

The Working Group Meeting Session 2 on Drafting MTP for the EANET (2021-2025)  
and Reviewing the Scope of Instrument for the EANET  
Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia  
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## **SUMMARY DISCUSSION AT THE WORKING GROUP MEETING ON DRAFTING MEDIUM TERM PLAN FOR THE EANET (2021-2025)**

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

1. This report aims to provide a summary discussion during the Working Group (WG) Meeting on Drafting Medium Term Plan (MTP) for the EANET (2021-2025) (WG1) that took place virtually on 29-30 June 2020. The Meeting was attended by representatives of the Participating Countries, partner organizations, and resource persons. In line with the decision of the 21<sup>st</sup> Session of the Intergovernmental (IG21) Meeting on the EANET, the WG1 had reviewed the First Draft MTP (2021-2025) in two versions, by referring to the current scope and possible future scope of the EANET.
2. The Summary Discussion at the WG Meeting on Drafting MTP for the EANET (2021-2025) is presented as Attachment.

### **II. ACTIONS REQUIRED**

3. The Working Group Meeting Session 2 on Drafting MTP for the EANET (2021-2025) and Reviewing the Scope of Instrument for the EANET is invited to review the Summary Discussion at the WG Meeting on Drafting MTP for the EANET (2021-2025) and may wish to consider, discuss, provide guidance, and make recommendations to the IG22 for its review, guidance, and approval, as appropriate.

**Attachment**

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MEDIUM TERM PLAN FOR THE EANET (2021-2025)**

**I. The First Draft MTP for the EANET (2021-2025)**

1. The First Draft MTP for the EANET (2021-2025) prepared by the Secretariat and the Network Center (NC), was submitted to the Working Group Meeting on Drafting MTP for the EANET (2021-2025) organized on 29-30 June 2020, virtually. In line with the decisions of the 21<sup>st</sup> Session of the Intergovernmental (IG21) Meeting of EANET, the First Draft MTP was developed in two versions, by referring to the current and possible future scope of EANET.
2. The First Draft MTP for the EANET (2021-2025) by referring to the current scope aims to achieve six objectives, among others: (i) Monitoring of acid deposition including related chemical substances such as ozone and PM with quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC); ii) Promotion of data dissemination and utilization; iii) Promotion of capacity building; iv) Enhancement of outreach activities; v) Promotion of concrete air pollution measures; and, vi) Enhancement of cooperation and collaboration.
3. The First Draft MTP for the EANET (2021-2025) by referring to the possible future scope, aims to achieve six objectives, among others: (1) Monitoring of air quality and acid deposition including related chemical substances such as ozone and PM with quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC); ii) Promotion of data dissemination and utilization; iii) Promotion of capacity building; iv) Enhancement of outreach activities; v) Promotion of concrete air pollution measures, and vi) Enhancement of cooperation and collaboration.

**II. Summary Discussion at the WG Meeting on Drafting MTP for the EANET (2021-2025)**

4. In the Session of the WG Meeting, the participants discussed various aspects of the first Draft MTP. In addition, the Secretariat also received comments from Participating Countries before the Meeting and included in the discussion. The summary of discussion and actions taken after the WG Meeting are presented in the following table.

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Discussion/ Suggestion</b>	<b>Action Taken After the WG Meeting</b>
<b>Objectives of the MTP</b>	It was suggested including Objective 5 of the MTP under Objective 2 ( <i>sent by Participating Country before the WG Meeting</i> ).	In the Preliminary 2 <sup>nd</sup> Draft MTP and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Draft MTP, Objective 5 has been included under Objective 2.

<b>Activities</b>	It was suggested discussing the activities at SAC20 to identify their priorities based on the Participating Countries' requirements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Survey Matrix Categorization of EANET MTP Activities was circulated, and findings were shared.</li> <li>• Preliminary 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft MTP was discussed at the SAC20, and the Session provided some recommendations.</li> </ul>
	It was suggested to clarify some terminologies and definitions used in the MTP (2021-2025).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The discussion on Agenda Item 5 - Key Points of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft MTP for the EANET (EANET/WGS2/5) addresses this issue.</li> </ul>
<b>Budget arrangements</b>	A clarification was made regarding the source of the budget of EANET in the next MTP (2021-2025), which is proposed from the core fund (financial contribution of the Participating Countries) and non-core funds (additional fund, in-kind, and project fund).	The budget arrangement in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Draft MTP (2021-2025) distinguished the budget source's difference and details how the activities will be implemented.
	It was suggested considering to develop the project fund mechanism and to develop a detailed document to explain the Project-Based Finance Mechanism's nature.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Draft Work Programme and Budget in 2021 includes Annex 2, Project Activities of the EANET.</li> <li>• The 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft of MTP (2021-225) includes some information on arrangements of Project Funds (to be further developed in 2021)</li> </ul>
<b>Format of the MTP Draft</b>	It was suggested to develop the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Draft of MTP (2021-2025) as a merge of the two versions of draft MTP (2021-2025) of current and possible future scope (it was a part of the recommendations <i>of the WG2 but in line with the Draft MTP discussion</i> )	The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Draft of MTP (2021-2025) is prepared by following this suggestion.

5. The Session acknowledged the First Draft of Medium Term Plan for the EANET (2021-2025). 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 clearly categorizing activities.

### III. Preliminary 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft MTP for the EANET

6. The Preliminary 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft MTP was prepared after the WG Meeting on Drafting MTP for the EANET by accommodating comments from the WG Meetings and the Participating

Countries, and a proposal from Japan on Elements of the Medium Term Plan for the EANET (2021-2025). The Preliminary 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft MTP was distributed to the National Focal Points and WG Meeting Participants, and then, it was submitted to the SAC20 for comments from scientific and technical viewpoints.

### **III. Ways Forward**

7. The Working Group Meeting Session 2 on Drafting MTP for the EANET (2021-2025) and Reviewing the Scope of Instrument for the EANET will discuss the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft MTP for the EANET. During the review process, the Participating Countries are encouraged to keep in mind the previous WG Meetings discussion and provide recommendations to develop the final Draft MTP (2021-2025) accordingly.