

The Working Group Meeting Session 2 (WGS2) on Drafting MTP for the EANET (2021-2025) and Reviewing the Scope of Instrument for the EANET Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia 20-22 October 2020, Virtual Meeting

Recommendations of the WGS2 to IG22

The Working Group (WG) Session 2 Meeting on Drafting Medium Term Plan for the EANET (2021-2025) and on Reviewing Scope of Instrument for the EANET recommends the twenty-second Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG22) on the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET), to make its decisions including following elements:

- 1. Recalling the mandate given by the 21st Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG21) of the EANET to the Working Group on Reviewing the Scope of Instrument: to discuss the objectives and scope expansion of the Instrument, and the possibility, options, and consequences of how to address air pollution with a view to it being addressed in the Instrument.**

Therefore, the Working Group recommends the IG22 to:

- a. Recognise that some activities relating to air pollution are a major interest to Participating Countries but may be beyond the current scope of the EANET. This includes types of activities and/or substances or targets areas that are related to air pollution beyond acid deposition.
- b. Express support for the need to expand the scope of the Instrument.
- c. Request the Secretariat and the NC to engage in the necessary actions, that include the preparation of working documents that will define clearly the expanded scope in order to address activities mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) above in addition to the Instrument's current scope, which may include the necessary adjustment to Instrument, noting the supplementary type option is preferred by some countries.

- 2. Recalling the mandate given by the IG21 of the EANET to the Working Group on Drafting Medium Term for the EANET (2021-2025) to develop draft to develop two versions of the MTP (2021-2025) by referring to the current scope and possible future scope.**

Therefore, the Working Group recommends the IG22 to:

- a. Adopt the final draft of Medium Term Plan (MTP) (2021-2025) as well as the final draft of Work Programme and Budget in 2021 (WP&B 2021) that are prepared through the discussion at the Working Group Meeting sessions and relevant follow-up discussions, with following common understanding:
 1. Core Activities specified in the Draft MTP (2021-2025) and in Draft WP&B 2021 are in line with current scope of the Instrument and consist of activities that all Participating Countries consider indispensable, priority, and essential for achieving EANET objectives, and beneficial for all Participating Countries directly and indirectly.
 2. Non-Core Activities described in the WP&B 2021 were recommended by the Working Group Session and follow-up process before IG22 that are reflecting Participating Countries' priorities and interests, in line with current scope of the Instrument, and thus, ready to implement in 2021 once necessary budget to each activity is secured.
 3. Some of the Non-Core Activities described in the WP&B 2021 are new and will be implemented in initial phase and implementation of such activities will be reviewed continuously to improve their performance.

- b. Encourage Participating Countries to provide their voluntary contributions to the Core Budget for fully operationalization of the Core Activities specified in WP&B 2021 and continue to provide their voluntary contributions for the Core Budget for the period of MTP of 2021-2025.
- c. Encourage Participating Countries to provide additional voluntary contributions including in-kind contributions to the Non-Core Activities to secure necessary resources to implement Non-Core Activities specified in WP&B 2021.
- d. Consider to use some portion of the surplus accumulated in the Secretariat for the Non-Core Activities identified in MTP (2021-2025), setting aside remaining portion of the surplus necessary for contingency and running the daily operations of the EANET to absorb a time-gap between necessary expenditures and installation of voluntary contributions from Participating Countries. The amount will be determined once the Secretariat calculate the actual surplus amount can be used for this purpose.
- e. Agree with the basic concept of Project Fund described in MTP (2021-2025) and that early development of the Project Fund Mechanism is essential, and to request the Secretariat and the Network Center (NC) to develop the detailed the Project Fund Mechanism and supporting documents, such as the Guidelines on Project and Functioning and Funding Process to be discussed at the working group meeting[s] before IG23 for its consideration and adoption.
- f. Task the Secretariat and the NC to organize the working group meeting[s] after IG22 to discuss and prepare relevant documents defined in sub-paragraph (e) above by IG23 for its consideration and adoption.
- g. Note the Recommendations of SAC20 to IG22 (EANET/SAC 20/13 Annex2) as a reference, and request the Secretariat and NC to consider to incorporate them in EANET operations, and reflect them in preparation of the draft WP&B 2022 for IG23 for its consideration, taking into account comments made at IG22.
- h. Request the Secretariat and the NC to prepare a draft document which summarizes the common understanding of the state of acid deposition problem gained through the EANET 20 years operations for further discussions and scientific inputs from SAC, with the intention to finalize it by IG23, with the view that such document would be useful to attract potential partners of EANET.