

The Working Group on Framework (WGF)
between UNEP and the EANET
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Draft Framework Document on the Arrangements of the Secretariat for the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET) between UNEP and the EANET

I. Introduction

1. The Draft on “[Framework Agreement/Memorandum] on the Arrangements of the Secretariat for the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET) between the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) and the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET)” (hereinafter referred to as “Framework document”) was one of the three draft working documents which were the outcomes of the IG16 in November 2014 on which the IG16 agreed to continue the discussion after the IG16 and requested the participating countries to provide comments by 31 of January 2015.
2. The Secretariat circulated the Draft Framework document which was the outcome of the IG16 to the National Focal Points (NFPs) on 2 December 2014 for further discussion and requested for views and comments on the document from the participating countries by 31 January 2015.
3. The Secretariat received views and comments on the Draft Framework document from participating countries. The draft Framework document, after incorporating the comments received from the participating countries, was discussed and revised at the Fourteenth Session of the Working Group on Future Development of EANET (WGFD14).
4. As a follow-up to the WGFD14, UNEP conducted a review with its legal office on the draft Framework document (Working Draft as of 23 June 2015), which was one of the outcomes of the WGFD14. The revised Draft Framework document reflecting the revisions and changes required by the UNEP legal office (working draft as of 12 October 2015) was circulated to the NFPs in October 2015.
5. The revised Draft Framework (Working Draft as of 12 October 2015) and the track changes version of the same document to facilitate the tracking of the revisions made to the version discussed and developed at the WGFD14 (Working Draft as of 23 June 2015) were submitted to the IG17 for consideration.
6. The IG17 agreed to assign Working Group to review the June 23rd Framework version (Working draft as of 23 June 2015) and compare it with the comments of UNEP’s legal office and develop a draft Framework for submission to the IG18.
7. The Draft Framework of June 23rd version (Working draft as of 23 June 2015); the Draft Framework with the comments of UNEP’s legal office version (Working Draft as of 12 October 2015) and the

Draft Framework of June 23rd version with track changes are provided in Annex 1, Annex 2 and Annex 3, respectively.

II. Actions Required

8. The WGF is invited to review both the draft Framework document versions June 23rd Framework version (Working draft as of 23 June 2015) and the comments of UNEP's legal office version (working Draft as of 12 October 2015) and may wish to develop the draft Framework to be submitted for IG18 decision, as appropriate.