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Agenda Item 4/1 Report on the Progress of the EANET since the SAC19 - Secretariat

The Twentieth Session of the Scientific Advisory Committee on the EANET

23-24 September 2020/ Virtual Meeting

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Implementation of EANET Activities since the SAC19

Introduction

- The activities of the EANET implemented during this period were guided by the Medium-Term Plan for the EANET (2016-2020), adopted at the Seventeenth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG17) on the EANET held in November 2015 in Bangkok, Thailand.
- The activities were also in accordance with the Work Programme and Budget of the EANET in 2019 adopted at the Twentieth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG20) on the EANET in November 2018 in Bangkok, Thailand and the Work Programme and Budget of the EANET in 2020 adopted at the Twenty-first Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG21) on the EANET in November 2019 in Beijing, China, respectively.

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EANET Meetings

The 21st Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting on the EANET (IG21)

The Session endorsed:

- Report on the Progress of the EANET since the IG20;
- Financial Report of the Secretariat and the NC in 2018;
- Report on the Outcomes of the SAC19 on the EANET;
- The Session was invited to discuss, make comments and decisions on (i) proposed activities of the EANET in the next MTP (2021-2025); (ii) scope expansion of the EANET activities beyond acid deposition to include air quality in the next MTP (2021-2025); (iii) the proposal to rename the EANET and; (iv) the proposal of arrangement of budget of the Secretariat and the NC for the EANET;
- Japan submitted a proposal on the decision of IG21 to Secretariat on 7th November 2019 and subsequently introduced its proposal at the meeting, such as the schedule of the working groups and the contents of the next MTP, including the scope expansion of the EANET, flexibility of new activities, renaming of the EANET, and the diversification of funds.

The Session approved:

- The Session reviewed the report on the Proposed Ideas of the Participating Countries for the Next MTP (2021-2025). The Session agreed to establish two working groups (The Working Group on Reviewing the Scope of Instrument, WG on Drafting the MTP (2021-2025)) in 2020;
- Draft Work Programme and Budget of the EANET in 2020.

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The SAC19 Meeting

The Session acknowledged: Report on the Progress of the EANET since the Eighteenth Session of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC18) and the Financial Report of the Secretariat and the NC in 2018.

The Session adopted: EANET Data Report 2018; Inter-laboratory Comparison Projects 2018 and reanalysis of the evaluation on the results of the project.

The Session discussed and made suggestions/recommendations on: Updated National Monitoring Plans of the Participating Countries; Reports from the Chairpersons on the Task Force on Monitoring for Dry Deposition; Reports from the Chairpersons of the Task Force on Soil and Vegetation Monitoring; Establishment of the Drafting Committee (DC) of the Fourth Periodic Report on the State of Acid Deposition in East Asia (PRPAD4); Proposed Ideas of the Participating Countries for the Next MTP for the EANET (2021-2025) from a scientific viewpoint; Consideration of the EANET Science Bulletin (Vol.5); Report of Progress on the Cooperation with World Meteorological Organization, Global Atmosphere Watch (WMO/GAW); Draft Work Programme and Budget of the EANET in 2020 from Scientific and Technical Viewpoints

The Session was updated on the Relevant Scientific Activities: Progress of Preparation of Acid Rain 2020 and Clean Air Week; Progress of the Joint Research Activities on Model Inter-comparison Study in Asia (MICS-Asia); Progress of Preparation of EANET National Awareness Workshop in Malaysia; Updates on Air Quality Activities of the World Health Organization.

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The Working Group (WG) Meeting on Drafting Medium Term Plan (MTP for the EANET (2021-2025) (WG1) and Reviewing the Scope of Instrument for the EANET (WG2)

- The WG1 was held virtually on 29-30 June 2020 and discussed the First Draft Medium Term Plan (MTP) for the EANET (2021-2025) - Current Scope and Possible Future Scope.
- The WG1 acknowledged the First Draft of MTP and recommended the Secretariat and the NC to continue working on revising the draft MTP for the EANET (2021-2025), taking into account the discussion and suggestions at the session, particularly on clear categorizing activities.
- The WG1 recommended to held WG Session 2 from 20-22 October 2020 (virtually) after the SAC20 to refer to comments from the SAC20 and to review the 2nd draft of the MTP before the IG22.
- The WG2 was held virtually on 1-2 July 2020 and discussed the following issues. (i) Legal Note on Reviewing the Scope of Instrument for Strengthening the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET); (ii) Addressing Air Pollution Within the EANET Framework; (iii) Revision of Guidelines on the Administrative and Financial Management for the Secretariat and the Network Center (draft).
- The Session recommended that the second draft of MTP (2021-2025) would be a merge of the two versions of draft MTP (2021-2025) of current and possible future scope.
- The Session summarized that no objection was made by the Participating Countries regarding the expansion of the scope of the Instrument. Therefore, the Session requested the Secretariat and the NC to work on necessary preparation to support this.
- The WG1 proposed timeline of finalization of the draft MTP (2021-2025).

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Networking with relevant organizations and programmes

- Asia Pacific Clean Air Partnership; UNECE CLRTAP and its programme; Climate & Clean Air Coalition; World Meteorological Organization; North East Asia Clean Air Partnership; Chemical Coordinating Center; European Monitoring and Evaluation Programme (EMEP); The Integrated Programme for Better Air Quality in Asia (IBAQ), Clean Air Asia (CAA)

Communication with the Participating Countries

- Communicated with and circulated the necessary information to the NFPs and SAC Members and all concerned from time to time regarding any EANET activities, voluntary financial contribution, and preparation of the EANET meetings.
- Continuously communicated with the participating countries of the EANET in all EANET activities and also promoted further communication and cooperation with relevant organizations and Programmes related to acid deposition.

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EANET National Awareness Workshop in Malaysia, Putrajaya, 26-28 November 2019

- To enhance awareness on air pollution and acid deposition at the national level,
- Collaboration with the Ministry of Energy, Science, Technology, Environment and Climate Change (MESTECC), Malaysia, and the Secretariat for the EANET organized a National Awareness Workshop in 2019 in Putrajaya, Malaysia, from 26 to 28 November 2019.
- More than 100 national participants from which government officials, academicians, non-government organizations, and representatives of the private sector attended the workshop.

EANET National Awareness Workshop in Myanmar, Nay Pyi Taw, 24-25 February 2020

- Secretariat, in collaboration with the Myanmar Department of Meteorology and Hydrology (DMH) and the Ministry of Transport and Communications (MoTC), organized the EANET National Awareness Workshop in Myanmar from 24-25 February 2020 in Nay Pyi Taw.
- Experts from the EANET and invited participants shared presentations and discussions on the current status and development of acid deposition and air pollution monitoring activities in EANET member countries, effects of climate change on acid deposition and air pollution.

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Development of Communication Products

- EANET Newsletter Vol. 24 and Vol. 25
- The EANET Fact sheets of 13 Participating Countries, Summary of the Fact sheet,
- Updated brochure of EANET in electronic and printed version.
- Proceedings and Summary of IG21 and SAC19
- Standing banner to support awareness forum
- Regular updates of news in EANET website (www.eanet.asia) and EANET landing page at UNEP website (<https://www.unenvironment.org/asia-and-pacific/restoring-clean-air/eanet>)
- Circulated email blast to provide latest updates to the mailing list of EANET members on the EANET's latest achievements published on the website.

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Voluntary contribution in 2020

- The Secretariat sent the request for the transfer of voluntary financial contribution to the budget of the Secretariat in 2020 to all EANET Participating Countries in November 2019.
- According to the decision made at the IG17 to select the option 2 of the Scale of Voluntary Contributions to the Secretariat of the EANET (EANET/17/9/1), the scale of voluntary contribution to the EANET Secretariat for the period from 2017 to 2020 is calculated based on the UN scale of assessments for the period from 2016 to 2018.
- The IG20 approved the Secretariat's budget in 2020 as much as US\$ 765,914, by referring to the MTP (2016-2020). As of 31 July 2020, Japan (August 2020), Malaysia (March 2020), Mongolia (March 2020), Myanmar (February 2020), Russia (January 2020), and Thailand (March 2020) have made their contributions in 2020 to the Secretariat's budget.

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Voluntary Contributions to Secretariat budget in 2018 and 2019 (in US\$)

Countries	2018 Budget		2019 Budget	
	Expected	Actual	Expected	Actual
Cambodia	105 ^a	200	105 ^a	---
China	203,730	97,730	203,730	---
Indonesia	12,962	---	12,962	---
Japan	248,974	248,974	248,974	248,974
Lao PDR	74 ^a	---	74 ^a	---
Malaysia	8,284	8,284	8,284	8,284
Mongolia	130 ^a	200	130 ^a	200
Myanmar	260	238	260	260
Philippines	4,244	4,244	4,244	---
R. of Korea	52,432	49,000	52,432	---
Russia	79,427	79,427	79,427	79,427
Thailand	7,485	7,485	7,485	7,485
Viet Nam	1,493	1,493	1,493	---
Total Contribution	619,600	497,275	619,600	344,630

Note: a Minimum amount of voluntary financial contribution is US\$ 200.

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Financial and administrative arrangements

- In 2020, the Secretariat made a small-scale funding agreement with the Regional Resource Center for Asia and the Pacific, Asian Institute of Technology (RRC.AP/AIT) to provide support to the Secretariat, including convening the SAC20 and IG21. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the SAC20 and IG22 are organized virtually. Under this SSFA, RRC.AP shall allocate two staff (one programme officer and one administrative assistant) to support the Secretariat.
 - The Secretariat also made a small-scale funding agreement with the Network Center (NC) to support the implementation of the EANET Research Fellowship Programme in 2020 and support the maintenance of the EANET's website.
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Action required

The Session of SAC20 is invited to review the Report on the Progress of the EANET since the SAC19 from the scientific and technical viewpoints and may wish to consider, discuss, provide guidance and make recommendations.

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Thank you

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