

Twelfth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting
on the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia
23-24 November 2010, Niigata, Japan

REPORT OF THE SESSION

I. Introduction

1. The Intergovernmental Meeting (IG) on the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET) held its Twelfth Session (IG12) in Niigata, Japan, on 23 and 24 November 2010.
2. Representatives of Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russia, Thailand and Vietnam participated in the Session. Experts from the following organizations attended the Session: Kanazawa University, United Nations Environmental Programme (Headquarters and Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ROAP)), United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), and ScandEnvironment Advisory Services. Some observers also attended the Session. The List of Participants is attached as Annex 1.

II. Opening of the Session (Agenda item 1)

3. The Session was opened by the Secretariat. On behalf of the Secretariat, Mr. Mahesh Pradhan, Interim Director, Regional Resource Center for Asia and the Pacific (UNEP RRC.AP), delivered the opening address. He mentioned several regional and international discussions about the environment, and emphasized that EANET is a good example of regional cooperation, not only for the region but also for the whole world.
4. Mr. Hideki Minamikawa, Vice-Minister for Global Environmental Affairs, Ministry of the Environment, Japan, made welcoming remarks, saying that Asian countries are playing an increasingly important role for the global environment. He acknowledged the efforts of many EANET meetings in the past several years, and looked forward to new achievements at this Session.
5. Mr. Kazuo Jinbo, Vice Governor, Niigata Prefecture and Mr. Akira Shinoda, Mayor of Niigata City, Japan, welcomed participants and expressed their wishes for a successful meeting.

III. Election of Officers (Agenda item 2)

6. The Session elected Mr. Hideki Minamikawa, Vice-Minister for Global Environmental Affairs, Ministry of the Environment, Japan, as Chairperson of the Session. Mr. Demetrio L. Ignacio, Undersecretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Philippines, was elected as Vice-Chairperson, and Prof. Tran Thuc, Director General, Vietnam Institute of Meteorology, Hydrology and Environment, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Vietnam, was elected as Rapporteur.

IV. Adoption of the Agenda (Agenda item 3)

7. The Session adopted the Agenda of the Session (EANET/IG 12/3/1).

V. Consideration of the Instrument for Strengthening the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET), for signing during the High Level Segment (Agenda item 4)

8. The Secretariat presented the document “Consideration on the Instrument for Strengthening the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET) for signing during the High Level Segment” (EANET/IG 12/4). The results of the Fourth Special Session of the Working Group on Future Development of EANET (WGFD-S4) held on 22 November 2010 were included in the presentation. IG12 was invited to review and adopt the “Instrument for the Strengthening the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET)” for signing in the High Level Segment during IG12 and thereafter.
9. It was clarified that there is no substantial difference in effect whether points agreed at the WGFD-S4 are stated as an IG decision or stated in the report of the IG Session, but that these points are more clearly highlighted if stated in an IG decision.
10. The Session adopted Decision 1/IG.12, attached as Annex 2 of the Report of the Session.

VI. Consideration of the Medium Term Plan for EANET (MTP) (2011-2015) (Agenda item 5)

11. The Network Center (NC) presented the Draft Medium Term Plan for EANET (MTP) (2011-2015) (EANET/IG 12/5). The Session was invited to discuss, review and adopt the MTP.

12. It was clarified that the title had changed from “Strategy on EANET Development” (2006-2010) to “Medium Term Plan for EANET” (MTP) (2011-2015), taking into account the content of the document.
13. The Session adopted the MTP, with modifications agreed by the Session.

VII. Consideration of the Report on the Progress of EANET since the Eleventh Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG11) and Draft Financial Report of the Secretariat and the Network Center in 2009 (Agenda item 6)

14. The Secretariat and the NC presented the Draft Report on the Progress of EANET since the Eleventh Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG11) (EANET/IG 12/6/1) and the Draft Financial Report of the Secretariat and the Network Center in 2009 (EANET/IG 12/6/2). The Session was invited to review and endorse the reports.
15. The Session endorsed both reports.

VIII. Consideration of the Report on the Review of Performance of the Secretariat and the Network Center (2008-2009) (Agenda item 7)

16. The Secretariat and the NC presented the Draft Reports on the Review of the Performance of the Secretariat and the Network Center (EANET/IG 12/7/1 and EANET/IG 12/7/2). The Session was invited to review and adopt the documents.
17. The Session adopted both reports.

IX. Consideration of the Report on the Outcomes of the Tenth Session of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC10) (Agenda item 8)

18. The NC presented the Report on the Outcomes of the Tenth Session of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC10) (EANET/IG 12/8). The Session was invited to review and endorse the Report, and to adopt the three Technical Manuals endorsed by SAC10 (Technical Manual on Dry Deposition Flux Estimation (EANET/SAC 10/8/3/1), Technical Manual for Wet Deposition Monitoring in East Asia-2010 (EANET/SAC 10/8/4/1), and Technical Manual for Inland Aquatic Environment Monitoring in East Asia-2010 (EANET/SAC 10/8/5/1)).
19. The Session endorsed the Report and adopted the three Technical Manuals.

X. High Level Segment (Agenda item 9)

20. The High Level Segment was opened by the IG12 Chairperson. Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Ryu Matsumoto, Minister of the Environment, Japan; followed by Dr. Young-Woo Park, Regional Director of UNEP ROAP; Mr. Hirohiko Izumida, Governor of Niigata Prefecture; and Mr. Akira Shinoda, Mayor of Niigata City.
21. The IG12 Chairperson made a briefing to the Session on the Instrument for Strengthening the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET).
22. Representatives from Cambodia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand, and Vietnam made remarks.
23. Representatives of Cambodia, Japan, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Republic of Korea, and Thailand signed the Instrument for Strengthening the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET).

XI. Consideration of the Second Report on Future Development of EANET and the Procedures and Guidelines for Voluntary Financial Contributions to EANET for 2011-2013 (Agenda item 10)

24. The Secretariat and the NC presented the Draft Second Report on Future Development of EANET (Draft) (EANET/IG 12/10/1). The Draft Procedures and Guidelines for Voluntary Financial Contributions to EANET for 2011-2013 (EANET/IG 12/10/2) were included in the presentations. The Session was invited to discuss, review, provide guidance and adopt the documents.
25. Major discussion included:
 - Issues were raised about possible significant increases in contributions, based on the UN assessment scale. Ceiling of increase was proposed to be discussed at the WGFD for consideration by IG13. Another issue raised was possible impacts of the adoption and operation of the Instrument.
 - The Secretariat was requested to indicate to participating countries where they can obtain information about the UN assessment scale.
26. The Session agreed on the following issues:
 - A new task will be added to the text of TOR of the WGFD to review the current

financial modalities, especially of the NC for further improvement of EANET transparency.

- The Session requested WGF10 to discuss the possible implications of the adoption and operation of the Instrument for Strengthening the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET).
 - The Secretariat will send a letter to each participating country specifying the amounts of voluntary financial contribution and the basis of calculations, referring to the UN scale of assessment. Information will also be provided about the status of other countries' financial contributions.
27. The Session adopted the documents with modifications. The adopted Terms of Reference for the Working Group on Future Development of Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET) (2011-2012) is attached as Annex 3 of this report.

XII. Consideration of the Work Program and Budget in 2011 for EANET (Agenda item 11)

28. The Secretariat and the NC presented the Draft Work Program and Budget in 2011 for EANET (EANET/IG 12/11). The Session was invited to discuss, review and adopt the document.
29. Major discussions included:
- It was suggested that NC might have a specific budget for international recruitment/salary for international staff.
 - The Session agreed to add a footnote on air concentration monitoring to the Work Program and Budget in 2011.
30. The Work Program and Budget in 2011 was adopted, with modifications.

XIII. Consideration of the Joint Forum on the Atmospheric Environment in Asia and the Pacific (Agenda item 12)

31. The representative of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) presented the "Joint Forum on Atmospheric Environment in Asia and the Pacific". Progress in the implementation of Project Atmospheric Brown Clouds and the Malé Declaration was also presented.

32. Major discussion included:

- Some countries pointed out that EANET is a network guided by the IG. Therefore, any effort to be a member in the Joint Forum should get the consensus of all participating countries, which at present has not been thoroughly discussed and achieved during any IG meetings. The proposed Joint Forum has decided to look at atmospheric pollution, whereas EANET's mandate is only acid deposition.
- A clarification was provided that EANET and the Joint Forum are separate bodies, and they have their respective decision-making processes.
- One country supported the idea that EANET may participate in the Joint Forum to promote exchange of information with other networks.
- Clarification was made that National Focal Points for the Joint Forum could be decided at the national level to avoid duplication with the EANET activities. It was also clarified that a clearinghouse to be established under the Joint Forum will only use published data, and will provide reference to data sources.

XIV. Updates on Activities of Other International Programs on Acid Deposition and Transboundary Air Pollution (Agenda item 13)

33. Mr. Krzysztof Olendrzynski, representative of the UNECE Secretariat of the Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution Convention, made a presentation on the priorities and latest activities under the Convention. These include the revision of the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol, revision of the 1998 Aarhus Heavy Metals Protocol; and revision of the 1998 Aarhus Persistent Organic Pollutants Protocol, capacity building in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) and South Eastern Europe (SEE) countries; Long-term Strategy of the Convention to be adopted by the Executive Body in December 2010; and outreach activities and the need for further inter-regional collaboration (EMEP/LRTAP /ECE - EANET). In his presentation he stressed the importance of the intercontinental transport of air pollutants, methane and carbon oxide as ozone precursors, and black carbon and other short-lived climate forcers.

XV. Other Issues (Agenda item 14)

34. The representative of the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) informed the Session of the meeting on the Launch of the Asian Co-benefits Partnership, established in November 2010 in Singapore on the occasion of Better

Air Quality (BAQ) 2010. Goals, envisioned outcomes and other main factors of the Partnership were introduced to the Session for information.

35. The representative of Russia presented a proposal to extend EANET measurements with the use of the Tiksi observatory, where the WMO-GAW program is implemented by Roshydromet and its research institutes.

XVI. Consideration and Adoption of the Report of the Session (Agenda item 15)

36. The Report of the Session (EANET/IG 12/15) was considered and adopted.

XVII. Closing of the Session (Agenda item 16)

37. The Session expressed its deepest gratitude to the organizers of IG12. The Session also appreciated the efforts by the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Rapporteur, and representatives from international organizations, etc.
38. The Chairperson closed the Session, thanking the participants, the Secretariat and the NC for their contributions.

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DECISION 1/IG.12

**INSTRUMENT FOR STRENGTHENING THE
ACID DEPOSITION MONITORING NETWORK IN EAST ASIA (EANET)**

The Twelfth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG12) on the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET), on 23-24 November 2010 in Niigata, Japan,

Recognizing that East Asia is facing the risks of problems related to acid deposition,

Acknowledging that thirteen countries in East Asia are participating in EANET and have been successfully working together to conduct acid deposition monitoring and to implement other activities for EANET, based on the Joint Announcement on Implementation of the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (JA) adopted by the participating countries and Tentative Design of EANET (TD) referred to in JA,

Taking into account the discussions at the sessions of the Intergovernmental Meeting as well as the Working Group on Future Development (WGFD) of EANET,

Reaffirming its willingness to continue the activities of EANET,

1. Adopts the “Instrument for the Strengthening the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET)” for signing in the High Level Segment during IG12 and thereafter, (attached to this decision).
2. Decides that the Instrument will become operational on the date on which all participating countries have signed it, or on 1st January 2012, whichever is earlier;
3. Encourages participating countries that will not be able to sign the Instrument by the specified date to communicate in writing with the EANET Secretariat before IG13 expressing their willingness to continue their EANET activities;
4. Decides that IG13 will consider the nature of involvement of the countries that are unable to sign by the specified date.

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

The Participating Countries to this Instrument,

Recognizing that East Asia is facing the risks of problems related to acid deposition,

Recalling that Agenda 21, adopted at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in 1992, stated that the experiences of the programs on transboundary air pollution in Europe and North America needed to be shared with other regions of the world,

Acknowledging the successful operation of the preparatory-phase activities of the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET), which was undertaken by ten countries in East Asia from 1998 to 2000, following the common understanding expressed at the First Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting on 19-20 March 1998 in Yokohama, Japan,

Recognizing that the EANET was established in January 2001 as an important initiative for regional cooperation, aiming at creating a common understanding on the state of acid deposition problems, at providing useful inputs to policy makers at various levels, and at contributing to cooperation on the issues related to acid deposition among the participating countries,

Acknowledging that thirteen countries in East Asia are participating in the EANET and have been successfully working together to conduct acid deposition monitoring and to implement other activities for the EANET, based on the Joint Announcement on Implementation of the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (JA) adopted by the participating countries and Tentative Design of the EANET (TD) referred to in JA,

Emphasizing that activities of the cooperative network on the acid deposition in East Asia under the EANET have been developed by taking a step-wise approach by the participating countries on a voluntary basis,

Recognizing the need to promote cooperation for the monitoring of acid deposition in East Asia,

Also recognizing that the Instrument should be simple, flexible, open for future development and be based on the JA, TD and other decisions of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG),

Emphasizing the importance of appropriate financial arrangement for the sound operation of the EANET with a view to sustaining the development of the EANET, strengthening the financial mechanism of the EANET and providing a sound basis for financial contribution to the EANET and enhancing capacity building of acid deposition monitoring for all the participating countries of the EANET,

Noting the fact that the effective realization of the EANET activities since the commencement of the EANET activities has been supported by voluntary contributions of some participating countries, covering the activities of the EANET Secretariat and the core activities of the Network Center which annually consisted of about one million US dollars, and expressing great appreciation to the Governments of these countries,

Noting that the participating countries of the EANET will be guided, in the implementation of this Instrument, by the principles that the use of financial contribution should produce effective outcomes, and that the related executive bodies should take necessary measures to improve efficiency of contribution,

Determined to renew their willingness to continue the activities of the EANET as set out in the TD,

Have agreed as follows:

Item 1

Definition

“Acid deposition” in this Instrument means deposition of major acidifying species and related chemical substances.

Item 2

Objectives and Scope

1. The objectives and scope of this Instrument are:
 - a) to create a common understanding of the state of acid deposition problems in East Asia;
 - b) to provide useful inputs for decision-making at local, national and regional levels aimed at preventing or reducing adverse impacts on the environment caused by acid deposition; and
 - c) to contribute to cooperation on the issues related to acid deposition among the Participating Countries.
2. The scope of this Instrument may be extended, as decided by the IG.

Item 3

Principles

1. The Participating Countries will, in the spirit of solidarity and partnership and in accordance with their respective needs, capabilities and situations, strengthen cooperation to monitor acid deposition.
2. The Participating Countries will be encouraged to take appropriate measures to monitor acid deposition to minimize its adverse impacts, taking into account the precautionary principle.
3. The Participating Countries will promote active participation, and bilateral and multilateral cooperation for effective implementation of the activities under this Instrument.

Item 4

Monitoring and Reporting

1. The Participating Countries will implement and strengthen their monitoring activities in

line with this Instrument.

2. Each Participating Country will designate a national center, which is responsible for implementing the monitoring activities provided for in this Instrument.
3. Each Participating Country will develop and implement its national monitoring plan. Monitoring of acid deposition will be implemented in accordance with the monitoring guidelines, technical manuals and other technical documents adopted by the IG.
4. Each Participating Country will report the monitoring data and other relevant information to the Network Center (NC), in accordance with the guidelines adopted by the IG.
5. In order to obtain high quality monitoring data, the quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) programs adopted by the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC), will be implemented by the NC in full collaboration among the Participating Countries for monitoring activities under this Instrument.
6. The monitoring data and other information submitted by the Participating Countries will be compiled, stored and analyzed by the NC.
7. The data and other information compiled through the EANET activities will be provided to individuals, organizations and non-member countries, in accordance with the procedures adopted by the IG.

Item 5

Assessment

1. The monitoring data and other information submitted by the Participating Countries will be analyzed, evaluated and assessed.
2. Periodic assessment reports on the state of acid deposition in East Asia will be prepared based on the data reports, disseminated and made available to the public.

Item 6

Research Activities

1. The Participating Countries will promote studies on scientific issues related to acid deposition.
2. Research activities should be mutually reinforcing and supportive with existing regional, sub-regional and national initiatives in East Asia. Collaboration should be promoted with other international monitoring networks and programs.

Item 7

Education and Training

The Participating Countries, in collaboration with the NC and the Secretariat, will promote and cooperate in developing and implementing education/training programs to implement this Instrument.

Item 8

Public Awareness

The Participating Countries will promote and cooperate in:

- 1) development and implementation of public awareness programs on acid deposition;
and
- 2) improvement of public access to information on acid deposition and its effects.

Item 9

Exchange of Information

The Participating Countries will promote and cooperate in the exchange of information related to acid deposition including scientific, technological, technical, socio-economic and legal information as well as information on administrative measures,

Item 10

Intergovernmental Meeting

1. The IG, composed of the representatives of all Participating Countries, is the decision-making body of the EANET. The tasks of the IG include, among others, the following:
 - a) review and approval of the work program and budget of the EANET;
 - b) review of implementation of the work program;
 - c) review and approval of periodic assessment reports on the state of acid deposition in East Asia;
 - d) establishment of subsidiary bodies as necessary and appropriate;
 - e) review and approval of scientific, technical, administrative and financial matters including financial reports for the management of the EANET and the scope of administrative and operation costs of the Secretariat and the NC for their

respective EANET activities;

- f) provision of necessary instructions and guidance to the Secretariat and the NC based on the audit reports provided by independent auditing agencies;
- g) adoption of the rules of procedures for the IG and subsidiary bodies, including the SAC;
- h) provision of necessary instructions and guidance to the subsidiary bodies, the Secretariat and the NC on their activities; and
- i) decision on other matters related to the management of the EANET and implementation of the work program.

2. The IG will meet annually, unless otherwise decided.

Item 11

Secretariat

1. The Secretariat, for the effective management of the EANET and to facilitate cooperation among the Participating Countries in a transparent manner, will carry out the following tasks under the guidance of the IG:
 - a) necessary administrative arrangements for the meetings of the IG, the SAC, and other subsidiary bodies;
 - b) necessary administrative and financial arrangements for managing the EANET;
 - c) communication and cooperation in administrative and policy aspects as the focal point of the EANET;
 - d) promotion of capacity building and public awareness in cooperation with the NC; and
 - e) other necessary tasks as requested by the IG.
2. The entity currently serving as the Secretariat for EANET is designated as the Secretariat, unless otherwise decided by the IG.

Item 12

Scientific Advisory Committee

1. The SAC, composed of scientific and technical experts from the Participating Countries, will advise and assist the IG with various scientific and technical matters related to the EANET activities as mandated to it by the IG. These matters will include the following:

- a) scientific and technical aspects for the EANET;
 - b) development and revision of the monitoring guidelines and technical manuals;
 - c) matters related to the selection of monitoring sites, QA/QC programs, data reporting procedures and formats;
 - d) matters related to collection, evaluation, assessment and analysis of monitoring data;
 - e) preparation of periodic assessment reports on the state of acid deposition in East Asia, based on, but not limited to the data compiled by the NC;
 - f) matters related to studies on acid deposition; and
 - g) other scientific matters as requested by the IG.
2. If the Committee considers it necessary for fulfilling its objectives, experts from countries other than the Participating Countries may be invited to assist the Committee.

Item 13

Network Center

1. The NC, to handle scientific and technical matters of the EANET activities and to facilitate cooperation among the Participating Countries in a transparent manner, will carry out the following tasks under the guidance of the IG:
 - a) central compilation, evaluation, storage and analysis of monitoring data and related information;
 - b) preparation of data reports on acid deposition in East Asia;
 - c) dissemination of monitoring data and other relevant information;
 - d) provision of technical assistance to the Participating Countries in implementing the EANET activities;
 - e) implementation and coordination of QA/QC activities;
 - f) development and implementation of education/training programs for those engaged in the EANET activities;
 - g) implementation of research activities on acid deposition;
 - h) provision of scientific and technical support for the IG, the SAC and other subsidiary bodies;
 - i) promotion of capacity building and public awareness in cooperation with the Secretariat; and

j) other tasks as requested by the IG.

2. The entity currently serving as the NC for EANET is designated as the NC, unless otherwise decided by the IG.
3. Other entities could be designated as Network Centers for EANET by the decision of the IG, as the need arises.

Item 14

Financial Arrangement

1. The administrative and operational cost of the national monitoring activities within each country will be borne by each country as contribution to the EANET.
2. The administrative and operational costs of the Secretariat and the NC for their respective EANET activities will be financed by voluntary contributions from the Participating Countries.
3. Participating Countries are encouraged to make voluntary financial contributions, taking into account their economic and financial circumstances, in accordance with the respective national laws and regulations and within the limit of their respective budgetary appropriations. The Participating Countries may provide additional financial and in-kind contributions on a voluntary basis.
4. The Participating Countries are invited to draw attention to the estimated financial amount in order to implement the activities under this Instrument, and to the burden sharing practices in the United Nations system.
5. Procedures and guidelines for the transfer of financial contributions will be developed and adopted by the IG. The financial contributions and the interest from financial contributions will be administered by the Secretariat under the guidance of the IG.
6. EANET will be open to financial and in-kind contributions from other sources including international and regional organizations and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), subject to the approval of the IG for the implementation of the EANET activities.
7. The annual financial reports, and annual audit reports prepared by independent audit agencies will be submitted to the IG by the Secretariat and the NC for their respective EANET activities.

Item 15

Revisions or Modifications

1. Any revisions or modifications to any part of this Instrument may be proposed in writing by any Participating Country to be considered and adopted by the IG in consensus.
2. Subject to the official written consent by all Participating Countries, the revision or modification adopted by the IG will form part of this Instrument.

Item 16

End of Participation

A Participating Country may cease its participation in the EANET at any time by giving official written notice of such intention to the Secretariat.

Item 17

Participation of Other Countries

Countries in East Asia, which includes Northeast Asia and Southeast Asia, not participating in the EANET, may subsequently submit to the Secretariat an application for participation, which is subject to approval by the IG.

In accordance with the laws and regulations of the respective Participating Countries, this Instrument is signed by the designated or authorized representatives hereunder:

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Secretary of State

Ministry of Environment

Kingdom of Cambodia

23 November 2010

Signature

Title

Government Organization

The People's Republic of China

Date

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Terms of Reference
for the
Working Group on Future Development of Acid Deposition Monitoring
Network in East Asia (EANET) (2011-2012)

1. In line with the decision at the Twelfth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG12) on EANET held in November 2010, the Working Group on Future Development of EANET (hereinafter referred to as the “Working Group”) is established on an ad-hoc basis.
2. Upon the expiration of the Terms of Reference (TOR) (2009-2010) adopted at the Tenth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG10), the Working Group was directed by the Eleventh Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG11) to be continued.
3. The members of the Working Group shall be nominated by the National Focal Points (NFPs) of the participating countries, taking into account the issues to be discussed. In principle, two members of the working group shall be nominated, one for discussions on policy and administrative aspects including a regional agreement on acid deposition and the other for discussions on scientific and technical aspects. The NFPs are recommended to consult with national members of the SAC in nominating their Working Group members for scientific and technical aspects.
4. One Chairperson and two Vice-chairpersons will be elected at the Working Group Session.
5. Under the guidance of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG), the Working Group shall carry out the following tasks:
 - i) Review the Final Report on the implementation of the Strategy on EANET Development (2006-2010);
 - ii) Review the performance of the Secretariat and the Network Center (NC) (2010-2011) including the financial reports and the audit reports;
 - iii) Develop guidelines on administrative and financial management for the Secretariat and the NC for 2014-2015;
 - iv) Discuss the issues of expansion of the scope of EANET, considering cooperation with other existing international programs;
 - v) Review the implementation of the Instrument for Strengthening the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET);
 - vi) Review the current financial modalities, especially of the NC for further improvement of EANET transparency; and

- vii) Carry out other tasks as requested by the IG.
6. The tentative schedule of the Working Group Sessions based on the decision of IG12 are set as follows:
- i) Tenth Session: July-August 2011
- Review the Final Report on implementation of the Strategy on EANET Development (2006-2010);
 - Discuss the issues of expansion of the scope of EANET;
 - Review the current financial modalities, especially of the NC for further improvement of EANET transparency; and
 - Other tasks to be requested by the IG.
- ii) Eleventh Session: July-August 2012
- Review of the performance of the Secretariat and the NC (2010-2011);
 - Review the implementation of the Instrument for Strengthening the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET);
 - Develop guidelines on administrative and financial management for the Secretariat and the NC (2014-2015); and
 - Other tasks to be requested by the IG.
7. Depending on the requests of the IG, additional tasks may be included in the Sessions specified, as appropriate.
8. For fulfilling the tasks of the Working Group, additional experts from outside of the participating countries may be invited to attend the Working Group Sessions, as appropriate.