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## Agenda Item 5/1 Summary Discussion and Recommendations from the SAC20 to the IG22 regarding MTP for the EANET (2021-2025)

The Twenty-second Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting on the  
EANET 25 – 26 November 2020

25-26 November 2020/ Virtual Meeting

### I. Introduction

- The Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) of the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET) held its Twentieth Session (SAC20) from 23 to 24 September 2020 virtually. Besides addressing its regular agenda, the SAC20 also discussed and made recommendations related to the Medium Term Plan (MTP) for the EANET (2021-2025).
- This Report informs the outcomes of the SAC20 to the 22nd Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG22). In particular, this Report highlights Summary Discussion and Recommendations of the SAC20 regarding MTP for the EANET (2021- 2025) and presented as Annex.
- The Report of the Session of the SAC20 presents detailed information on discussion of overall agenda items of the SAC20, together with “Recommendations from SAC20 to IG22” as Annex of the Report, available as Attachment to this Report.

## I. Introduction

- The SAC20 reviewed from scientific and technical viewpoints and acknowledged the submitted documents related to the development of the MTP for the EANET (2021-2025), among others:
  - ✓ Survey Results (Matrix) of Categorization of the EANET Activities;
  - ✓ Preliminary 2nd Draft MTP (2021-2015) of the EANET;
  - ✓ Revision of Task Forces and Expert Groups of the EANET;
  - ✓ Consideration of Improvement of the EANET Reports
  - ✓ Consideration of Improvement of the EANET Technical Guidelines and Manuals;
  - ✓ Draft Work Programme and Budget of the EANET in 2021.
- The Session agreed to attach the “Recommendations from SAC20 to IG22” to the Report of the Session as Annex 2, to be submitted to IG22.
- By considering inputs from the SAC20, the Secretariat and the NC developed the 2nd Draft MTP for the EANET. It was then submitted to the Working Group Session 2 Meeting on Drafting MTP for the EANET (2021-2025) and Reviewing the Scope of the Instrument for the EANET.

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## II. Summary Discussion at the SAC20 Regarding MTP for the EANET (2021-2025)

Topic	Discussion/ Suggestion	Actions Taken After the SAC20 Meeting
Preliminary 2 <sup>nd</sup> Draft MTP (2021-2025) of the EANET	It was pointed out that new activities beyond the current scope, such as air pollution, POPs, and climate change, were included in the Preliminary 2 <sup>nd</sup> Draft MTP (2021-2025). Although SAC could support such activities from scientific viewpoints, it was pointed out that the EANET objectives were defined in the Instrument. If there are no boundaries for new activities, many could not be implemented due to limited resources in the Participating Countries.	Based on the discussion at the WGS2 Meeting (after the SAC20 Meeting), the activities beyond the scope of the Instrument will not be implemented until the IG approves the expansion of the scope of the Instrument. The Survey on Participating Countries' Support in Implementing Selected Non-Core Activities of EANET in 2021 was circulated by the Secretariat to seek the Participating Countries' opinion regarding whether the Non-Core Activities are within or beyond the current scope of Instrument.
	It was suggested that detailed discussions, such as what activities should be included or excluded, could be made after IG's approval for the new scope.	The Findings Report of the Survey on Participating Countries' Support in Implementing Selected Non-Core Activities of EANET in 2021 to be submitted to IG22 will inform which Non-Core Activities that considered within or beyond the scope of the Instrument.

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Topic	Discussion/ Suggestion	Actions Taken After the SAC20 Meeting
Preliminary 2 <sup>nd</sup> Draft MTP (2021-2025) of the EANET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participating Countries agreed on the principal to expand the scope of the EANET. However, clarification is needed on what to include in the next MTP, e.g., air pollution, impacts, emission inventory, climate change, etc. The activities' scope is very wide, and the resources are limited. The boundaries of scope could be better defined.</li> <li>It was pointed out that some activities, such as urban air pollution and emission inventories, may need more coordination with many ministries and industries within the countries.</li> </ul>	<p>IG22 will decide which activities will be included in the list of Non-Core Activities to be implemented in 2021. Whether activities such as urban air pollution and emission inventories will be considered within or beyond the scope will be found in the Results of the Survey of the Non-Core Activities, as reference for IG22 in making informed decisions.</p> <p>The WGS2 participants discussed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft MTP for the EANET and have made some recommendations to the IG22. The Session also requested the Secretariat and the NC to work on the Final (3<sup>rd</sup> Draft) of the MTP to be submitted to IG22.</p>
	<p>It was clarified that the Preliminary 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft MTP (2021-2025) would be discussed extensively in the next working group meeting and then will be presented in the next IG for approval.</p>	

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## II. Summary Discussion at the SAC20 Regarding MTP for the EANET (2021-2025) (continued 2/2)

Topic	Discussion/ Suggestion	Actions Taken After the SAC20 Meeting
Revision of Task Forces and Expert Groups of the EANET	<p>It was suggested that the reformation of Task Forces seemed to be a little early and the current Task Forces could be kept until approval of the IG's new scope.</p>	<p>The WGS2 noted the Recommendations of SAC20 to IG22 as a reference and requested the Secretariat and NC to consider incorporating them in EANET operations and reflect them in preparation for the draft WP&amp;B 2022 for IG23 for its consideration, taking into account comments made at IG22.</p>

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## Action Required

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The IG22 is invited to review the Summary Discussion and Recommendations from the SAC20 to IG22 and may wish to discuss, consider, provide guidance, and endorse the report, as appropriate.

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