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CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT OF THE MEDIUM TERM PLAN FOR THE EANET (2021-2025) FROM SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL VIEWPOINTS

I. Introduction

1. The Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET) adopted its first Medium Term Plan, “Strategy on the EANET Development (2006-2010)” at the Eighth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG8) on the EANET in 2006 by referring to the discussions at the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Sessions of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG5-IG7) in 2003-2005. The Strategy on the EANET Development (2006-2010) had provided guidance to the EANET in planning activities and budget in advance. It also included activities implemented within those five years and detailed the amount of estimated workload and costs for its implementation. The Strategy underwent mid-term and final review in 2009 and 2011 respectively, and the Thirteenth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG13) in 2011 endorsed the final review report.
2. The EANET began the discussion of its second Medium Term Plan, Medium Term Plan (MTP) for the EANET (2011-2015), in 2009. The discussion was made by referring to the Review on the Implementation of the Strategy on the EANET Development (2006-2010). After a series of discussions on content and budget, the Twelfth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG12) on the EANET in 2010 adopted the 2nd MTP for the EANET (2011-2015). It included 22 activities implemented from January 2011 to December 2015. Similarly to the development process of the 2nd MTP, the 3rd MTP for the EANET (2016-2020) was developed by taking into account the results and recommendations of the review of the activities of the 2nd MTP. The EANET also took into account the outcomes of the Feasibility Study on the Expansion of the Scope of the EANET conducted by the Network Center (NC) for the EANET in developing the 3rd MTP (2016-2020). The 3rd MTP (2016-2020) was approved at the Seventeenth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG17) on the EANET in 2015.

II. The Draft MTP for the EANET (2021-2025)

3. The EANET currently prepares the draft MTP for the EANET (2021-2025) as its fourth Medium Term Plan for the EANET based on the recommendations of the Mid-Term Review on the Implementation of the MTP for the EANET (2016-2020) from January 2016 to June 2018 and the Working Group Meeting on Preparation of Development of the Medium Term Plan for the EANET (2021-2025) in 2019. It also considers the discussion at the 19th Session of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC19) and the 21st Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG21) on the EANET in 2019. In its session, the IG21 requested the Secretariat to develop two versions of the draft MTP (2021-2025) by referring to the current scope and possible future scope of the EANET. The Working Group discussed the draft MTP of both versions at the Working Group Meeting on drafting MTP (2021-2025) on 29-30 June 2020 (WG1) through an online platform (see Annex 1), back to back with the Working Group Meeting on Reviewing the Scope of

Instrument for the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET)(WG2) on 1-2 July 2020 (also held virtually)(see Annex 2).

4. It 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 categorizing activities clearly. In addition, the Session of the WG2 summarized that no objection was made by the Participating Countries regarding the expansion of the scope of the Instrument. The Session requested the Secretariat and the NC to work on necessary preparation to support this. Based on the discussion at the WG1 and WG2, the survey of Matrix was carried out to hear the opinion on activities of Participating Countries.

III. Documents related to the Draft MTP (2021-2025)

5. The following documents are prepared for consideration on the EANET activity for 2021-2025:

1) Findings from the Survey Matrix of the Categorization of EANET Activities for Further Development of Medium Term Plan for the EANET (EANET/SAC 20/5/1)

At the WG Meeting on Drafting MTP for the EANET (2021-2025) Japan requested approval of the WG2 Session to present its proposal regarding the categorization of MTP activities. After approval by the Chairperson, Japan presented it at the Meeting. As a follow up after the WG2 Meeting, in consultation with Japan and the Bureau of Officers, the Secretariat formatted the survey matrix in order to be easily understood by the Participating Countries. The Matrix listed all activities from the first draft of the MTP (2021-2025). The Matrix was circulated to Participating Countries on the 10th of July 2020, and the Secretariat informed the Participating Countries to return the Matrix by the 17th of July 2020. The Findings are reported in this Report.

2) The Preliminary 2nd Draft MTP (2021-2025) of the EANET (EANET/SAC 20/5/2)

The Preliminary 2nd Draft MTP (2021-2025) was prepared by referring to the first draft of the MTP and the recommendations of the WG and Participating Countries, to be submitted to the SAC20. After the SAC20, the Secretariat and the NC will prepare the 2nd Draft MTP (2021-2025) by incorporating the recommendations of the SAC20, and to be submitted to the WG Meeting (Session 2).

3) Revision of the Task Forces and Expert Groups of the EANET (EANET/SAC 20/5/3)

The Revision of the Task Forces (TFs) and Expert Groups (EGs) of the EANET is in line with the development of the MTP for the EANET in order to strengthen and optimize the role of these SAC subsidiary bodies.

4) Consideration of Improvement of the EANET Reports (EANET/SAC 20/5/4)

To improve the quality of the reports and to meet the needs of the Participating Countries on the above-mentioned reports, the Secretariat and the NC propose the Consideration of Improvement of the EANET Reports to be submitted to the SAC20 for consideration from the technical and scientific viewpoints.

5) Consideration of Improvement of the EANET Guidelines and Manuals (EANET/SAC 20/5/5)

In line with the development of the MTP (2021-2025) and in order to review the purposes, target audience, concept, frequency, and administrative arrangements, and in line with the development of the MTP (2021-2025), the NC proposes the Consideration of Improvement of the EANET Technical Guidelines and Manuals.

IV. Action Required

6. SAC 20 is invited to review the five following documents and may wish to discuss, make comments, provide guidance, and recommendations to IG22 from the scientific and technical viewpoints as appropriate, particularly on the aspects below:

1) Findings from the Survey Matrix of the Categorization of EANET Activities for Further Development of Medium Term Plan for the EANET (EANET/SAC 20/5/1)

The SAC 20 is invited to review the Report, particularly by assessing the relevance between activities and objectives, as well as assessing the level of priority of activities by considering the findings from the Survey Matrix in order to be included in the list of activities of the MTP (2021-2025).

2) Preliminary 2nd Draft MTP (2021-2025) of the EANET (EANET/SAC 20/5/2)

The SAC 20 is invited to review the Report by reviewing the list of activities of EANET, the relevance with the objectives of the MTP and assess the priority activities to be implemented by EANET in the next MTP (2021-2025).

3) Revision of Task Forces and Expert Groups of the EANET (EANET/SAC 20/5/3)

The SAC 20 is invited to review the Report by reviewing the proposed new names of the TFs and EGs, the Terms of Reference and expected outcomes for the next MTP (2021-2025).

4) Consideration of Improvement of the EANET Reports (EANET/SAC 20/5/4)

The SAC 20 is invited to review the Report by reviewing the objectives/ aims of EANET key reports and the proposed improvements in the next MTP (2021-2025).

5) Consideration of Improvement of the EANET Guidelines and Manuals (EANET/SAC 20/5/5)

The SAC 20 is invited to review the Report by reviewing the proposed improvements of the Technical Guidelines and Manuals of EANET.

Guiding Questions for discussion:

1. What are the priority activities of EANET in the next MTP (2021-2025)? What are the new substances that EANET needs to focus on? (for instance, SLCPs, etc.)
2. Are the list of activities in line with the objectives of the MTP (2021-2025)?

3. What activities should be considered as core and non-core (project)?
4. What are the activities that EANET should implement in 2021?
5. Any considerations on the revision of the TFs and EGs?
6. Any considerations on the improvements of EANET reports?
7. Any consideration on the Improvement of EANET Technical Guidelines and Manuals?

Annex:

Annex 1: Report of the Session of the Working Group Meeting on Drafting MTP for the EANET (2021-2025) (WG1)

Annex 2: Repport of the Session of the Working Group Meeting on Reviewing the Scope of Instrument for the EANET (WG2)