

The Sixth Session of the Scientific Advisory Committee  
on Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia  
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## **Overview of the Outcomes of the WGFD3 and WGFD-S2 from scientific and technical viewpoints.**

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

1. The Third Session of the Working Group on Future Development of EANET (WGFD3) was held in AIT, Pathumthani, Thailand on 17-18 May 2006 to discuss the topics required and suggested by the Seventh Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG7) in 2005 and for consideration at the Eighth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG8) in November 2006.
2. The Second Special Session of the Working Group on Future Development of EANET (WGFD-S2) was held on 30-31 August 2006 in Pathumthani, Thailand.

### **II. SUMMARY OF THE OUTCOME OF WGFD3**

#### **2.1 Revision of the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Working Group on Future Development of EANET (WGFD) including the schedule towards the Tenth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting**

3. New TOR was proposed rather than revising the present TOR, since some of the tasks under the present TOR have been completed and the others being completed within this year. It was proposed to include capacity building and management issues into the new TOR.
4. It was also suggested that annually one scheduled meeting be held and additional meetings could be undertaken as appropriate after getting consensus among all National Focal Points, while some others suggested organizing more than one scheduled meeting. Without modification of the present TOR, one additional session of WGFD was convened on 30-31 August 2006. The draft TOR was attached as Annex 2. There are still issues which remained in bracket at the new TOR wherein the Second Special Session of the WGFD on 30-31 August 2006 will discuss these issues.

#### **2.2 Components of the Instrument to Provide a Sound Basis for Contribution to EANET (preliminary draft)**

5. As the Decision adopted by IG7 in November 2005 stated that the participating countries of EANET should begin a process to discuss an appropriate instrument and its legal status to provide a sound basis for financial contribution to EANET and will report the results of the discussion to the Tenth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting for its consideration, the Secretariat prepared a documents on the "Components of the instrument" and was discussed at the WGFD3.
6. The WGFD3 requested the Secretariat to prepare a document to provide the present provisions on each item of the possible components in the existing framework of EANET, which will include the Joint Announcement on the Implementation of EANET, the Tentative Design of EANET and other relevant IG decisions, as the starting point for further discussions.

### **2.3 Revised Draft Five-Year Medium Term Plan (MTP) for EANET and Relevant Budget Information for Its Implementation**

7. The IG7 approved the general framework of MTP5 and requested that suggestions by participants about the evaluation of activities be incorporated. Among the major discussions during the WGFD3 include the following:
  - The opinion was expressed that more scientific researches are needed before actually preparing emission inventories and modeling because the actual implementation of these activities require a lot of tasks and cost. It was pointed out that text of IG is to promote the studies in these areas
  - It was pointed out that task 30 may not require establishment of working group. In addition, it was noted at the Seventh Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG7) that the word "sub-center" was inappropriate.
  - While some participating countries referred to the importance to secure the financial sources for implementing MTP, it was suggested that since many activities are on-going in participating countries, their outcomes could be used to reduce the expenses.
  - Medium term plans used in some UN agencies are often adopted without any specific financial sources. MTP of EANET also could be adopted for the purpose of fund raising and communication with donor agencies.
  - It was pointed out that activities of the new direction are based on additional budgets and largely depend on the future efforts of NC and the Secretariat to get financial support from funding agencies, therefore they are encouraged to make further efforts.

### **2.4 Review of the RRC.AP/AIT system to examine the possibility for the Secretariat to move to the UN system and overview on the rules and regulations of the Japan Environmental Sanitation Center (JESC) for NC, applicable to EANET**

8. The Secretariat made a presentation on the draft report on review of the RRC.AP/AIT system to examine the possibility for the Secretariat to move to the UN system (EANET/WGFD 3/6/1). NC provided information and explanations on the rules and regulations of the Japan Environmental Sanitation Center (JESC) for NC, applicable to EANET (EANET/WGFD 3/6/2). The Session was invited to discuss, make comments and recommendations for further consideration.
9. The Session considered that more detailed information is needed on advantages and disadvantages to move to the UN system, including the following items:
  - Summary of the previous discussions at IGs and WGFDs;
  - Improvement in transparency of the network;
  - Improvement in management of the network including issues related to administrative, financial and recruitment aspects;
  - Comparison with other international experiences especially in Europe;
  - Other possible options including mix of the two systems;

## **2.5 Revision of Procedures and Guidelines for Contribution to EANET to propose appropriate mechanism on voluntary financial contributions for EANET**

10. The Fifth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG5) held in Pattaya, Thailand in 2003 reached consensus on the Decision on the Further Financial Arrangement for EANET. The decision stated, "Decides that the participating countries of EANET should make effort, on a voluntary basis, to make financial contributions to NC and the Secretariat budget up to 2004. Taking into account the latest actual expenditure figures, countries will then make effort on a voluntary basis to contribute to the budget to be directly spent by the Secretariat using fully the latest UN assessment scale-based burden sharing as the first step. After three years, the performance and transparency of the Network should be reviewed to explore the possibility of strengthening and extending the burden sharing. The possibility of introducing minimum contribution amount from the participating countries should also be explored." Please refer to Annex 2.
11. The IG7 approved the contribution of the participating countries for the Secretariat budget based on expenditures after three years ago and will be practiced until the year 2007. It also suggested considering an appropriate mechanism to decide the amount of voluntary financial contributions from participating countries. In response to the request of the IG7, the Secretariat prepared this report that discusses mechanisms for providing voluntary contributions to EANET and presented to WGFD3.
12. Major discussions during the WGFD3 are as follows:

- Effort should be continued to narrow the gaps between budgets and actual expenditures.
- Some participating countries need a legal basis to provide contribution to EANET.
- Many participating countries have difficulty with yearly fluctuation of their contributions and wished to have yearly flat amounts for their contribution for certain period (3-5 years).
- Some countries expressed that the contributions on a voluntary basis should be based on the actual expenditures in previous years in accordance with the decision 1/IG5 and its subsequent modifications while some others expressed that they shall postpone their decisions until the gaps between the budget and actual expenditures are narrowed down.
- In-kind contribution should be appreciated as well as cash contribution.
- Guidelines may be developed to provide flexibility to the participating countries to make contribution, depending on their country conditions

## **2.6 Draft Report on Establishment of a Trust Fund for EANET**

13. As per the Framework on the Establishment of the Secretariat of Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) will arrange for the establishment and management of a trust fund for EANET through the United Nations Environment Programme, Regional Resource Center for Asia and the Pacific/Asian Institute of Technology (UNEP, RRCAP/AIT) system, as decided by the Third Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG3) in 2003, separately from other accounts and under the guidance of the Intergovernmental Meeting. The IG7 requested the WGFD of EANET to consider establishment of trust fund. Major discussions during the WGFD3 include:

-It should be made clear that there are at least three options – to use existing operational account, to establish a new trust fund in AIT, to establish a new trust fund in UNEP (Nairobi). The differences among these options as well as advantages and disadvantages of these options should be included in the report.

-Attention should also be paid to the transparency and accountability.

-The Secretariat should modify the current operational account name in the report from AIT to the UNEP RRC.AP EANET.

-Procedures to establish a new trust fund in AIT should be established, if necessary and presented to WGFD, taking into account the experiences of other trust funds in AIT.

-Information on the experiences of other networks, especially NOWPAP and EMEP, should be provided to WGFD.

14. The Report of the Session of the WGFD-S2 is herewith attached, as Annex 1.

### **III. SUMMARY OF THE OUTCOMES OF THE WGFD-S2**

#### **3.1 Consideration on the New Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Working Group on Future Development of EANET (WGFD) including the schedule towards the Tenth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG10) (Agenda Item 3)**

15. The Session agreed the revised draft TOR as presented in Annex III of this report, with bracket on paragraph 6 on the schedule of the sessions for further discussions at IG8. It was also suggested that IG8 may wish to discuss and decide if it would delegate the authority to establish subsidiary bodies to WGFD in relation to paragraph 7 of the revised draft TOR.

#### **3.2 Consideration on Components of the Instrument to Provide a Sound Basis for Contribution to EANET (draft) (Agenda Item 4)**

16. It was agreed that the report (EANET/WGFD S2/4), with further elaboration by checking relevant documents, would be submitted to IG8 for its consideration and further guidance. The Session requested the Secretariat to provide the revised report to the participating countries well in advance (one month before IG8). Some countries expressed their views to put brackets around the texts in the report which do not have reference to the Joint Announcement, Tentative Design and other relevant decisions.

#### **3.3 . Consideration on the Revised Draft Five-Year Medium Term Plan (MTP) for EANET (Agenda Item 5)**

17. It was agreed that instead of the brackets, a footnote would be added to clarify that the activities of No. 22-26 are closely related to the discussions on the instrument and subject to change, depending on the results of such discussions. It was also agreed to modify the activities of No. 22 and 24 as presented in Annex III. With these modifications, it was agreed to submit the revised draft MTP to IG8 for its consideration.
18. In relation to the estimation of workload and cost for the Secretariat activities, the Secretariat and NC were requested to further coordinate with each other to avoid any duplication of budgets.

#### **3.4. Draft Report on the Review of the RRC.AP/AIT System, Revised Procedures and Guidelines for Contribution to EANET, Establishment of a Trust Fund and Ways in Obtaining Financial Support from International Funding Agencies. Overview on the Rules and Regulations of the Japan Environmental Sanitation Center (JESC) for NC (Agenda Item 6)**

19. Regarding discussions on the review of the RRC.AP/AIT System, the Secretariat was requested to prepare a revised report with more detailed comparative table on advantages and disadvantages and without specific recommendations for IG. Such comparison should include an item on transparency. The Secretariat was requested to develop guidelines for attendance of observers to EANET meetings.
20. Regarding the "Report on Revision of Procedures and Guidelines for Contribution to Propose Appropriate Mechanism on Voluntary Contributions for EANET" (EANET/WGFD S2/6/3), while appreciating the proposal on the flat rate contributions, the Secretariat and NC were requested to revise the report to include specific figures on flat amount contribution by each participating country for the Secretariat budget as well as the core budget of NC based on the UN assessment scale burden sharing.
21. The Session endorsed the "Report on the Ways in Obtaining Financial Support from International Agencies" (EANET/WGFD S2/6/4) to be submitted to IG8 for its consideration.
- 3.5. Brief Report on the Progress of EANET after the Fifth Session of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC5) and the Seventh Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG7) and the Financial Report in 2005 (Agenda Item 7)**
22. The Secretariat and NC briefly made presentations on the report on the progress of EANET after the Fifth Session of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC5) and the Seventh Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG7) (EANET/WGFD S2/7/1). The financial report of the Secretariat and NC in CY 2005 (EANET/WGFD S2/7/2) were also included in the presentation. The Session was invited to comment on the reports, if any.
23. The representative of Republic of Korea informed the Session that it had withdrawn its intention in sending a candidate for the next EANET Coordinator and informed the Secretariat, accordingly.
24. The Session endorsed the reports to be submitted to IG8.
- 3.6. Consideration on the Draft Work Program and Budget in 2007 for EANET (Agenda Item 8)**
25. The Secretariat and NC presented the proposed Draft Work Program and Budget in 2007 for EANET (EANET/WGFD S2/8). The Session was invited to make comments.
26. Major discussions included:
  - It was pointed out that the descriptions related to emission inventories and modeling (paragraphs 5, 9, 17, 18, 21, 26 and 49 etc.) should be modified, based on

the agreement on the agenda item 5 of this Session. Budget estimate would also be revised, accordingly.

- It was emphasized that recruitment of a new EANET Coordinator should be an urgent task.
- Clarification was made regarding the issue of the way to estimate the 2006 and 2007 budget in the absence of the Coordinator.
- It was also clarified how the Secretariat had estimated the amounts of contributions from the participating countries (Annex of Table 2 in Attachment 1). It was suggested that the issue should be raised at IG if a country may wish to contribute more than the estimated amount.
- It was clarified that no significant interest was received from the bank for the EANET budget.
- Clarification was made on the differences between the budget and expenditures in the year 2003-2005.
- NC was requested to provide more information on actual expenditures of core budget and additional budget activities.

Annex I

EANET/WGFD 3/10

The Third Session of the Working Group  
on Future Development of EANET  
17-18 May 2006, Pathumthani, Thailand

**REPORT OF THE SESSION  
(Final)**

**I. Introduction**

1. The Third Session of the Working Group on Future Development (WGFD3) of Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET) was held in AIT, Pathumthani, Thailand on 17-18 May 2006.
2. Representatives of Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russia, Thailand, and Viet Nam participated in the Session. The representatives of the Secretariat and the Network Center (NC) for EANET, as well as expert from international organization, the United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS) also attended the Session. The List of Participants is attached as Annex I.
3. The Session was opened by the Secretariat. Mr. Mylvakanam Iyngararasan delivered an opening remarks.
4. The Session was chaired by Dr. Supat Wangwongwatana, Deputy Director General, Pollution Control Department, Thailand, and the current Chairperson of the Working Group on Future Development of EANET. The Meeting also elected Ms. Ella Deocadiz, Chief, Research and Development Division of the Environmental management Bureau (EMB), Philippines as a temporary Vice Chair of this Session in view of the fact that two Vice Chairs were not available for this Session.

**II. Adoption of the Agenda (Agenda Item 2)**

5. The agenda was adopted as proposed by the Secretariat (EANET/WGFD 3/2/1).

**III. Consideration on the Revision of the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Working Group on Future Development of EANET (WGFD) including the schedule towards the Tenth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (Agenda Item 3)**



6. The Secretariat made a presentation on the revision of the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Working Group on Future Development (WGFD) including the schedule towards the Tenth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG10) (EANET/WGFD 3/3 and EANET/WGFD 3/3/1). The Session was invited to discuss, make comments, consider and adopt TOR with modifications, if necessary for approval of the Eight Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG8).
7. Major discussions included:
  - Paragraph 2 of the present TOR may need to be revised. In the future, tasks would be related more to the administrative aspects rather than scientific and technical aspects. Since it may be difficult to send same persons to so many WGFD sessions, National Focal Points (NFPs) should have some guidance on how to nominate participants to each WGFD session.
  - New TOR may be proposed rather than revising the present TOR, since some of the tasks under the present TOR have been completed and the others being completed within this year.
  - It was proposed to include capacity building and management issues into the new TOR.
  - It was also suggested that annually one scheduled meeting be held and additional meetings could be undertaken as appropriate after getting consensus among all National Focal Points, while some others suggested to organize more than one scheduled meeting.
  - Without modification of the present TOR, one additional session of WGFD will be convened in August 2006. The topics of the session will include:
    - i. Preparation of the report on ways in obtaining financial support from international funding agencies;
    - ii. Fundamental preparation of the appropriate instrument;
    - iii. Preparation of the time table of the WGFD for the year 2007-2008; and
    - iv. Consideration on the revised Five-Year Medium Term Plan (MTP) for EANET.
  - After the Session in August, one more session could be convened in 2006, if necessary
8. The WGFD Session in November 2005 should be recognized as the First Special Session of the Working Group on Future Development of EANET.
9. The present TOR will terminate at the end of the year 2006. The Session developed a draft new TOR for 2007-2008 based on the document of EANET/WGFD 3/3 as presented in Annex II of this document. There are some remaining issues such as the schedule of WGFD, to be discussed and finalized at the next session in August 2006 (Second Special Session), which are highlighted in the bracket.

**IV. Consideration on Components of the Instrument to Provide a Sound Basis for Contribution to EANET (preliminary draft) (Agenda Item 4)**

10. The Secretariat made a presentation on the Draft Components of the Instrument to Provide a Sound Basis for Contribution to EANET (EANET/WGFD 3/4 including “Text of the Components of the Instruments” and “Possible options for ensuring the sound basis for financial contribution to EANET”). The Session was invited to discuss and make comments on the draft report, and provide guidance as appropriate.
11. Major discussions included:
  - It was clarified that the meaning of “elements” used in the Decision 1/IG7 and “components” in this document are identical.
  - Some countries expressed their preference for a framework-type instrument based on current EANET achievements with a possibility to develop additional instruments such as protocols on future development of EANET.
  - Some others preferred the framework/arrangement based on Tentative Design.
  - Some suggested that the instrument should be based on the original scope of EANET, taking account that major purpose of this work is to strengthen the sound financial basis of EANET, and that it takes time to discuss a framework instrument. Others expressed their views to keep the scope open.
  - It was proposed to discuss possible components to be included in the instrument, and get the idea on the contents of the instrument before discussion on the legal status of the instrument. Some countries suggested that decision should be made on the type of the instrument before defining components of the instrument.
  - Some countries noted that they need capacity building for negotiations on the instrument, including studies on other existing instruments. In this connection, the activity proposed by China for capacity building at IG7, to be included in the work program of 2006, should be considered and finalized as quickly as possible.
  - The in-country procedures for legally binding instruments may differ from country to country, depending on the contents of the instruments and specifics of national legislations.
  - It was suggested to invite experts outside the region to share their experiences, if necessary.
12. The Session requested the participating countries to submit their views and comments on the possible components to be included in the instruments, including those on the possible options for ensuring the sound basis for financial contributions to EANET, by Friday, 30 June 2006 to the Secretariat.
13. The Session requested the Secretariat to prepare a document to provide the present provisions on each item of the possible components in the existing framework of EANET, which will include the Joint Announcement on the Implementation of EANET, the Tentative

Design of EANET and other relevant IG decisions, as the starting point for further discussions.

**V. Consideration on the Revised Draft Five-Year Medium Term Plan (MTP) for EANET and Relevant Budget Information for Its Implementation (Agenda Item 5)**

14. NC made a presentation on revised Draft Five-Year Medium Term Plan (MTP) for EANET (EANET/WGFD 3/5/1) as well as estimation of expected workload and costs, and possible financial sources (EANET/WGFD 3/5/2). The Session was invited to discuss and make comments on the draft and provide suggestions/guidance as appropriate.

15. Major discussions included:

- The opinion was expressed that more scientific researches are needed before actually preparing emission inventories and modeling because the actual implementation of these activities require a lot of tasks and cost. It was pointed out that text of IG is to promote the studies in these areas. In this regard, it was proposed to convert the tasks 22-24 into the research activities under the category (vi).
- It was pointed out that task 30 may not require establishment of working group. In addition, it was noted at the Seventh Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG7) that the word "sub-center" was inappropriate.
- It was suggested that the tasks from 22-25 may not be appropriate to be included in the plan.
- While some participating countries referred to the importance to secure the financial sources for implementing MTP, it was suggested that since many activities are on-going in participating countries, their outcomes could be used to reduce the expenses.
- Medium term plans used in some UN agencies are often adopted without any specific financial sources. MTP of EANET also could be adopted for the purpose of fund raising and communication with donor agencies.
- It was pointed out that activities of the new direction are based on additional budgets and largely depend on the future efforts of NC and the Secretariat to get financial support from funding agencies, therefore they are encouraged to make further efforts.

16. The participating countries were requested to send comments and recommendations by Monday, 19 June 2006 to NC. NC will revise the present MTP with compiled comments, taking into account what tasks and paragraphs need more discussions at the next session of WGFD.

**VI. Review of the RRC.AP/AIT system to examine the possibility for the Secretariat to move to the UN system and overview on the rules and regulations of the Japan Environmental Sanitation Center (JESC) for NC, applicable to EANET (Agenda Item 6)**

17. The Secretariat made a presentation on the draft report on review of the RRC.AP/AIT system to examine the possibility for the Secretariat to move to the UN system (EANET/WGFD 3/6/1). NC provided information and explanations on the rules and regulations of the Japan Environmental Sanitation Center (JESC) for NC, applicable to EANET (EANET/WGFD 3/6/2). The Session was invited to discuss, make comments and recommendations for further consideration.
18. The Session considered that more detailed information is needed on advantages and disadvantages to move to the UN system, including the following items:
  - Summary of the previous discussions at IGs and WGFDs;
  - Improvement in transparency of the network;
  - Improvement in management of the network including issues related to administrative, financial and recruitment aspects;
  - Comparison with other international experiences especially in Europe;
  - Other possible options including mix of the two systems;
19. The Session requested the Secretariat to prepare a draft report for consideration at the next session in August 2006, taking into account the views and comments expressed at this Session which include:
  - Information on the items presented in paragraph 15; and
  - Draft recommendations on this topic.

**VII. Consideration on the Revision of Procedures and Guidelines for Contribution to EANET to propose appropriate mechanism on voluntary financial contributions for EANET (Agenda Item 7)**

20. The Secretariat made a presentation on the Revision of Procedures and Guidelines for Contribution to EANET to propose appropriate mechanism on voluntary financial contributions from participating countries (EANET/WGFD 3/7). The Session was invited to discuss, review the report and make comments, as appropriate for consideration at the Eighth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG8).
21. Major discussions are as follows:
  - Effort should be continued to narrow the gaps between budgets and actual expenditures.
  - Some participating countries need a legal basis to provide contribution to EANET.
  - Many participating countries have difficulty with yearly fluctuation of their contributions and wished to have yearly flat amounts for their contribution for certain period (3-5 years).

- Some countries expressed that the contributions on a voluntary basis should be based on the actual expenditures in previous years in accordance with the decision 1/IG5 and its subsequent modifications while some others expressed that they shall postpone their decisions until the gaps between the budget and actual expenditures are narrowed down.
- In-kind contribution should be appreciated as well as cash contribution.
- Guidelines may be developed to provide flexibility to the participating countries to make contribution, depending on their country conditions.
- It was noted, with appreciation that Malaysia expressed their willingness to contribute from 2006 and Indonesia would make effort to contribute from 2008.
- It was proposed to start considering method for making contributions to cover the core budget of NC after 2008, in this working group.

22. The Session requested the Secretariat to prepare a draft report for consideration at the next session in August 2006, taking into account the views and comments expressed at this Session.

#### **VIII. Consideration on the draft Report on Establishment of a Trust Fund for EANET (Agenda Item 8)**

23. The Secretariat made a presentation on the Draft Report on Establishment of a Trust Fund for EANET (EANET/WGFD 3/8). The Session was invited to discuss, review the report and make comments, as appropriate for consideration at IG8.

24. Major discussions included:

- It should be made clear that there are at least three options – to use existing operational account, to establish a new trust fund in AIT, to establish a new trust fund in UNEP (Nairobi). The differences among these options as well as advantages and disadvantages of these options should be included in the report.
- Attention should also be paid to the transparency and accountability.
- The Secretariat should modify the current operational account name in the report from AIT to the UNEP RRC.AP EANET.
- Procedures to establish a new trust fund in AIT should be established, if necessary and presented to WGFD, taking into account the experiences of other trust funds in AIT.
- Information on the experiences of other networks, especially NOWPAP and EMEP, should be provided to WGFD.
- It was clarified that UNEP RRC.AIT-based administration system could work with an UNEP trust fund in Nairobi. It should be clarified if a trust fund in AIT could be used for UN-based administration system.

25. The Session requested the Secretariat to prepare a draft report for consideration at the next session in August 2006, taking into account the views and comments expressed at this Session.

**IX. Other Issues**

26. NC introduced a new booklet, titled "Tropospheric Ozone, A Growing Threat" that NC compiled in cooperation with some Japanese experts including Dr. Akimoto, and distributed two copies to each participant.
27. Chinese delegation introduced the capacity building program with the contribution from Chinese government, which is to be included as part of the work program of 2006, to enhance the capacity of the participating countries of the network, especially the negotiation capacity. Based on the concept paper drafted by the Secretariat, China drafted the work program for the program as the in-kind contribution. The Secretariat and NC are requested to implement the program as soon as possible within this year.
28. It was proposed to give special consideration for supporting newly participating countries, not only for negotiation capacity but also for technical capacity.
29. NC made some announcement as follows:
- Monitoring data and inter-laboratory comparison data should be submitted to NC as soon as possible.
  - NC asked participating countries to apply for fellowship in 2006.
  - The Seventh Senior Technical Managers' Meeting (STM7) will be held in Yangon, Myanmar in early August.
30. The Session expressed its deepest appreciation to the Secretariat and NC for excellent preparation and support for this Session.

**X. Consideration and adoption of the Report of the Session (Agenda Item 10)**

31. The Session considered and adopted the Report of the Session with modifications.

**XI. Closing of the Session (Agenda Item 11)**

32. The Session was closed by the Chairperson.

*Annex II*

EANET/WGFD S2/11

The Second Special Session of the Working Group  
on Future Development of EANET  
30-31 August 2006, Pathumthani, Thailand

**Report of the Session****I. Introduction**

1. The Second Special Session of the Working Group on Future Development (WGFD-S2) of Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET) was held in Pathumthani, Thailand on 30-31 August 2006.
2. Representatives of Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand, and Viet Nam participated in the Session. The representatives of the Secretariat and the Network Center (NC) for EANET, as well as experts from international organizations, the United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS) and the United Nations Environment Programme Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (UNEP/ROAP) also attended the Session. The List of Participants is attached as Annex I. Russia did not participate but submitted its comments to the Secretariat prior to the Session.
3. The Session was opened by the Secretariat. Mr. Mylvakanam Iyngararasan, the Acting Coordinator of EANET, delivered an Opening Remarks.
4. The Session was chaired by Dr. Supat Wangwongwatana, Deputy Director General, Pollution Control Department, Thailand, and the current Chairperson of the Working Group on Future Development of EANET. The Meeting also elected Ms. Ella Deocadiz, Chief, Research and Development Division of the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB), Philippines as a temporary Vice Chair of this Session in view of the fact that two Vice Chairs were not available for this Session.

**II. Adoption of the Agenda (Agenda Item 2)**

5. The agenda (EANET/WGFD S2/2/1) was adopted as proposed by the Secretariat.

**III. Consideration on the New Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Working Group on**

**Future Development of EANET (WGFD) including the schedule towards the Tenth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG10) (Agenda Item 3)**

6. The Secretariat made a presentation on the new Draft Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Working Group on Future Development of EANET (WGFD) 2007-2008 (EANET/WGFD S2/3). The session was invited to discuss and finalize the draft TOR for approval of the Eighth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG8).

7. Major discussions included:

- There were different views on tasks of WGFD among the participating countries. Some expressed their willingness to focus on limited specific topics, while some others wished to cover broader topics such as review of the financial report.

- After intensive discussions, the Session agreed that performance review of the Secretariat and the NC, and guidance on capacity building activities would be included in the tasks of WGFD for 2007-2008.

- Regarding frequency of the sessions of WGFD, some countries suggested one session per year. Some others suggested more than one session per year, for instance, two sessions in 2007 and 2008 with longer duration for each session (e.g. three days per session) and another session just before IG10 to finalize the reports to be submitted to IG10. The issue of frequency was left for IG8 for further consideration and final decision.

8. The Session agreed the revised draft TOR as presented in Annex II, with bracket on paragraph 6 on the schedule of the sessions for further discussions at IG8. It was also suggested that IG8 may wish to discuss and decide if it would delegate the authority to establish subsidiary bodies to WGFD in relation to paragraph 7 of the revised draft TOR.

**IV. Consideration on Components of the Instrument to Provide a Sound Basis for Contribution to EANET (draft) (Agenda Item 4)**

9. The Secretariat made a presentation on the Draft Report on Components of the Instrument to Provide a Sound Basis for Contribution to EANET (EANET/WGFD S2/4). The session was invited to discuss and make comments on the draft report, and provide guidance as appropriate.

10. Major discussions included:

- Some countries expressed their views to expand the scope of the EANET activities aiming for better air quality management in East Asia, while some others stressed that EANET should focus on the existing scope on acid deposition monitoring.



-Some reiterated their difficulty in making cash contribution unless they have a legal instrument.

-Some countries stressed that the original purpose of developing the instrument was to provide the sound basis for financial contribution to EANET. Some countries expressed their views that the instrument could be used for mitigation of acid deposition as well.

-Some emphasized the importance to establish a legal status of EANET through a legal document. In this connection, it was clarified that a legal document could prescribe both mandatory and voluntary actions.

11. It was agreed that the report (EANET/WGFD S2/4), with further elaboration by checking relevant documents, would be submitted to IG8 for its consideration and further guidance. The Session requested the Secretariat to provide the revised report to the participating countries well in advance (one month before IG8). Some countries expressed their views to put brackets around the texts in the report which do not have reference to the Joint Announcement, Tentative Design and other relevant decisions.

**V. Consideration on the Revised Draft Five-Year Medium Term Plan (MTP) for EANET (Agenda Item 5)**

12. NC made a presentation on revised Draft Five-Year Medium Term Plan (MTP) for EANET (EANET/WGFD S2/5/1). The session was invited to discuss, make comments on the revised draft and considered MTP for its approval of IG8. The Secretariat made a presentation on the estimation of workload and costs for implementation of the Five Year MTP required for the Secretariat activities (EANET/WGFD S2/5/2).

13. Major discussions included:

-It was suggested that during the implementation of task (9), NC should assist the participating countries to develop national database.

-Some countries proposed to put brackets on activities of No. 22-26 because these activities are closely related to the discussions on the instrument and subject to change, depending on the results of such discussions. In this connection, it was reminded that based on the agreement reached at IG7, activities on promotion of studies on emission inventories and modeling should be undertaken.

-Regarding the estimation of workload and cost for implementation of MTP for the Secretariat activities, it was suggested that costs for WGFD Sessions should be in bracket, taking into account the bracketed schedule in the draft TOR to be discussed at IG8.

-It was also pointed out that there might be duplicating activities and cost estimation between the Secretariat and NC in MTP.

14. It was agreed that instead of the brackets, a footnote would be added to clarify that the activities of No. 22-26 are closely related to the discussions on the instrument and subject to change, depending on the results of such discussions. It was also agreed to modify the

activities of No. 22 and 24 as presented in Annex III. With these modifications, it was agreed to submit the revised draft MTP to IG8 for its consideration.

15. In relation to the estimation of workload and cost for the Secretariat activities, the Secretariat and NC were requested to further coordinate with each other to avoid any duplication of budgets.

**VI. Draft Report on the Review of the RRC.AP/AIT System, Revised Procedures and Guidelines for Contribution to EANET, Establishment of a Trust Fund and Ways in Obtaining Financial Support from International Funding Agencies. Overview on the Rules and Regulations of the Japan Environmental Sanitation Center (JESC) for NC (Agenda Item 6)**

16. The Secretariat made presentations on the Draft Report on Review of the RRC.AP/AIT System and Establishment of a Trust Fund (EANET/WGFD S2/6/1), Draft Revised Procedures and Guidelines for Contribution to EANET (EANET/WGFD S2/6/3), and Draft Report on Ways in Obtaining Financial Support from International Funding Agencies (EANET/WGFD S2/6/4). The session was invited to discuss, make comments and/or recommendations for consideration at IG8. NC provided additional information on the rules and regulations of the Japan Environmental Sanitation Center (JESC) and the Acid Deposition and Oxidant Research Center (ADORC) as NC of EANET (EANET/WGFD S2/6/2).
17. Regarding discussions on the review of the RRC.AP/AIT System, the Secretariat was requested to prepare a revised report with more detailed comparative table on advantages and disadvantages and without specific recommendations for IG. Such comparison should include an item on transparency. The Secretariat was requested to develop guidelines for attendance of observers to EANET meetings.
18. Regarding the "Report on Revision of Procedures and Guidelines for Contribution to Propose Appropriate Mechanism on Voluntary Contributions for EANET" (EANET/WGFD S2/6/3), while appreciating the proposal on the flat rate contributions, the Secretariat and NC were requested to revise the report to include specific figures on flat amount contribution by each participating country for the Secretariat budget as well as the core budget of NC based on the UN assessment scale burden sharing.
19. The Session endorsed the "Report on the Ways in Obtaining Financial Support from International Agencies" (EANET/WGFD S2/6/4) to be submitted to IG8 for its consideration.

**VII. Brief Report on the Progress of EANET after the Fifth Session of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC5) and the Seventh Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG7) and the Financial Report in 2005 (Agenda Item 7)**

20. The Secretariat and NC briefly made presentations on the report on the progress of EANET after the Fifth Session of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC5) and the Seventh Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG7) (EANET/WGFD S2/7/1). The financial report of the Secretariat and NC in CY 2005 (EANET/WGFD S2/7/2) were also included in the presentation. The Session was invited to comment on the reports, if any.
21. The representative of Republic of Korea informed the Session that it had withdrawn its intention in sending a candidate for the next EANET Coordinator and informed the Secretariat, accordingly.
22. The Session endorsed the reports to be submitted to IG8.

**VIII. Consideration on the Draft Work Program and Budget in 2007 for EANET (Agenda Item 8)**

23. The Secretariat and NC presented the proposed Draft Work Program and Budget in 2007 for EANET (EANET/WGFD S2/8). The Session was invited to make comments.

24. Major discussions included:

- It was pointed out that the descriptions related to emission inventories and modeling (paragraphs 5, 9, 17, 18, 21, 26 and 49 etc.) should be modified, based on the agreement on the agenda item 5 of this Session. Budget estimate would also be revised, accordingly.
- It was emphasized that recruitment of a new EANET Coordinator should be an urgent task.
- Clarification was made regarding the issue of the way to estimate the 2006 and 2007 budget in the absence of the Coordinator.
- It was also clarified how the Secretariat had estimated the amounts of contributions from the participating countries (Annex of Table 2 in Attachment 1). It was suggested that the issue should be raised at IG if a country may wish to contribute more than the estimated amount.
- It was clarified that no significant interest was received from the bank for the EANET budget.
- Clarification was made on the differences between the budget and expenditures in the year 2003-2005.
- NC was requested to provide more information on actual expenditures of core budget and additional budget activities.

**IX. Arrangements for the Sixth Session of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC6) and the Eighth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG8) (Agenda Item 9)**

25. The Secretariat presented the Report on Arrangements for the SAC6 and IG8 (EANET/WGFD S2/9). The report included the proposed dates and venue, agenda items, and other arrangements for SAC6 and IG8. The list of documents to be submitted for approval of IG8 was included in the report.

26. Major discussions included:

- The dates of SAC6 were announced and accepted by the participating countries.
- It was clarified that the present status of recruitment of the Deputy Director General in charge of NC and EANET Coordinator would be reported to IG under the agenda item on the progress of EANET.
- The representative of Cambodia inquired a possibility to convene IG8 one week earlier than the proposed date (29-30 November 2006).

**X. Other Issues (Agenda Item 10)**

27. The Secretariat announced the “Regional Scientific Workshop on Air Pollution and Acid Deposition” on 28-29 September 2006 in Pathumthani, Thailand. NC announced the information on the fellowship scheme to be carried out in this year.

28. It was suggested to find a systematic way to name the future WGFD sessions.

28. The Session expressed its deepest appreciation to the Secretariat and NC for excellent preparation and support for this Session.

**XI. Consideration and adoption of the Report of the Session (Agenda Item 11)**

30. The Session considered and adopted the Report of the Session.

**XII. Closing of the Session (Agenda Item 12)**

31. The Session was closed by the Chairperson

Annex III

**Terms of Reference  
for  
the Working Group on Future Development of EANET for 2007-2008  
(Revised draft)**

1. In line with the decision at the Fifth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG5) on Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET) held in Pattaya, Thailand, on 27-28 November 2003, 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 TOR (2004-2006) adopted by IG6, WGFD is directed by IG7 to be continued.
3. The members of the Working Group shall be nominated by the National Focal Points of the participating countries (NFPs). NFPs shall nominate two participants for each session, taking into account the topic of the session. NFPs are recommended to consult with national members of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) in nominating their Working Group members for scientific and technical aspects.
4. One Chairperson and two Vice-chairs will be elected for two year term of the Working Group sessions.
5. The Working Group will, under the guidance of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG):
  - (i) discuss an appropriate instrument and its legal status to provide a sound basis for financial contribution for EANET and report the results of the discussion to the Tenth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG10) for its consideration;
  - (ii) review the performance of the Secretariat and NC during the year 2005-2007, including financial aspect, for future development of EANET and submit the review report to IG10 in 2008;
  - (iii) guide the Secretariat and NC to carry out capacity building activities; and
  - (iv) carry out other tasks requested by IG.
6. The tentative schedule of the Working Group sessions is based on the document EANET/WGFD3/3 and will be developed at the next WGFD session in August 2006 are set as follows:
  - [ (i) **First Session: April – May 2007**  
- **Development of the text on the instrument**

- Drafting of the report for IG10 (index and abstracts of each chapter of the report/instrument itself)
- (ii) **Second Session:** August - Sep.2007
- Preparation of the proposed text on the instrument and its legal status.
  - Preparation of the draft reports
  - Discussion on the documents/reports which will be submitted to IG9 (report on the instrument and possibly reports on performance review and capacity building)
- (iii) **Third Session:** April – May 2008
- Revision of the draft reports for IG10
- (iv) **Fourth Session:** June-August 2008
- Consideration of the final draft reports for IG10
- (v) **Fifth Session:** just before IG10
- Discussion on the reports which will be submitted to IG10 from WGFD]

Depending on the requests of the IG, additional tasks may be included in the sessions specified, as appropriate.

7. The Working Group may establish sub-working groups and/or hold ad-hoc meetings for specific areas considering that the items of TOR contains varied topics.