

**ACID DEPOSITION MONITORING NETWORK OF EAST ASIA**

**Terminal Review of the  
Medium-Term Plan 2016-2020**

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# OBJECTIVES OF THE TERMINAL REVIEW

Two primary objectives:

1. To provide evidence of results to meet accountability requirements; and
2. To promote operational improvement, learning and knowledge sharing based on results and lessons learned for EANET

# METHODOLOGY OF THE TERMINAL REVIEW

- Desk review of key documents.
- Interviews with key resource persons (i.e., UNEP, EANET Secretariat, Network Center, National Focal Points, SAC members, and EANET partners).
- Online survey among the SAC members and National Focal Points.

# **IMPLEMENTATION OF MTR RECOMMENDATIONS (2019-2020)**

## **RECOMMENDATIONS 1-7 – to improve implementation of activities**

1. Encourage PCs to make voluntary financial contribution on time and in accordance with the approved annual Work Programme and Budget.
2. Secretariat and NC to continue developing strategies and action plans for obtaining external funds.
3. Secretariat and NC to enhance support to PCs through capacity building, technical support and research activities, especially on monitoring O3 and PM2.5.
4. NC to promote/encourage the establishment of new monitoring sites, especially for O3 and PM2.5.
5. NC to promote activities on emission inventory and modeling.
6. Secretariat and NC to enhance public awareness through knowledge dissemination and outreach to local communities and policy makers.
7. NC to prepare EANET data on-demand system.

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# IMPLEMENTATION OF MTR RECOMMENDATIONS (2019-2020)

## RECOMMENDATIONS NO. 8-14 – to improve achievement of MTP objectives

8. In the near term, continue to concentrate on acid deposition. Increasing the number of target substances to include O<sub>3</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> may be a longer-term objective.
9. NC should strengthen capacity for training on monitoring of O<sub>3</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>.
10. (a) Strengthen promotion of information exchange on clean air technologies, emission inventories, and research activities; (b) information exchange program should also depend on countries' interests and major air pollution issues
11. (a) Formulate policy recommendations based on analysis of monitoring data, (b) upgrade website, and (c) provide summary report for policymakers.
12. Enhance public awareness through knowledge dissemination and outreach to local communities and policy makers.
13. Encourage more active participation from developing countries.
14. (a) technical mission dispatch to PCs should be enhanced to fulfill the EANET objectives, and (b) more attention is needed to develop collaboration with other air-related mechanisms in the Asian region

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# **IMPLEMENTATION OF MTR RECOMMENDATIONS (2019-2020)**

## **RECOMMENDATIONS NOS. 15-21 – to strengthen EANET**

15. Use long-term monitoring data and explore the potential assessment of impacts due to exposure to acid deposition.
16. Focus more on solutions to acidification and other air pollutants related to adverse effects.
17. Share activities and messages with a broader audience through a regional platform.
18. Enhance engagement with APCAP; ACAP (as EANET NC) representative could be involved in APCAP Science Panel.
19. Enhance collaboration with scientific programs of CLRTAP.
20. Enhance synergy with APCAP through: (a) support for measurement/monitoring of air quality improvement, (b) development of Joint Policy Briefs, and (c) continue sharing of information and participation in APCAP and EANET activities.
21. Review available methods and knowledge on monitoring, modeling, emission estimates, and effects assessments

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# CONCLUSIONS

- Significant progress has been made by the Secretariat, the NC and the participating countries during the period January 2016 to December 2020.
- Survey results indicated good or moderate progress has also been made towards implementing the recommendations of the MTR report.
- Implementation of capacity building and technical assistance activities has been robust throughout the period under review and even despite a shift to virtual connections during the pandemic.
- The TR found that engagement with APCAP is progressing well, although similar progress in engagement with EMEP has not yet been seen.

# CONCLUSIONS

- Funding appears to be significant obstacle to the implementation of the activities. It is essential that voluntary financial contributions from the Participating Countries be provided on time and in accordance with UN scale assessment.
- Good progress has been made towards expansion of scope of the EANET Instrument and creating a project funding mechanism that would enable the Network to mobilize extrabudgetary resources and this reform will be considered for approval by IG23, as appropriate.
- The MTR recommendation on using the long-term monitoring data to explore impacts due to exposure to acid deposition and air pollutants and to focus on solutions to acidification and other air pollutant related adverse effects are reflected in the logic of amending the EANET instrument and expanding the scope of the Network.



# CONCLUSIONS

- The revamped EANET website and on-demand data management system and research portal, was a significant achievement which will strengthen the Network's ability to share scientific data, information, and technical guidance with the scientific community.
- The ongoing issuance of EANET newsletters is also a basic element of the Network's communication programme which should be continued.
- Although the Network is performing well in terms of sharing scientific data and information with the scientific community, the TR found some concern among PCs that the nature of scientific data and information may not be suitable for consumption by policy makers and others beyond the scientific community. EANET could benefit from a more comprehensive communications strategy.

# RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TERMINAL REVIEW

- **TR Recommendation no. 1:** The Secretariat should continue its practice of officially encouraging Participating Countries to make voluntary financial contributions on time and in accordance with the amount for each Participating Country presented in EANET's approved annual Work Programme and Budget.
- **TR Recommendation no. 2:** IG23 should consider the recommendations of the Working Groups to expand the scope of the EANET Instrument and consider approving the Project Fund and Project Guideline, which, together, would enable the Network to receive external funds and implement activities to address wider air pollution problems.

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- **TR Recommendation no. 3:** The Secretariat and NC should continue to support Participating Countries in capacity building, technical support, and research activities, in line with EANET's approved work plan and budget.
- **TR Recommendation no. 4:** The NC should continue to promote the establishment of new monitoring sites, especially for ozone and PM2.5, through training and technical assistance.
- **TR Recommendation no. 5:** The Network should continue to promote information exchange on clean air technologies, emissions inventories, and research activities. It should continue to develop monitoring capacity and the Network in developing countries.

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- **TR Recommendation no. 6:** Efforts should be made to involve research fellows and others from Participating Countries to write and publish scientific papers.
- **TR Recommendation no. 7:** The NC should continue to promote the development of emissions inventories through virtual training and technical assistance, at least until health-related travel restrictions are lifted, and in-person activities can safely resume.
- **TR Recommendation no. 8:** In line with EANET's expanding scope, the NC should initiate activities on modelling emissions, particularly through training and technical assistance.

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- **TR Recommendation no. 9:** EANET should develop and implement a comprehensive communications strategy targeted at policymakers and at the audiences that can influence policy makers (i.e., general public, allied professionals in disciplines such as health, economics and public administration).

The EANET website, including its on-demand data management system and research portal, should be regularly maintained on an ongoing basis and users' access to the data should be monitored and periodically evaluated.

- **TR Recommendation no. 10:** The Secretariat should continue to ensure the participation of all Participating Countries at all EANET meetings and ensure the same opportunity for the delegates to speak at the meeting.

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- **TR Recommendation no. 11:** EANET and APCAP should continue to share information and to collaborate in awareness-raising activities, including workshops and information dissemination; collaboration should be strengthened in the areas of scientific analysis, capacity building, monitoring of air pollution parameters, and development of policy recommendations.
- **TR Recommendation no. 12:** Assuming that IG23 approves the expansion of EANET's scope, a continued collaboration between SAC and APCAP's Science Panel should be strengthened.
- **TR Recommendation no. 13:** The Network should re-double its efforts to collaborate with other air-related mechanisms in the Asian region such as LTP, BAQ (Better Air Quality in Asia), and others.

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- **TR Recommendation no. 14:** EANET should formally collaborate with EMEP/WGE through CLRTAP's recently launched forum for international cooperation on air pollution.
- **TR Recommendation no. 15:** In line with the anticipated expansion of EANET's scope to include air pollution monitoring, and by following the recommendations made by the Participating Countries, the Network should make a greater effort to strengthen research capacity on health effects of air pollution in the region.
- **TR Recommendation no. 16:** EANET should continue to encourage more research linking acid deposition with related air pollution issues to find solutions to new environmental challenges.

# Thank you for your attention

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