

The Eleventh Session of the Scientific Advisory Committee  
on Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia  
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**Outcomes of the Twelfth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG12)  
and the Fourth Special and Tenth Sessions of the Working Group  
on Future Development (WGFD-S4 and WGFD10) of the EANET**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. The Intergovernmental Meeting (IG) on Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET) held its Twelfth Session (IG12) in Niigata, Japan on 23-24 November 2010.
2. The Working Group on Future Development (WGFD) of EANET held its Fourth Special Session (WGFD-S4) in Niigata, Japan on 22 November 2010 and its Tenth Session (WGFD10) in Pathumthani, Thailand on 19-20 July 2011.

**II. MAJOR DECISIONS DURING THE IG12**

**II-1 Instrument for Strengthening the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET), for signing during the High Level Segment**

3. The Session adopted Decision 1/IG.12 (Annex 1), which adopted the Instrument for Strengthening the EANET.
4. The decision stated as follows:
  - i) 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).
  - ii) 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;
  - iii) 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;
  - iv) Decides that IG13 will consider the nature of involvement of the countries that are unable to sign by the specified date.

**II-2 Medium Term Plan for EANET (MTP) (2011-2015)**

5. The Session adopted the MTP (2011-2015), with modifications agreed by the Session.
6. It was clarified that the title was changed from “Strategy on EANET Development” (2006-2010)” into “MTP from EANET (2011-2015)”, taking into account of the contents of the document.

**II-3 Report on the Progress of the EANET since the Eleventh Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG 11) and Draft Financial Report of the Secretariat and the Network Center in 2009**

7. The activities of EANET implemented during this period were guided by the “Strategy on EANET Development (2006-2010)”, adopted at the Eighth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG8) held in November 2006 in Hanoi, Vietnam. The activities were also in accordance with the Work Program and Budget of EANET in 2009 and 2010 adopted at the Tenth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG10) and the Eleventh Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG11), respectively.
8. The Session endorsed both of the reports.

**II-4 Report on the Review of Performance of the Secretariat and the Network Center (2008-2009)**

9. As part of the efforts to improve transparency and efficiency, the Report on Review of the Performance is being submitted, every two years since 2005, by the Secretariat and Network Center for Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia. The purpose of the performance report is to provide an assessment as well as feedback on the institutional and administrative management of the Secretariat and the NC’s scientific and technical activities, among others, as decided by the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG). It will also provide a way and possibility to create a plan for areas of improvement and development.
10. The Session adopted both of the Reports on the Review of Performance of the Secretariat and the Network Center (2008-2009).

**II-5 Report on the Outcomes of the Tenth Session of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC10)**

11. The Session endorsed the report.
12. The Session adopted the three Technical Manuals endorsed by SAC10, i.e. 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).

## **II-6 High Level Segment**

13. The High Level Segment was held during IG12 and it was opened by the IG12 Chairperson. Statements were made by Minister of the Environment, Japan, Regional Director of UNEP ROAP, Governor of Niigata Prefecture and Mayor of Niigata City.
14. A briefing on the Instrument for Strengthening the EANET was presented to the Session by the Chairperson of the IG12.
15. Remarks were delivered by the representatives from Cambodia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand, and Vietnam.
16. Seven representatives from participating countries signed the Instrument for Strengthening the EANET, including Cambodia, Japan, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Republic of Korea, and Thailand.

## **II-7 Second Report on Future Development of EANET and Procedures and Guidelines for Voluntary Financial Contributions to EANET for 2011-2013**

17. The Terms of Reference for the Working Group on Future Development of EANET (2011-2012) (Annex 2) was adopted.
18. It was raised that contributions might possibly be significantly increased based on UN assessment scale. Ceiling of increase was proposed to be discussed at the WGFD for consideration by the IG13.
19. The Session requested the WGFD10 to discuss the possible implications of the adoption and operation of the Instrument for Strengthening the EANET.
20. The Session adopted the report and document with modifications.

## **II-8 Work Program and Budget in 2011 for EANET**

21. The Session adopted the Work Program and Budget in 2011.
22. It was suggested that the NC might develop a specific budget for international recruitment/salary for international staff.

## **II-9 Joint Forum on the Atmospheric Environment in Asia and the Pacific**

23. It was pointed out that any effort to be a member in the Joint Forum should base on the consensus of all participating countries since EANET is a network guided by the IG. However, there was lack of related thorough discussion and achieved consensus during any IG meetings. Furthermore, the Joint Forum has decided to look at atmospheric pollution, whereas the mandate of EANET is only acid deposition.
24. It was clarified that EANET and the Joint Forum are separate bodies with respective decision-making processes.
25. One country supported that EANET may participate in the Joint Forum to promote exchanging of information with other networks.
26. Clarifications were made that National Focal Points for the Joint Forum could be decided at the national level to avoid duplication of the EANET activities and that clearinghouse to be established under the Joint Forum will only use published data, and will provide reference to data sources.

### **III. OUTCOMES OF THE WGFD-S4**

#### **III-1 Instrument for Strengthening the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET), for possible signing during the High Level Segment of the Twelfth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG12)**

27. The Session was informed the readiness to sign the Instrument during the High Level Segment of the IG12. Six participating countries, i.e. Cambodia, Japan, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, and Thailand, were ready to sign the Instrument. Whereas, other participating countries were still under national procedures to acquire approval from relevant national bodies to sign the Instrument. Among them, Malaysia was evaluating the implication of signing the Instrument.

#### **III-2 Draft 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**

28. It was pointed out that there should be some limits of budget change such as over spending and procedures to change budget beyond such limit to increase the transparency and accountability.

#### **III-3 Draft Work Program and Budget of EANET in 2011**

29. The relationship was clarified between the MTP (2011-2015) and the Work Program and Budget (WPB) in 2011.

30. It was pointed out by one country that any effort to expand scope of the EANET should be discussed after the Instrument becomes operational and be agreed by all participating countries.
31. Clarification was made on the development of EANET Technical Manual for Air Concentration Monitoring, e.g. the equipment and method for filter pack. The NC was requested to add an explanation as a footnote in the WPB in 2011.
32. The Secretariat and the NC were requested to make further efforts to improve the transparency and accountability in their operations.

#### **IV. OUTCOMES OF THE WGFD10**

##### **IV-1 Review on Progress of Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET) since the Fourth Special Session of the Working Group on Future Development (WGFD-S4) of the EANET and Financial Report of the Secretariat and the Network Center in 2010**

33. The presentation on brief introduction on Asia Center for Air Pollution Research (ACAP) by the NC was welcomed for enhancing the transparency of the NC.
34. It was suggested that the IG will provide guidance on the issue of possibly posting the related material such as progress reports, research materials, etc. on the website of EAENT.
35. It was pointed out that the NC could provide detailed information on each item of expenditure in Table 5 of Annex 2 of the Financial Report to improve the transparency of the EANET. The NC will revise the Table 5 for submission to the IG13.
36. The clarification was made that the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Training Course on EANET could not be held without sufficient number of requests from participating countries to JICA. It was encouraged to submit the official requests for 2012 JICA Training Courses.

##### **IV-2 Review of Current Financial Modalities for Further Improvement on Transparency of the EANET and Ceiling of Increase on Financial Contributions**

37. The Session discussed the issues of current financial modalities and ceiling of increase on financial contributions.
38. Major discussions on current financial modalities were listed as follows,

- i) The significant gap between the budget and expenditure, in some cases, was pointed out. Opinions were expressed that the ceiling should be set on the deviation of expenditure from budget by each item and reallocation among budget items should be regulated with limitation. On the other hand, the concern of possible negative impacts of strict limitation on the deviation and reallocation of the budget line, and the need of ensuring the flexibility of the budget implementation were expressed.
  - ii) It was indicated that some guidelines should be elaborated to improve the transparency, for instance, to provide the detailed information on the personnel cost of the NC, the frequency of inter-laboratory comparison, and core budget distribution in budget and financial forms.
39. The following discussions were focused on ceiling of increase on financial contributions:
- i) It was reaffirmed that the estimated amount of contribution was served as the basis of voluntary contribution based on participating countries' circumstances;
  - ii) It was expressed by some participating countries that the discussion on ceiling should not reopen the negotiation of the present financial modality of the EANET regarding Procedures and Guidelines for Voluntary Financial Contributions to the EANET for 2011-2013 (EANET/IG 12/10/2.rev 1);
  - iii) The present financial modality of the EAENT regarding the document EANET/IG 12/10/2.rev 1 will be reviewed after 3 years and be revised, in necessary;
  - iv) It was raised that the significant increase of contribution was not expected when countries adopted the Instrument;
  - v) It was requested to collect the information of common practices of other international programs regarding the ceiling of financial contributions;
  - vi) It was suggested to define the budget and activities correspondingly to prevent the current situation of positive gap between budget and expenditure of the Secretariat for most of the years;
  - vii) National experience was shared that the proposed budget and approved budget could be different;
  - viii) It was suggested by one country that EANET activities should be focused on the capacity building of participating countries;
  - ix) It was pointed out that the increase of the amount of contribution was attributed to the increase of the budget and that there was already a practice to review and adopt

the WPB annually to control the increase of the budget. There is a room for improvement and the rules could be set to review the detailed budget instead of controlling the increase of the budget;

- x) It was proposed to fix the budget for 3 years according to the fixed voluntary contributions to prevent the fluctuation;
  - xi) It was suggested on the Secretariat's budget that since extra activities could seek special contributions, the budget could be divided into two parts: regular activities and extra activities. The voluntary contributions could then be calculated based on regular activities;
  - xii) It was summarized that there were three options proposed for further discussion on this issues, i.e. ceiling on increase of financial contributions, ceiling on increase of total budget, and fixing budget for 3 years.
40. It was suggested that the Secretariat and the NC draft the guidelines on administrative and financial management for the Secretariat and the NC (2014-2015) for the consideration of the WGFD 11 without touching upon the document of EANET/IG 12/10/2 rev 1.

#### **IV-3 Expansion of Scope of the EANET and Possible Impacts of Adoption and Operation of the Instrument for Strengthening the EANET**

41. The Session discussed on the issues of Expansion of Scope of the EANET and Possible Impacts of Adoption and Operation of the Instrument for Strengthening the EANET.
42. The following points were included in the discussions on Expansion of Scope of the EANET,
- i) The Session suggested that the two issues as indicated in the topic of the document of EANET/WGFD 10/6 should be treated separately in two documents reflecting the views and opinions of the participating countries expressed at the WGFD10;
  - ii) It was suggested that issues and problems related to the expansion of the scope and the extension of monitoring sites should be identified;
  - iii) Some participating countries suggested that higher priority should be set on the capacity building on Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) and further improvement of the QA/QC mechanism under the Instrument rather than the topic of the "Expansion of the Scope of the EANET";
  - iv) As for increasing monitoring sites, some participating countries mentioned there was no difficulty in their countries. Some participating countries expressed their

difficulties in increasing the monitoring species as proposed in the document of EANET/WGFD 10/6;

- v) It was raised that the mitigation of air pollutants needs further discussion;
  - vi) Consideration that scientific evidence was regarded as an important basis for further priorities setting, some participating countries suggested that the expansion issue should be discussed by the Twelfth Session of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC12) and subsequently by the WGFD, outcomes of which should be submitted to the Fourteenth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG14) in 2012, for its consideration. Accordingly, it was proposed that the IG13 should make amendment on the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the WGFD to enable it to take necessary steps;
  - vii) It was suggested that expansion of scope, with regard to priority setting, should consider the cost and benefit issues;
  - viii) In reference to the United States Policy, the relationship between acid deposition and other atmospheric pollution was explained;
  - ix) The Session welcomed any further guidance from the IG on steps to be taken in order to consider the expansion of scope based on scientific basis.
43. Including the nature of involvement of the countries that are unable to sign the Instrument, the major discussions on possible impacts of the adoption and operation of the Instrument were as follows:
- i) The status of national procedures on signature of the Instrument of the participating countries that have not signed was informed to the meeting. All of them expressed that efforts were made to complete the national procedures to sign the Instrument. Their willingness to continue the EANET activities were also expressed;
  - ii) The following views and opinions were expressed by the participating countries:
    - The Secretariat should remind and urge the participating countries that are unable to sign to inform their willingness to continue the participation in the EANET activities in writing;
    - The concern was raised about the possible distinction in the future since the data reporting and other activities of the EANET would possibly be affected if the countries that are unable to sign will be treated differently, considering that the monitoring costs within the territory of the participating countries have been borne by respective countries;

- It was suggested that the involvement of all the participating countries into decision making procedure is necessary at the current stage. The distinction could only hinder the solidarity of the EANET as a framework. For the time being, the distinction between countries that signed and that have not signed the Instrument should not be undertaken, reminding that the EANET is a voluntary framework of cooperation;
  - It was suggested to set some grace period for the participating countries that are not able to sign the Instrument. Considering the responsibilities and the benefits issues, specific distinction might be necessary in the future;
  - It was clarified that the participating countries that are unable to sign could contribute financially to the EANET.
44. The Session recalled that the participating countries that will not be able to sign the Instrument were encouraged to express their willingness to continue their EANET activities in wiring before the IG13 according to the Decision 1/IG.12. It was suggested that the Secretariat shall collect all views discussed at the WGFD10 and other possible options on the nature of involvement of the countries that are unable to sign for submission to the IG13 after the circulation among members of the WGFD.

**IV-4 Final Report on Implementation of the Strategy on EANET Development (2006-2010) (Draft)**

45. The Session did not raise specific points for this agenda item. It was agreed to submit the draft report to the IG13 without modifications.

**IV-5 Work Program and Budget of the EANET in 2012 (Draft)**

46. There were no specific points raised from the participating countries for this agenda item.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Attachment

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

**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:

**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.