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Report on Progress of the Periodic Report on the State of Acid Deposition in East Asia

I. Introduction

1. The preparation of the first Periodic Report on the State of Acid Deposition in East Asia (PRSAD) was decided at the Third Session of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC3) held in Pattaya, Thailand in November 2004. A plan for preparation of the report was developed by the Network Centre (NC) and adopted at the Fourth Session of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC4). A Drafting Committee (DC) for the PRSAD was formed to prepare PRSAD at the beginning of April 2005 in cooperation with NC and the participating countries.
2. DC appointed Prof. Muhamad Awang, Chair of SAC Bureau, as the Head of DC. The DC met twice in Niigata, Japan in April 2005 and in April 2006. The first meeting was to decide on the contents of PRSAD and other issues to start the process of preparation. Further discussions on the contents of the preliminary draft of the report occurred during the Second Scientific Workshop (SWS2) held in Niigata, Japan in August 2005. The second meeting of the DC considered the prepared materials for the first draft of PRSAD.
3. A first Lead Author's meeting was held in June 2006 to consider and update the first draft of PRSAD although it still had many missing sections. Further revisions and additions to the document were made by the Lead Authors following the meeting.

II. Progress On The Preparation of PRSAD Since STM7

4. The second draft of PRSAD was reviewed by participants from EANET member countries that attended the Third Scientific Workshop on Evaluation of the State of Acid Deposition in East Asia held in Pathumthani, Thailand on 29 September 2006. The workshop participants also discussed on submission and preparation of the final report.
5. The Sixth Session of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC6) held in Pathumthani, Thailand on 25-27 October 2007 considered the revised draft PRSAD and discussed the submission of the final report. The Session agreed that:
 - PRSAD should be finalized by the Lead Authors based on comments from SAC6, National Focal Points (NFPs) and external reviewers
 - the National Assessments should be approved by the respective NFPs of

- participating countries
- the National Assessments will be printed as a second volume of PRSAD and finalized later with endorsement by the Drafting Committee (DC) on behalf of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC)
6. The Eighth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG8) considered the revised draft PRSAD report and requested SAC to prepare a summary of PRSAD for policy makers. The Session endorsed in principle the procedures for finalizing and printing of PRSAD. The Session also decided that the final drafts of the report, after elaboration by DC and with comments by experts, should be sent by NC to the NFPs for their comments and endorsement.
 7. After IG8, NC as the Secretariat continued the process of updating the chapters of PRSAD with revised text received from the lead authors to produce the final draft report in three separate volumes: Part I: Regional Assessment, Part II: National Assessments, and an Executive Summary.
 8. The Second Lead Author's Meeting held in Niigata, Japan from 10 - 11 May 2007 considered the following draft documents:
 - Updated final draft of PRSAD (Part I and II)
 - Draft of the Executive Summary for Policy MakersThe draft Executive Summary was adopted with the necessary revisions. The meeting also adopted the revised work plan shown in the Annex.

III. Present Status

9. NC continued to coordinate with the Lead Authors, DC members and member countries to finalize the three volumes of PRSAD. The National Assessments were arranged according to the format agreed by the DC. In June 2007, NC circulated the final draft of the Executive Summary and Part II: National Assessments to the DC and the authors of the National Assessments for their final comments. Final revisions were made to the documents taking into account the comments and revisions submitted by the countries.
10. In early July 2007, NC sent the Executive Summary and Part II: National Assessments to the NFPs of the participating countries for their comments and endorsement in accordance to the decision of IG8. These two documents were sent to the Secretariat for printing on 18 July 2007.
11. Due to several late revisions, the final draft of Part I: Regional Assessment was only completed on 27 July and was circulated to the NFPs for their comments and endorsement. Comments from the NFPs should reach NC not later than 6 August 2007. This volume is

expected to be sent to the Secretariat for printing on 7 August.

12. All three volumes of PRSAD are expected to be ready for distribution to the participating countries and interested agencies by late August 2007.
13. The meeting is invited to take note of the progress in the preparation of the PRSAD.

Schedule for completion of PRSAD

Executive Summary

- Draft finalization by late May
- Language check in early June
- Circulation to DC members in early June
- Circulation to NFPs in late June
- Printing in mid July
- Distribution by late August

Part I – Regional Assessment

- Draft finalization by mid June
- Circulation to NFPs for confirmation in late June
- Printing in mid July
- Distribution by late August

Part II – National Assessments

- Finalization of draft in May-June
- Drafting committee members (authors) confirmation in mid May – late June
- Circulation to NFPs in late July
- Printing in early August
- Distribution by late August