

The Twenty-third Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting
on the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia
24-25 November 2021, Virtual Meeting

PROGRESS PREPARATION THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF EANET AND SCIENCE AND POLICY DIALOGUE

Hosted by Ministry of Environment, Japan
Secretariat for the EANET
Network Center for the EANET

BACKGROUND

The Acid Deposition Monitoring Network In East Asia (EANET) has supported the region in the last 20 years. Following its success in tackling acid deposition issues, in November 2020, the 22nd Session of Intergovernmental meeting of EANET (IG22) decided to expand the scope of the EANET from acid deposition to wider air pollution. As a continuation of the Decisions of IG22, on 24-25 November 2021, the IG23 will decide more detailed arrangements on the expansion of the scope of the EANET. In sequence to IG23, the EANET will organize two events on 26 November 2021: the Twentieth Anniversary of the EANET and the EANET Science and Policy Dialogue.

The events aim to i) celebrate the EANET's twentieth anniversary; ii) share its publication "Summary of The Twentieth Anniversary of The Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET)" and iii) provide opportunities for policymakers and scientists to consider expectations and potential roles for new EANET. The events are open to the public and are expected to be attended by policymakers, experts, and stakeholders in the region, including partner organizations.

The Twentieth Anniversary of the EANET

The EANET is a regional intergovernmental network established in 2001 to promote cooperation among thirteen Participating Countries in East Asia to address acid deposition problems. In the last 20 years, the EANET has made excellent progress in acid deposition monitoring cooperation. The EANET has fostered a regional acid deposition monitoring network and scientific knowledge exchange platform and has contributed to solving acid deposition problems in East Asia through its scientific inputs.

Accumulating the progress of the EANET in the last 20 years, a new publication, "Summary of The Twentieth Anniversary of The Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET)," was developed targeting policymakers and relevant stakeholders in the region. In

line with this, the Ministry of the Environment of Japan (MOEJ), as the host of the IG23 of the EANET, will also host the “Twentieth Anniversary of the EANET” in commemoration of the significant milestones of the EANET in its twenty years of contribution, including the launching of the said publication.

The EANET Science and Policy Dialogue

Following the decision to expand the scope of EANET by IG22 in 2020, the EANET continuously prepared all necessary arrangements in 2021, aiming to ensure its readiness to implement the activities and strengthen the impacts of its activities through collaboration with partners. This year, the IG23 will decide detailed arrangements of the expansion of scope as well as collaborating and funding mechanisms. In line with that, the EANET Science and Policy Dialogue will be organized virtually on 26 November 2021 with the theme “The Potential Role of EANET in Line with its Expansion of Scope”.

OBJECTIVES

Twentieth Anniversary of the EANET

The objective of the event is to commemorate the milestone of the EANET in its twentieth anniversary and launch the Summary of The Twentieth Anniversary of The Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET).

The EANET Science and Policy and Dialogue

- To introduce the scope of EANET and collaboration mechanisms
- To discuss the expected and potential roles of the EANET in bridging science and policy as a reference for policymakers.
- To facilitate an outreach activity of the EANET by bridging dialogue among Participating Countries and regional/international initiatives.
- To strengthen cooperation between the EANET and other regional and international initiatives in line with the expansion of the scope of the EANET.

FORMAT

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the events will be held virtually through an online platform. In addition to the official invitees, interested participants can view the events online (real-time) through the Hopin platform. The video recording of the events will be posted for public view.

DATE AND TIME

- *The Twentieth Anniversary of the EANET*: 13:00-13:40 (UTC+7, Bangkok time), 26 November 2021
- *The EANET Science and Policy and Dialogue*: 13:40-16:30 (UTC+7, Bangkok time) 26 November 2021

EXPECTED PARTICIPANTS

- *The Twentieth Anniversary of the EANET*: Participating Countries of the EANET; the EANET Secretariat; the EANET Network Center; UN Environment Programme; Japan Environmental Sanitation Center; representatives of regional and international organizations.
- *The EANET Science and Policy and Dialogue*: Participants of the IG23 of EANET; representatives of regional and international organizations; academia, researchers, and scientists; policymakers.

PROGRAM

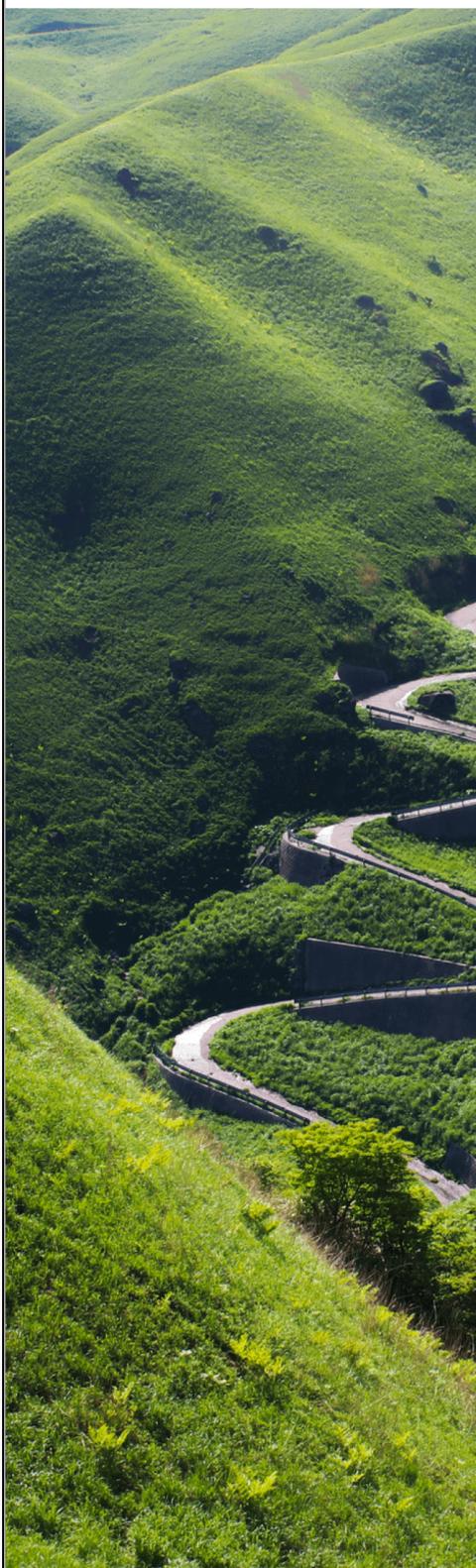
Available in the EANET website at <https://www.eanet.asia/20anniversary-science-policy-dialogue-registration/> (also available in the next page. Vice-Minister for Global Environmental Affairs, Ministry of Environment, Japan will deliver the Opening Remarks at the event.

REGISTRATION

Participating Countries are encouraged to register on the above link and participate in this event.



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Program

November, 26th 2021
13:00-16:30PM (ICT)

13:00

**Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the EANET,
hosted by the Ministry of the Environment, Japan**

- **Opening Remarks** - Mr. Yutaka Shoda, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Environment of Japan, (MOEJ) - TBC
- **Welcome Remarks** - Dr. Dechen Tsering, Regional Director and Representative, UN Environment Programme for Asia and the Pacific (UNEP)
- **Congratulatory Remarks on the Twentieth Anniversary of EANET** - EANET Participating Countries' Representatives
- **The Release of the Summary of the Twentieth Anniversary of the EANET** - Mr. Mohan Kumar Sammathuria, Principal Assistant Director of the Atmospheric Sciences, and Cloud Seeding Division, Malaysian Meteorological Department, Ministry of Environment and Water, Malaysia /Chairperson of the EANET Scientific Advisory Committee for 2021-2023

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The EANET Science & Policy Dialogue Opening Session

- **Opening Remarks** - Mr. Koki Azuma, Counsellor for Transboundary Pollution Analysis, General Affairs Division, Environmental Management Bureau, Ministry of Environment of Japan (MOEJ)

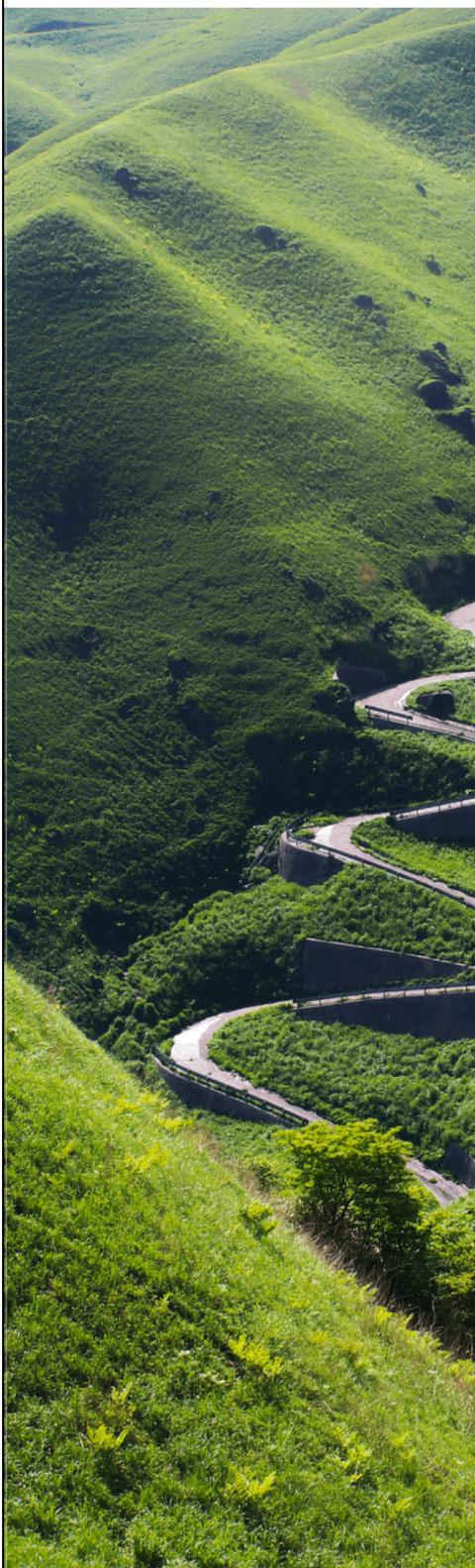
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Introduction of the Objectives and Agenda

- **Introduction** - Ms. Courtney Savie Lawrence, Facilitator, Cofounder of the Circular Design Lab open innovation platform focused on social and climate challenges including Air Pollution



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Keynote Speeches

- [Progress of Improvement, Challenges, and the Way forward on Air pollution Management in East Asia](#) - Dr. Hajime Akimoto, National Institute for Environmental Studies, Japan (NIES)
- [Bringing Science and Policy in Tackling Air Pollution: Lessons Learned from Europe and Asia](#) - Dr. Markus Amann, Scientist, Asia Pacific Clean Air Partnership (APCAP) Science Panel

14:30

Panel Discussion

[Bridging Science and Policy: The perspective of Future Cooperation on Air Pollution in the Region](#)

Panelists:

- Dr. Fan Meng, Deputy Director-General, Asia Center for Air Pollution Research (ACAP)
- Prof. Young Sunwoo, Director General of the International Union of Air Pollution Prevention and Environmental Protection Associations (IUAPPA)
- Dr. Supat Wangwongwatana, Senior Instructor of the Faculty of Public Health, Thammasat University, Thailand
- Mr. Bjarne Pedersen, Executive Director, Clean Air Asia
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) - TBC

Commentators:

- Dr. Markus Amann, (APCAP Science Panel)
- Dr. Hajime Akimoto, (NIES)

16:25

Conclusion and Closing Remarks

- [Conclusion](#) - Ms. Courtney Savie Lawrence, Facilitator, Cofounder of the Circular Design Lab open innovation platform focused on social and climate challenges including Air Pollution
- [Closing Remarks](#) - Dr. Shiro Hatakeyama, Director General, Asia Center for Air Pollution Research (ACAP)