed to designate UNEP as the Secretariat, and adopted Decision 3/IG.2 as recommended by WG.

14. UNEP expressed with appreciation its willingness to serve as the EANET Secretariat, and requested the participating countries to provide it with necessary guidance and support as they have done to the Interim Secretariat.

15. Regarding designation of the Network Center, the Meeting discussed such issues as improving transparency in the operation of the Network Center activities, and the activities of the Acid Deposition and Oxidant Research Center (ADORC) as the Interim Network Center before the start of the Network Center activities. It was emphasized that ADORC is expected to make continuous efforts to employ its staff members from participating countries. The Meeting agreed to designate ADORC as the Network Center, and adopted Decision 4/IG.2 as recommended by WG and amended on the aforementioned aspects.

Consideration of the technical documents for EANET (agenda item 6)

16. The Meeting invited Mr. Kojima to present the outcomes of the Sixth WG Meeting on Technical Documents for EANET (EANET/ISAG 2/4/1-8 rev.), and invited the Interim Network Center to make some supplementary explanations on these documents. The Meeting adopted Decision 5/IG.2 as recommended by WG.

Consideration of the work program and budget of the Network for the year 2001 and agenda of the Third Intergovernmental Meeting (agenda item 7)

17. The Meeting invited Mr. Kojima to present the outcomes of the Sixth WG Meeting on this agenda item. The Meeting also invited the Interim Secretariat to make a presentation of the draft Work Program and Budget for EANET in 2001 (EANET/WG 2/7/2).

18. The Meeting requested the Interim Secretariat to communicate with the participating countries to seek the venue of the Third Intergovernmental Meeting.

19. The Meeting acknowledged the contributions made by the Government of Japan to support the development of EANET up to the present. The Meeting also expected efforts by the Government of Japan to continue contributing to EANET activities.

20. The Meeting adopted Decision 6/IG.2 on the Work Program and Budget as recommended by WG.

Other issues (agenda item 8)

21. The Meeting expressed its deep appreciation for the warm hospitality and effective assistance provided by the host country, Japan, and, in particular to Niigata Prefecture and the City of Niigata. The meeting also thanked IS and INC for their hard work in organizing the Meeting.

Consideration and adoption of the report of the Meeting (agenda item 9)

22. The Meeting adopted this report.

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Decisions of the Second Intergovernmental Meeting

DECISION 1/IG.2

REVIEW OF THE PREPARATORY-PHASE ACTIVITIES OF EANET

The Second Intergovernmental Meeting on the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET), on 25-26 October 2000 in Niigata, Japan,

Having reviewed the preparatory-phase activities of EANET that had been undertaken by the ten countries in East Asia since April 1998, and recognizing that there still remain many issues in EANET that require further improvement, such as capacity building, methodology of monitoring site selection, the limited number of monitoring sites, monitoring methodologies, and the level of quality assurance/quality control activities:

1. Concludes that the preparatory-phase activities of EANET have been successful in demonstrating the feasibility of EANET, elaboration of related technical documents, providing time for establishing and strengthening national monitoring systems, and formulating policy recommendations for further development of EANET;
2. Concludes that the participating countries have developed the basis to start the acid deposition monitoring on a regular basis; and
3. Endorses the “Report on the Acid Deposition Monitoring of EANET during the Preparatory-Phase – Its Results, Major Constraints and Ways to Overcome Them” (EANET/ISAG 3/4/2 rev.1), which was adopted by the Third Interim Scientific Advisory Group Meeting, on 31 July-1 August 2000 in Manila, the Philippines, as one of the outcomes of the preparatory-phase activities of EANET, and recommends that the Interim Network Center publish this report.

DECISION 2/IG.2

FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION OF EANET

The Second Intergovernmental Meeting on the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET), on 25-26 October 2000 in Niigata, Japan,

1. Issues the “Joint Announcement on the Implementation of EANET” (EANET/IG 2/5/2 rev.), in order to start the EANET activities on a regular basis;
2. Takes note of the Tentative Design of EANET (EANET/IG 2/5/3) as a document to be further elaborated in future sessions of the Intergovernmental Meeting;
3. Urges the participating countries to continue and strengthen their activities described in the Joint Announcement;
4. Encourages the participating countries to make voluntary financial and in-kind contributions to the activities of EANET, including secondment of staff to the Secretariat and/or the Network Center;
5. Invites other relevant organizations also to make contributions to the EANET activities;
6. Encourages the participating countries having useful know-how and technology to continue providing technical support to other participating countries in implementing the EANET activities; and
7. Calls for the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the United Nations Environment Programme, the World Meteorological Organizations, the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution and other international organizations to cooperate in promoting EANET activities.

DECISION 3/IG-2

DESIGNATION OF THE SECRETARIAT FOR EANET

The Second Intergovernmental Meeting on the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET), on 25-26 October 2000 in Niigata, Japan,

Noting that the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) expressed their readiness to serve as the Secretariat for EANET if so requested,

1. Designates the UNEP as the Secretariat for EANET, laying down the conditions:
 - that UNEP fulfil the Secretariat function under the guidance of the Intergovernmental Meeting and in line with the work program adopted by the Intergovernmental Meeting;
 - that the Secretariat be housed in the office of the Environment Assessment Programme for Asia and the Pacific (EAP.AP) of UNEP, supported by the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific of UNEP;
 - that UNEP closely cooperate with ESCAP in implementing the activities of the

Secretariat;

- that the accounts of EANET be handled separately from other accounts, under the guidance of the Intergovernmental Meeting;
- that the nationals of the participating countries of EANET will receive preference in the recruitment of the professional staff of the Secretariat; and
- that a senior official representing EANET be invited to the Policy Advisory Committee for EAP.AP;

2. Requests UNEP and the Interim Secretariat to cooperatively consider the rules and regulations applicable to the Secretariat, establishment of a trust fund, recruitment of staff for the Secretariat and any other preparatory arrangements for the Secretariat, so that the Third Intergovernmental Meeting can make decisions on these arrangements and UNEP can start the Secretariat functions as early as possible after the Third Intergovernmental Meeting;

3. Requests and authorizes the Chairperson of this Meeting to issue a letter on behalf of the Meeting to UNEP to secure the conditions described in paragraph 1 and to request the matters described in paragraph 2; and

4. Accepts the proposal of Japan that the Environment Agency of Japan serve as the Interim Secretariat, under the guidance of the Intergovernmental Meeting and in line with the work program adopted by the Intergovernmental Meeting, until UNEP assumes the role of the Secretariat.

DECISION 4/IG.2

DESIGNATION OF THE NETWORK CENTER FOR EANET

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Taking note of the proposal by Japan to host the Network Center at the Acid Deposition and Oxidant Research Center (ADORC) (EANET/WG 5/8/3, supplemented by EANET/WG 6/5/2),

1. Designates ADORC, which is located in Niigata, Japan, as the Network Center for EANET, laying down the condition that the activities of the Network Center be implemented under the guidance of the Intergovernmental Meeting, in line with the work program adopted by the Intergovernmental Meeting, in a transparent manner and involving experts from the participating countries as much as possible;

2. Requests the Interim Secretariat to conclude necessary arrangements with ADORC on its activities as the designated Network Center so that it can start the Network Center functions as of January 2001;

3. Encourages the host country to make financial and in-kind contribution for the Network Center activities in line with the proposal by the Government of Japan to host the Network Center; and
4. Requests ADORC to continue serving as the Interim Network Center under the guidance of the Intergovernmental Meeting, until it assumes the Network Center functions in January 2001.

DECISION 5/IG-2

TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS FOR EANET

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Taking note that the Second Interim Scientific Advisory Group, on 13-15 March 2000 in Jakarta, Indonesia, adopted the monitoring guidelines, technical manuals, quality assurance/quality control programs and data reporting procedures and formats for EANET (EANET/ISAG 2/4/1-8 rev.; hereinafter referred to as the “Technical Documents”.);

1. Approves the Technical Documents upon which the EANET monitoring activities should be based;
2. Urges the participating countries to endeavor to improve their activities in acid deposition monitoring by making effective use of the Technical Documents with adjustment, where appropriate, taking into account specific conditions in participating countries; and
3. Requests the Scientific Advisory Committee to review and update the Technical Documents as appropriate taking into account the latest scientific and technical developments and the experience of EANET.

DECISION 6/IG-2

WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR EANET IN 2001

The Second Intergovernmental Meeting on the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET), on 25-26 October 2000 in Niigata, Japan,

1. Approves the “Work Program and Budget for EANET in 2001” (EANET/IG 2/7/2);

2. Urges the participating countries, the Scientific Advisory Committee (or Interim Scientific Advisory Group), the Secretariat (or the Interim Secretariat), the Network Center (or the Interim Network Center) and other relevant organizations to make cooperative efforts to implement the activities described in this work program; and
3. Reaffirms that the Secretariat budget and the core budget described in the above document are indispensable for implementing the EANET activities, and requests the participating countries to positively contribute to these budgets and to consider making contribution to the additional budget.