



AGENDA ITEM 6.1

Consideration of accelerating the involvement of EANET participating countries and other organizations in the EANET project plan submission process (for the EANET Project Fund)

The Working Group Meeting of the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network (EANET) in East Asia in 2022

I. INTRODUCTION

- Agenda item was acknowledged by the Bureau of the EANET to the Secretariat (SEC) and the Network Center (NC) on 10 May 2022 and then sent to all National Focal Points on 1 July 2022
- The EANET Project Fund and Project Guideline (EANET/IG 23/9/rev) was approved at the IG23. The EANET Project Fund is a new financial mechanism allowing EANET to build co-financed projects.
- The Secretariat (SEC) informed the Participating Countries (PCs) on 28 April 2022 regarding the newly established webpages on the EANET Project Fund and Project Guideline and invited the PCs to provide additional voluntary contributions based on the national conditions of Participating Countries, including in-kind contributions to the Non- Core Activities and EANET Project Fund, to secure necessary resources to implement Non- Core Activities specified in WP&B 2022 in line with the Decisions of IG23.
- This discussion paper aims to improve and strengthen the involvement of EANET PCs and other organizations in the EANET Project Plan Submission Process as requested by Japan on 1 July 2022

I. INTRODUCTION (2)

- The principles of the preparation, selection, resource allocation, and implementation of the EANET Projects are provided in the EANET Project Fund and Guideline (EANET/IG 23/9/rev), as well as the following documents, as approved in IG 23.
 - The Instrument for Strengthening the EANET (hereinafter referred to as 'the Instrument');
 - The Supplementary Document (Annex) to the Instrument;
 - Relevant MTP, which includes guidance for a specific 5-year period;
 - Relevant EANET Annual Work Programme and Budget (WPB), which may include general guidance for the respective year;
 - Relevant IG decisions, which may include some additional guidance.

II. HOW TO ACCELERATE THE INVOLVEMENT OF PCs AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE EANET PROJECT PLAN SUBMISSION PROCESS

- EANET PCs are the most important stakeholders in the EANET Project Fund. They can liaise with other organizations as decided by the National Focal Points (NFPs) in becoming Project Lead (PL); designate an organization as an implementing agency; identify partner organizations; and identify and engage with co-financers. The PCs are also part of the IG which approves and evaluates all EANET Project Plans.
- On the other hand, other organizations not included as Project Lead cannot instigate the submission of EANET Project Plans. The Project Leads are only the organization liaised by the NFPs of PCs, the SEC, the NC, and Subsidiary Bodies of the EANET.

III. PROPOSALS ON IMMEDIATE ACTIONS THAT THE SEC AND THE NC CAN UNDERTAKE WITHIN THE MANDATE FROM EXISTING IG DECISIONS

- The EANET Project Fund should be better communicated publicly on the EANET website and shared through social media.
- The SEC and the NC should participate widely in air quality related conferences, meetings and other fora, to introduce the EANET and the EANET Project Fund.

IV. SHORT OR MID-TERM ACTIONS WHICH NEEDS ADDITIONAL IG GUIDANCE, DECISIONS AND/OR ADDITIONAL BUDGET OR RESOURCES

- Regional and/or national meetings showcasing the EANET Project Fund should be organized. The SEC and the NC can consider organizing webinars showcasing the EANET Project Fund.
- At national levels, PCs can consider organizing national workshops/ webinars aimed at showcasing the work and achievements of the EANET and at the same time introducing the EANET Project Fund to national stakeholders. The SEC and the NC can support PCs in organizing these national meetings.

VI. Actions Required

- The Working Group Meeting in 2022 (WG2022) is invited to consider and review the discussion paper on “Consideration of Accelerating the Involvement of EANET Participating Countries and other organizations in the EANET Project Plan Submission Process” and may wish to discuss, consider, and provide guidance for further action at the IG24 in November 2022, as appropriate.

Thank you



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