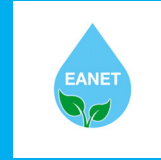


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Agenda Item 5 -3 Consideration of Elements for Supplementary Document to the EANET Instrument: Addressing Air Pollution within EANET Framework

The Working Group Meeting in 2021 Session 1 (WG2021-1) for the
EANET

20-22 April 2021/ Virtual Meeting

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I. INTRODUCTION

- 1) Background on EANET
- 2) Information background on the process of discussion regarding expansion of scope of EANET:
 - a. IG21 recommendations to establish **two Working Group Meetings in 2020, one of them to review the scope of Instrument.**
 - b. WG Meeting 2 (WG2): presentation of documents: 1) **Legal Note** on Reviewing the Scope of Instrument for Strengthening the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET) and 2) **Addressing Air Pollution Within the EANET Framework.**
 - c. WG2: **no objection was made by the Participating Countries regarding the expansion of the scope of Instrument** and requested the Secretariat to support further work on this matter.
 - d. Session of WGS2 made certain **recommendations to IG22.**
 - e. Referring to recommendations of WGS2, **IG22 agreed to start expand the scope of Instrument and request the Secretariat to prepare working documents.**

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II. SUPPLEMENTARY OPTION

- 1) Item 2(2) of the EANET Instrument allows **for the scope of the Instrument to be extended as decided by the IG.**
- 2) This can be achieved through **Item 15 that makes reference to “any revision or modification to any part of this Instrument” provided that it is (a) in writing, (b) proposed by a Participating Country, (c) is subject to the consideration and adoption of the IG by consensus; and (d) subject to the official written consent by all Participating Countries.**
- 3) UNEP Law Division paper for WG2 (referred to above) addressed options on how the Instrument could cover other areas of environmental concern, should the 13 Participating Countries be agreeable to do so. One of those options included developing **a Supplementary Document to the Instrument (“Supplement”).**
- 4) A Supplement to the existing Instrument **will not involve any specific or general alteration to the Instrument’s existing provisions.** Rather, it will involve the addition of **specific provisions in the form of a separate document** that, while linked to the parent Instrument, will focus on a specific/related aspect of the Instrument, i.e., combatting air pollution.
- 5) It will only be **open for the signature of those countries that have signed the Instrument (voluntarily)**

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II. REFERENCE POINT

- 1) In developing provisions for a Supplement Multilateral Environment Agreements (MEAs), regional agreements and political declarations that address the environment and air pollution have been reviewed for the purpose of the document.
- 2) The following regional agreements were reviewed: The 1979 United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution ; the 2006 Framework Convention for the Protection of the Environment for Sustainable Development in Central Asia ; the 2002 Association of Southeast Asian Nations Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution (“ASEAN Agreement”) , the 2008 Eastern Africa Regional Framework Agreement on Air Pollution (“Nairobi Agreement”) ; the 2008 Southern African Development Community Regional Policy Framework on Air Pollution (“Lusaka Agreement”) and the 1998 Malé Declaration on Control and Prevention of Air Pollution and Its Likely Transboundary Effects for South Asia.

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IV. PROPOSAL FOR ELEMENTS OF THE SUPPLEMENT

1. Preamble
2. Definition of Air Pollution and Regional Air Pollution
3. Objectives and Scope
4. Principle of Collaboration/Cooperation
5. Monitoring and Reporting
6. Assessment
7. Research Activities
8. Education and Training
9. Public Awareness
10. Exchange Information
11. Governance
12. Secretariat
13. Scientific Advisory Committee
14. Network Center
15. Financial Arrangements
16. Final Provisions

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V. COMMENTS FROM NFPs AND DRAFT TEXT

- 1) Following the request received from some National Focal Points (NFPs) through their submission of comments to the Secretariat, the Draft Text of Supplementary Document to EANET Instrument has been prepared by the Secretariat by following the proposed elements for Supplementary Document and by incorporating comments received from the NFPs.
- 2) The proposed draft text and comments were shared with the NFPs and WG2020-1 meeting participants, and to be presented at the meeting.

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Actions Required

The Working Group Meeting in 2021 Session 1 (WG2021-1) is invited to review the “Elements for the Supplementary Document to EANET Instrument: Addressing Air Pollution within EANET Framework” the Draft Text, and comments of Participating Countries and may wish to consider, discuss, provide guidance, and make recommendations to the Twenty-third Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG23) on EANET in November 2021 for its review, guidance, and approval, as appropriate.

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Thank you



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