

The Twenty-second Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting  
on the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia  
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**SUMMARY DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING  
GROUP SESSION 2 ON DRAFTING MTP FOR THE EANET AND REVIEWING  
THE SCOPE OF INSTRUMENT FOR THE EANET**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. The Working Group Meeting Session 2 (WGS2) on Drafting Medium Term Plan for the EANET (2021-2025) and Reviewing the Scope of Instrument for the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET) was held virtually on 20-22 October 2020.
2. This Report summarizes the discussion and recommendations of the WGS2 Meeting and presented as **Annex**. The Report of the Session of the WGS2 Meeting and “Recommendations of the WGS2” to IG22 as an annex of the Report, available as **Attachment** to this Report.

**II. ACTIONS REQUIRED**

3. The IG22 is invited to review the Summary Discussion and Recommendations the Working Group Meeting Session 2 (WGS2) on Drafting Medium Term Plan for the EANET (2021-2025) and Reviewing the Scope of Instrument for the EANET and may wish to discuss, consider, provide guidance, and endorse the report, as appropriate.

**Annex**

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**I. Introduction**

1. The Session of the WGS2 reviewed and acknowledged the MTP related documents below:
  - Survey Results (Matrix) of Categorization of the EANET Activities;
  - Preliminary 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
2. The Session acknowledged all of the above reports. The Session also agreed to attach the “Recommendations of the WGS2 to IG22” to the Report of the Session as Annex 2, to be submitted to IG22.
3. By considering inputs from the Session of WGS2, the Secretariat and the NC developed the Final (3<sup>rd</sup>) Draft MTP for the EANET to be submitted to IG22.

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

4. In the Session of SAC20, the SAC members discussed various aspects of MTP as part of meeting documents. The summary of discussion and actions taken after the SAC20 are presented in the following table.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion/ Suggestion</b>	<b>Actions Taken After the WGS2 Meeting</b>
The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Draft MTP (2021-2025)	A Participating Country mentioned that it is not appropriate to change Task Forces' current organization, including establishing a Task Force on Atmospheric Environmental Management at this stage before changing the scope.	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&B 2022 for IG23 for its consideration, taking into account comments made at IG22
	Participating Countries supported and welcomed the structures of	The Final Draft of MTP was prepared by referring to the 2nd Draft MTP

	2 <sup>nd</sup> Draft MTP and WPB, and the new features introduced to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Draft of the MTP positively as it allows flexibility and expandability.	format, and the WPB in 2021 submitted to WGS2.
	It was suggested to use the term “Non-Core Activities” instead of Project Activities during the transition phase (2021) before finalizing the Project Fund Mechanism in 2021.	In the Final Draft MTP and WPB in 2021, The terms “Non-Core Activities” are used instead of “Project Activities.”
	The allocation of surplus for such Non-core Activities could be implemented in 2021 without waiting to complete the development of the Project Fund mechanism in 2021.	Question 5 of the Survey on Participating Countries' Support in Implementing Selected Non-Core Activities of EANET in 2021, circulated to the Participating Countries, asked the opinion regarding allocating the surplus to Non-Core Activities in 2021.
	It was suggested to organize an ad-hoc working group to identify the most relevant future project activities after IG22.	It will be part of the Work Programme and Budget of EANET in 2021 if it approves by IG22.
	It was suggested that since the selection of Non-core Activities could take more time to discuss, the Core Activities should be approved at the IG22 so that there is no interruption in the EANET’s main activities.	As per MTP, Core Activities will be continued as it is once IG22 approves the MTP (2021-2025)
	Some Participating Countries emphasized the importance of capacity building activities and proposed to add some capacity building activities into Core Activities under Objective 3 as it is an important component allowing to share best practices.	The WGS2 Session did not decide on specific capacity building activities as part of Non-Core Activities to be included under objective 3. In addition, there is no budget to be allocated for this unless we change/reduce the allocation of budget for other activities or received committed additional funds from countries to support it. Therefore, in 2021, capacity building activities in 2021 will be implemented as Non-Core Activities could be selected by the countries through the survey, with budget commitment. Later, after we received the feedback from the survey

		and IG22 decides on it, we can include selected capacity building activity (ies) in the MTP starting from 2022 onwards. It will be reflected in the amendment of the MTP (2021-2025) to be submitted to IG23.
Scope of Instrument	It was informed that the current definition of the scope in the Instrument is very broad and not a deterministic one. All activities determined by the IG in the past are considered within the scope. In reality, each country could have a different interpretation of what the scope is.	IG22 will further discuss and decide on expansion of scope of Instrument and assign the Secretariat and NC to take necessary actions after the Session.
	Some countries have expressed their interest in considering a supplementary document to the Instrument, such as an annex, to implement the expansion of the Instrument scope.	
Draft Revision of Guidelines on the Administrative and Financial Management for the Secretariat and the NC	It was clarified that it is important for the Participating Countries to contribute to the Core Budget of EANET to their full annual contribution before contributing to the Non-core Activities.	The Participating Countries are encouraged to contribute their full amount of contribution to the Core Budget of EANET in the next MTP
Draft Work Programme and Budget in 2021	It was suggested to prepare a draft document which summarizes the common understanding of the state of acid deposition problem gained through the EANET 20 years operations	The NC will present this at the IG22
	On Activity 1, Objective 5 of Annex 2, while some countries informed their particular interest in implementing activities related to climate change, others considered it to be out of the current Instrument scope.	Question 1 of the Survey on Participating Countries' Support in Implementing Selected Non-Core Activities of EANET in 2021, circulated to the Participating Countries, asked the opinion regarding Non-Core Activities considered within or beyond the scope. It was agreed that activities beyond the scope would not be implemented in 2021 unless IG22 decides otherwise.
	It was agreed by the Session not to implement Non-Core Activities in 2021 that are considered beyond the current scope of the Instrument.	

	<p>It was suggested to prepare a survey to be sent to all Participating Countries after the WGS2 Meeting to understand countries' interests regarding the Non-core Activities.</p>	<p>the Survey on Participating Countries' Support in Implementing Selected Non-Core Activities of EANET in 2021 has been sent to all Participating Countries on 30 October 2020</p>
	<p>Japan also expressed the intention to implement the questionnaire survey for Participating Countries to contribute to converging opinions of Participating Countries to discuss the expansion of the scope and ask the Secretariat/NC to support the survey.</p>	<p>The NC will present this at the IG22</p>