

## **Japan's submission on Draft Proposed Ideas of Participating Countries**

Japan welcomes the opportunity to submit its views on Draft Proposed Ideas of Participating Countries that the Secretariat compiled at the Working Group (WG) Meeting on Preparation of Development of the Medium-Term Plan (MTP) for the EANET (2021-2025), held on August 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, in Bangkok, Thailand.

At the WG Meeting, Japan recognizes that many member countries express the importance and/or necessity of expansion of the EANET scope to tackle a serious problem that East Asia region faces, which is air pollution, in developing the next MTP. In order to give the EANET such new direction, a framework of the next MTP should be clarified first. And then, the objectives and detailed activities should be discussed based on the framework.

Japan would like to express its views on the framework, objectives, activities, and the budget arrangement of the next MTP as well as the next steps to develop the next MTP as follows.

### **1. Framework**

The framework of the next MTP should describe a broad vision, strategy and direction that the EANET will be seeking in the five years (2021-2025).

As described above, considering ideas expressed by member countries in the WG Meeting, the framework could include following items:

- ✓ The EANET will contribute to solving the emerging issue in East Asia: air pollution,
- ✓ The EANET will expand its scope from acid deposition to air pollution,
- ✓ The EANET will enhance activities related to solutions and measures for air pollution,
- ✓ The EANET will build strategic collaboration with relevant international organization and foster collaboration among member countries to tackle air pollution to utilize existing resources effectively and enrich its activities.

### **2. Objectives**

The objectives of the next MTP should follow the objectives of the EANET itself and the framework of the next MTP. In the light of it, the objectives could cover the following areas:

- ✓ Promoting monitoring, evaluating, assessing impact on air quality and acid deposition,
- ✓ Promoting implementation of clean air measures,
- ✓ Enhancing outreach to improve the visibility of the EANET and raise public awareness,

- ✓ Strengthening collaboration with relevant international organizations and fostering cooperation among member countries.

### 3. Activities

Activities should be identified from the view point of achieving the objectives. In that sense, the proposed activities shown in the table of Draft Proposed Ideas of Participating Countries should be categorized under the objectives. Also, it is essential to clarify who promotes or is responsible for each activity. The image of a summarized table is below.

Objective	Activity	Activity details including Arrangements	Actor	New/ Continuous
Objective 1	Activity 1	...	Secretariat	New
	Activity 2	...	NC	Continuous
	Activity 3		Member countries	Continuous
Objective 2	Activity 4		Secretariat	Continuous
	Activity 5		NC	New

In addition, since the table is just put member countries' ideas without grouping similar activities, it is important to streamline the proposed activities and group similar ones. The followings are examples of similar activities shown in the table, which can be combined as the same activities.

e.g.) Activities that can be combined

- ✓ Activity 1-5, 1-6, 1-14, and 1-33
- ✓ Activity 1-7<sup>1</sup>, 1-15, 1-29, 2-28, and 2-30
- ✓ Activity 1-13 and 2-4
- ✓ Activity 2-7 and 2-20

Japan would like to suggest that the Secretariat in collaboration with the NC recreate the table by taking into account the points described above in developing the synthesis report.

Although Japan suggests to recreate the table through reclassification of the proposed ideas, some comments that Japan expressed at the WG Meeting are additionally put on the current table in the Annex for the sake of clarity of our ideas.

### 4. Budget Arrangement

Japan would like to reemphasize the importance of prioritizing activities and

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<sup>1</sup> In the discussion of the WG Meeting (agenda 5), it was clarified that Activity 1-7 show in the table included monitoring of not only acid deposition but also air pollution (PM2.5, ozone, SO2, NOx, etc.).

streamlining the available budget from ongoing activities with relatively low priorities to newly added activities with high priorities to utilize limited resources effectively. In addition, a project-based finance component or a new project fund with Secretariat or NC can be introduced so that member countries, external organization, and non-member countries can voluntarily contribute to. Also, the Secretariat and the NC need to make efforts raise fund from other relevant organizations.

## **5. Other issues: Renaming the EANET**

If the EANET expands its scope, renaming the EANET is critical in order to indicate its activities under the next MTP and attract potential partners and funds.

Whereas, Japan recognizes some countries have some difficulties in revision of the Instrument for Strengthening the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (the Instrument) corresponding to renaming the EANET. Japan suggests that if the revision of the instrument is necessary, member countries can agree on a new name of the EANET and the next MTP with its scope expansion as well as agree on starting the process of the revision of the instrument first, and then begin the actual work of the revision of the instrument.

## **6. Next Steps**

It is essential to make steady progress on developing the next MTP at the 21<sup>st</sup> Intergovernmental Meeting (IG21) and additional WG meeting(s) between IG21 and IG22 toward its adoption at IG22 in 2020.

At IG21, it would be better to discuss and decide 1) the framework of the next MTP including the scope expansion and 2) a new name of the EANET. In addition, member countries need to decide whether and how additional WG Meeting(s) should be held between IG21 and IG22.

After IG21, the Secretariat in collaboration with the NC can develop outline of the next MTP. In addition, it would be useful to invite submissions from member countries and develop the synthesis report by the Secretariat.

**Annex: Additional inputs on the draft proposed ideas of Japan**

Some comments on draft proposed ideas of Japan are shown as below table (highlighted as yellow).

1. Current program activities:

No	Proposed Idea	Arrangements	Challenges	Ways to overcome challenges
13	Activity 5: Strengthen Outreach (JPN) (outreach)	The Secretariat and NC develop a strategy and organize forums and seminars (in conjunction with relevant international conferences) to strengthen outreach at national, regional and global level, while the member countries review its progress.		The Secretariat and NC develop a strategy.
14	Activity 6: Establish Meaningful Collaboration with Relevant Organization. (JPN) (collaboration)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Secretariat and NC continuously seek collaborative work with other relevant organizations.</li> <li>Optionally, provide them a status of observers to participate in EANET and its meetings and give them a right to speak at IG meeting, though only member countries have a right of decision.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collaboration on linking monitoring results of EANET with implementation of clean air measures based on 25 Clean Air Measures.</li> <li>Optionally, provide them a status of observers to participate in EANET and its meetings and give them a right to speak at IG meeting, though only member countries have a right of decision.</li> </ul>

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## 2. New Proposed activities:

No	Proposed Idea	Arrangements	Challenges	Ways to overcome challenges
8	Activity 2: Development and Submission of Emission Inventories of Air Pollutants. (JPN)	Encourage member countries to develop and submit emission inventory data and establish database for the inventories in order to foster to make effective air pollution policies.  Agree with Japan (THA)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to promote developing and submitting emission inventory data with voluntary base as a first step.</li> </ul>
9	Activity 3: Expansion of scope of Technical Support for Implementation of Clean Air Measures (JPN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secretariat and NC provide technical support changing the focus from monitoring to implementation of clean air measures, including development of emission inventories, identification of air pollution emission sources, modeling analysis, development of plans and policies, and introduction of technologies</li> <li>Need to share a role and collaborate with APCAP and other relevant organizations.</li> </ul>	Limitation of budget.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To streamline of available budget, establishment of a project-based finance component or new project fund, and fundraising.</li> <li>Need to share a role and collaborate with APCAP and other relevant organizations.</li> </ul>

## 3. Governance, administration, and finance:

No	Proposed Idea	Arrangements	Challenges	Ways to overcome challenges
4	Activity 4: Streamline of Available Budget, Establishment of a Project-based Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Streamline of the available budget from ongoing activities to newly added activities. (e.g. QA/QC</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To imitate the way of fundraising of CAA*.</li> </ul> <p>*attractive proposals for industrial sector</p>

	<p>Component or a New Project Fund, and Fundraising (JPN)</p>	<p>activities, technical supports on monitoring, etc.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduce a project-based finance component or establish a new project fund with Secretariat or NC so that member countries, external organization, and non-member countries can voluntarily contribute to.</li> </ul> <p>*Example of the process for a project-based finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project proposals from member countries, relevant partners or the Secretariat.</li> <li>• Seeking voluntary contributions of member countries, and supports from external organizations, or non-member countries (in forms of co-finance, earmarked finance, in-kind contribution, project-specific finance, general contribution to the fund)</li> <li>• Raise fund from other relevant organizations.</li> </ul>		<p>regarding to air pollution including energy field are submitted to industries and raises finances. And a project including technology transfer is conducted based on MoU exchanged with an industry which can provide contribution to the project.</p>
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