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Development and Revision of Strategy on EANET Development (2006-2010) after the Seventh Session of Intergovernmental Meeting for EANET

Introduction

1. During the discussions at EANET meetings in 2004 some participating countries suggested that special medium term plan of EANET activities has to be useful for further operation and development of EANET. Based on the suggestions and decision at the Fifth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG5), the Working Group on Future Development (WGFD) has the task to prepare a Medium Term Plan for EANET (MTP) to be undertaken for the coming 5 years (2006-2010).
2. The Medium Term Plan should be focused on the whole activities of EANET with stated targets, activities to be undertaken and expected results at the end of the mentioned period. The preparation of MTP is conducted by WGFD together with the Network Center (NC) under the coordination with National Focal Points (NFPs) and other EANET bodies. The preparation of the document was expected to be within 1 year with consideration by IG7 in November 2005.

Activity on preparation of MTP after IG7

3. The consideration of first draft report on a Five-Year MTP for EANET was done at the Second Session of the WGFD (WGFD2) in June 2005. The comments and questions at WGFD2 were presented and explained at the STM6 held in July 2005 in Hanoi, Viet Nam. The result of discussions at WGFD2 and STM6 were summarized by NC for dissemination among NFPs, members of WGFD and SAC.
4. Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) on its Fifth Session (SAC5) on September 1-3, 2005 provided a substantial review and discussion on the content and priorities of MTP for improvement of document. The comments and guidance by SAC and NFPs were used for elaboration of the MTP and a revised document has been submitted to the special session of WGFD (WGFD-S1) and the Seventh Session of Intergovernmental Meeting (IG7) in November 2005 for its consideration.

5. During the discussion at IG7 the participating countries agreed that general framework of MTP is endorsed. The suggestions were raised to provide the cost evaluation for implementation of MTP as well as concerns how this evaluation could be incorporated into the process of MTP elaboration by WGFD in order to present a revised MTP to the Eighth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG8) for approval.
6. MTP was revised to avoid duplication of activities and to exclude some outputs seemed to be not highly important for MTP. The results of discussions at WGFD-S1 and IG7 were summarized for WGFD members by NC and taken into account for revision. The evaluation of Workload and cost of NC to be necessary for implementation of MTP was provided as the material for WGFD members at its Third Session (WGFD3) in May 2006. The process of implementation was also explained with time schedule of MTP.
7. NFPs and members of WGFD were asked to send their comments and suggestions on the revised MTP within one month after WGFD3. NC was requested to revise the present MTP with compiled comments taking into account that some tasks might need more discussion at the next session of WGFD to be held in 2006 before IG8. The necessity to make efforts for obtain additional financial resources was expressed based on the prepared MTP upon its adoption.
8. The review of MTP was also done at the Seventh Senior Technical Managers' meeting (STM7) with the discussion on correspondent changes in line with the comments by WGFD and the participating countries. NC distributed prepared supporting document EANET/WGFD S2/5/3 on comments and revision of MTP after WGFD3 among participants. The importance of a design plan on the development of monitoring network was expressed which could be prepared by SAC and NC under the coordination with the participating countries and their national centers.
9. A revision of MTP was observed and discussed again at the Second special Session of WGFD (WGFD-S2) in August 2006 together with prepared cost estimation for the Secretariat to implement relevant MTP activities. The Session suggested elaborating document on Evaluation of Workload and Cost by coordinating the materials prepared by NC and the Secretariat to avoid any duplication of budgets.
10. It was expressed that some new activities (22, 24-26) are closely related to the discussions on the Instrument and subject to change, depending on the results of such discussions and correspondent agreement to be reached at IG7. WGFD agreed to submit the revised draft MTP to IG8 for its consideration with special footnote what the activities on promotion of studies on emission inventories and modeling as well as on new priority substances should be undertaken depending on the results of the discussions on the Instrument and, also, with some modification of the activities 22 and 24 (as presented in Annex III of the Report of WGFD-S2, EANET/WGFD S2/11). The revised MTP is presented for consideration of IG8 as document EANET/IG 8/7/1.

Major topics of MTP revision after STM6

11. After the consideration at special session of WGFD and IG7 in November 2005 the number of tasks was decreased from 35 to 30 by reduction of less important works. The most important parts of some expected results are included into other related items of activities. Some particular answers were done in special supporting document for WGFD3 (EANET/WGFD 3/5/3).
12. The overview on financial sources and ways of fund raising was prepared and included into MTP to provide a view how the implementation of MTP can be supported financially. The identification was prepared on possible sources and efforts of NC to raise funding as well as the necessary efforts were identified for strengthening partnership with donor agencies, research foundations and other funds based on the content of MTP.
13. The workloads and cost estimation were provided by NC as supporting document for WGFD3 (EANET/WGFD 3/5/2). It was revised later upon the results of discussions at the Sessions of WGFD in 2006 with coordinating estimation of the Secretariat and NC. The some tasks were re-evaluated being revised by WGFD and with the comments of the participating countries and SAC6. The overall figures and detail tables with referring to tasks and outputs of revised MTP are presented in supporting document EANET/IG 8/7/2. Estimation demonstrated the man-months and necessary cost for NC are expected to increase from 2007 comparing with 2006 with some following decreasing by the end of MTP period (EANET/IG 8/7/2). The total cost for the Secretariat in 2008 will higher than the 2006 budget due to activity of the WGFD and other new activities, e.g. development of Report for Policy Makers, but the total cost for 2006, 2009 and 2010 are evaluated as almost the same in value.
14. The number of changes are explained in the separate document EANET/IG 8/7/4 starting with the discussion at IG7 in November 2007. Finally the number of tasks and output was decreased making MTP more practical and clear to follow the goal of EANET development.