



Agenda Item 11 – Consideration of Revision of the Medium Term Plan (MTP) for the EANET (2021-2025)

**Twenty-third Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG23)
On the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia**

I. INTRODUCTION

This report provides a proposed revision of the Medium Term Plan for the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET). It is prepared in line with the discussion at the Twenty-second Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG22) on Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET)" (EANET/IG 22/10) and "The Decisions of IG22" and the Working Group Meeting in 2021 Session 1 (WG2021-1) in April 2021.

II. SUGGESTION OF THE WG2021-1 (1)

This agenda item was discussed at the WG2021-1 to address two aspects: 1) Follow-up discussion at IG22 regarding activities under objective 3, including some capacity-building activities to the MTP under objective 3. Promotion of Capacity Building; and 2) A proposed revision to the text of MTP (2021-2025) to align with the Decisions of IG22, expansion of the scope of EANET, and Project Fund and Project Guideline.

Following the discussion at the WG2021-1, some countries expressed their concern regarding the suggestion to modify the core budget of the MTP (2021-2025) in order to include capacity-building activities in the core activities. Further, it was suggested to keep the capacity-building activities as part of the non-core activities. In addition, Japan informed the session regarding their consideration to provide an additional budget for capacity-building activities as part of the non-core budget and encouraged other Participating Countries to do the same. Therefore, no further action is needed at WG2021-2 to follow up on this matter.

II. SUGGESTION OF THE WG2021-1 (2)

- Some texts of the MTP (2021-2025) need to be revised in order to be in line with the Decisions of IG22, expansion of the scope of EANET, as well as Project Fund and Project Guideline.
- Therefore, the proposed revision of the MTP text (2021-2025) is prepared in Annex (in track changes mode) for review of the WG2021-1. In regard to this, the WG2021-1 suggested that the MTP for the EANET (2021-2025) should not be revised until participating countries reach a final agreement on expanded target substances and new activities.
- The prepared text in this report is subject to the approval of IG23 on the expansion of the scope of the EANET Instrument (agenda item 4) and Project Fund and Project Guideline proposed (agenda item 5).

Actions Required

The IG23 is invited to review "Revision of the Medium Term Plan for the EANET (2021- 2025)" (EANET/IG 23/11) and may wish to consider, discuss, provide guidance, and approve as appropriate.

Thank you



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