

The Twenty-fourth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting on the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET)
24-25 November 2022, Hybrid (on-site/online), Manila, Philippines

REPORT OF THE SESSION (ADOPTED)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Intergovernmental Meeting (IG) on the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET) held its Twenty-fourth Session (IG24) in Manila, Philippines, on 24 and 25 November 2022, in a hybrid mode, on-site and online.
2. Representatives of the Participating Countries, namely Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russia, Thailand, and Viet Nam, participated in the Session. Representatives of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); the Secretariat and Asia Center for Air Pollution Research (ACAP), the Network Center (NC) for the EANET; and the Asian Institute of Technology, Regional Resource Centre for Asia and the Pacific (AIT RRC.AP) attended the Session. The List of Participants is attached to this Report as Annex 1.

II. OPENING OF THE SESSION [AGENDA ITEM 1]

3. Undersecretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) of the Philippines, Mr. Juan Miguel Cuna, delivered the Welcome Remarks. Undersecretary Cuna mentioned that the EANET has been active since over 20 years. As part of this Network, the Environment Management Bureau of the Philippines (EMB) today undertakes diverse activities covering urban and remote areas, including monitoring sites in Los Baños, Metro Manila and Mt. Sto. Tomas. The establishment of EANET monitoring sites allows the EMB to understand the status of acid deposition, formulate policies pro-actively and also use this data to be transferred to the Network Center for the EANET for the development of EANET Annual Data Reports. Last year, during the meeting of the IG23, the Philippines took part to the decision to expand the scope of the EANET and to launch the EANE Project Fund, allowing to work on wider pollution issues. Undersecretary Cuna assured of the Philippines's continued commitment towards a strengthened cooperation with the EANET.
4. Dr. Isabelle Louis, Deputy Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations Environment Programme, delivered the Opening Remarks. In her Remarks, Dr. Louis mentioned that it is an honor for her to be here in Manila for the IG24, hosted by the Government of the Philippines. Last year, the IG23 concluded deliberations on the expansion of scope of the EANET and the establishment of the EANET Project Fund, with the ambition for the EANET to contribute to the collective efforts to lead both

science and policy actions to improve air quality for all. She also reminded the important role the IG24 will have in considering the first batch of EANET Project Plans, leading to the Network's actions for 2023 and allowing to demonstrate the leadership of EANET to address air quality issues.

5. Dr. Shiro Hatakeyama, Director General, Asia Center for Air Pollution Research, delivered the Opening Remarks. In his Remarks, he thanked participants for joining the IG24 meeting and expressed his great pleasure for the IG24 to be organized in a hybrid modality allowing a face-face event, after two years of virtual meetings, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Hatakeyama highlighted that the IG24 is the first Intergovernmental Meeting (IG) after the expansion of the scope of the EANET and the launch of the EANET Project Fund leading to the development and implementation of a wider range of activities. He reminded participants that in the light of the expansion of the scope of the EANET, and with regards to the recommendations from the Working Group Meeting in 2022, and the Scientific Advisory Committee of the EANET which held its SAC22 meeting last October, an important agenda, among others, for the IG24 will be to consider the reorganization of the EANET Task Forces.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS [AGENDA ITEM 2]

6. In accordance with the Revision of Guidelines on the Administrative and Financial Management for the Secretariat and the Network Center approved at the Twenty-third Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG23) on the EANET in 2021, the Session elected Engr. Vizminda A. Osorio, Assistant Director, Environmental Management Bureau, Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (DENR), Philippines, as the Chairperson; Ms. Sojung You, International Cooperation Advisor, Air Quality Division, Air Quality Policy Bureau, Republic of Korea, Vice-Chairperson; Mr. Koki Azuma, Counsellor for Transboundary Pollution Analysis, General Affairs Division, Environmental Management Bureau, Japan, as Vice-Chairperson; and Mr. Chandath Him, Deputy Director, Department of Air Quality and Noise Management, General Directorate of Environment Protection, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia, as Rapporteur of the IG24.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA [AGENDA ITEM 3]

7. The Session considered and adopted the Provisional Agenda (EANET/IG24/3/1), Annotated Provisional Agenda (EANET/IG24/3/2), as well as the Draft Program (EANET/IG24/3/3) proposed by the Secretariat and the Network Center.

V. CONSIDERATION ON THE RECENT PROGRESS OF THE EANET [AGENDA ITEM 4]

- 1) **Progress of the EANET since the 23rd Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG23) on the EANET in November 2021**

2) Financial Report of the Secretariat and the Network Center in 2021

8. The Secretariat and the Network Center presented the Report on the Progress of the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET) since the Twenty-third Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG23) on the EANET (EANET/IG24/4/1/1), including the Annual Report of the EANET Projects (AREP) (EANET/IG24/4/1/2), the Annual Report of the EANET Project Fund (AREPF) (EANET/IG24/4/1/3), and the Financial Report of the Secretariat and the Network Center in 2021 (EANET/IG24/4/2).

9. The key points of the presentation of the Secretariat included:
 - The Secretariat updated the status of the internal approval process of the Annex to the EANET Instrument among the EANET Participating Countries, with 9 countries having already completed their internal process and 8 consent letters having been received by the Secretariat.
 - It was emphasized that the implementation of the EANET's activities was guided by the Medium-Term Plan for the EANET (2021-2025) and in accordance with the Work Programme and Budget (WPB) of the EANET in 2021 and 2022.
 - The Secretariat highlighted activities which were implemented since IG23, including the organization of EANET meetings in 2021 and 2022 (Working Group Meetings in 2021 and 2022, IG23, SAC21 and SAC22), the EANET Awareness Workshop in 2022, as well as various communication activities (including the release of monthly web-stories, and the publication of the EANET Newsletters), regular updates of EANET website, and agreements with RRC.AP/AIT and the NC to support the implementation of the WPB 2021 and 2022.
 - The total voluntary financial contribution received by the Secretariat in 2021 was US\$ 535,074. In addition, the total expenditures, and commitments of the Secretariat in 2021 were US\$ 436,683. The cash balance for the Secretariat's core budget, including an estimated US\$ 379,429 for China in-kind contribution, is US\$ 654,586.

10. The key points of the presentation of the NC included:
 - The NC informed that the Report on the Progress of the EANET included the implemented core and non-core activities in 2021, as well as the implemented, ongoing core activities and project activities in 2022.
 - The NC highlighted activities that had been conducted which included the Publication of the Fourth Periodic Report on the Status of Acid Deposition in East Asia (PR SAD), the release of the Summary of the Twentieth Anniversary of the EANET, the implementation of the individual training program, and fellowship program in 2021; the release of various important reports such as the Technical Manuals on Air Concentration Monitoring and Dry Deposition Flux Estimation in

2021 and 2022, the EANET Data Report in 2021; and the organization of several capacity-building workshops and seminars in 2022.

- The total voluntary financial contribution received by the NC in 2021 was US\$ 797,341 which includes the financial contribution from the PCs for the Core activities which was US\$ 439,961, and additional revenues were US\$ 357,380. The total expenditures were US\$ 797,974, including the expenditures for core activities were US\$ 468,048, for the Non-core activities were US\$ 195,943. The balance in 2021 was minus US\$ 633. The NC announced that the NC received financial contribution from the Philippines US\$ 8,392 on 17 October 2022, as co-finance to 5 EANET projects in 2022.
- The Annual Report of EANET Projects (AREP) in 2022 and the Annual Report of EANET Project Fund (AREPF) followed the same format as the Guidelines on the Administrative and Financial Management for the Secretariat and the Network Center. The AREP showed the implementation status and outcome of the EANET Project Activities in 2022. The AREPF in 2022 presented the implemented project budget expenditure of each Project Activity in 2022, and the estimated ongoing project budget expenditure of each Project Activity in 2022.

11. The Session was invited to review, discuss, provide guidance, and endorse the reports as appropriate.

12. Major discussions included:

- i. Several countries expressed their sincere gratitude to the Government of the Philippines for hosting the IG24, and to the Secretariat and the Network Center for their hard work as described in the Progress Report in 2021.
- ii. A country highlighted, in the Communications' Survey Results (p23 of the Progress Report), the importance of the results mentioning the transparency and accountability of the EANET Project Fund and the need to provide more information on the source of the funding.
- iii. Malaysia confirmed its continued support to the EANET in the future.
- iv. Republic of Korea wished to discuss further with the Network Center and the Secretariat if possibly some funds could be transferred from the Secretariat to the Network Center when there is available additional budget.
- v. Viet Nam introduced its new National Focal Point and looked forward to working closely on the promotion of the EANET activity including making efficient use of data in Viet Nam, in particular regarding the development and future expansion of the number of sensors, including low-cost sensors.
- vi. A country reminded that the meeting documents should be circulated before a certain time period of the session.
- vii. The Secretariat clarified that only the contribution of Viet Nam was updated in the Progress Report today and that the Secretariat would, nevertheless, welcome further comments per email.

viii. It was clarified that in the Financial Report, in the table 2B, at note a) the balance of earmarked funding or in-kind support for the EANET cannot be converted to other uses, for example in-kind contribution from China to support technical consultant to support the Secretariat.

13. The Session endorsed the Report on the Progress of the EANET since the IG23, the Annual Report of the EANET Projects (AREP), the Annual Report of the EANET Project Fund, and the Financial Report of the Secretariat and the Network Center in 2021.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT ON THE OUTCOMES OF WORKING GROUP MEETINGS IN 2022 [AGENDA ITEM 5]

14. The Chairperson of the Working Group Meeting in 2022 presented the Report on the Outcomes of Working Group Meetings in 2022 (EANET/IG24/5).

15. The key points of the presentation included:

- The background of the organization of the Working Group Meeting in 2022, held on 24-25 August 2022, was explained, in line with the Decisions of IG23.
- The Recommendations from the Working Group Meeting in 2022 to the IG24 were presented.

16. The Session was invited to review, discuss, and provide guidance, as appropriate.

17. The major discussions included:

- i. No comments were made.

18. The Session considered and endorsed the report on the Outcomes of Working Group Meetings in 2022.

VII. CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT ON THE OUTCOMES OF THE TWENTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC22) ON THE EANET [AGENDA ITEM 6]

19. The Chairperson of the SAC22 presented the Report on the Outcomes of the Twenty-second Session of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC22) on the EANET (EANET/IG 24/6).

20. The key points of the presentation included:

- The SAC held its twenty-second session from 18-20 October 2022, virtually. Attended by SAC members and representatives, the Session reviewed and

discussed various agenda items from technical and scientific viewpoints and made recommendations to the IG24.

- Among the important outcomes, the SAC22 acknowledged the Draft Report on the Progress of the EANET since the SAC21 and the Draft Financial Reports in 2021, adopted the Data Report 2021 and the Report on the Inter-laboratory Comparison Projects 2021. The Session also acknowledged the updates on the overview of the National Monitoring Plans of the Participating Countries and considered and acknowledged the Progress of Activities by the Task Forces and Expert Groups and adopted the Revised Technical Manual for Air Concentration Monitoring in East Asia and the Revised Technical Manual on Dry Deposition Flux Estimation in East Asia.
- The NC presented the Data Disclosure procedure of the EANET and how to improve this process, based on the suggestion made at SAC22 from a SAC member. This process could be proposed to be revised next year during SAC23.

21. The Session was invited to review, discuss, and provide guidance on the report.

22. The major discussions included:

- i. It was clarified that the important discussions made at SAC22 on the Task Forces' reorganization were reflected in the updated version of the documents presented at the IG24.
- ii. Since there were still different views among researchers at SAC22 on the organization of the Task Forces and the draft WPB in 2023, the EANET should respect the condition and willingness of each country and seek consensus to promote work on next steps of the above-mentioned documents.

23. The Session considered and endorsed the report on the Outcomes of the SAC22 on the EANET.

VIII. CONSIDERATION OF THE PROCESS OF THE REVISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL GUIDELINES OF THE SECRETARIAT AND THE NETWORK CENTER AND THE EANET PROJECT FUND AND PROJECT GUIDELINE [AGENDA ITEM 7]

24. The Secretariat and the NC presented the Process of the Revision of the Administrative and Financial Guidelines of the Secretariat and the Network Center and the EANET Project Fund and Project Guideline (EANET/IG 24/7)

25. The key points of the presentation included:

- Based on the Recommendations of the WG2022 to IG24, the proposed process for revision of the Guidelines was presented.

26. The Session was invited to review, discuss, provide guidance, and approve the document, as appropriate.

27. The major discussions included:

- i. Japan explained their comments sent on this agenda item prior to the meeting. The comments focused mainly on the need to define the process of the revision of the Guidelines, to build consensus among Participating Countries and to agree on a detailed timeline. Japan also clarified that the reason for the revisions of the Guidelines is based on the need to improve the transparency and accountability of the Project Fund and better explain what the EANET Project Fund is to potential partner organizations.
- ii. A Participating Country mentioned the process of revision should be treated carefully and based on mutual respect and consensus among all Participating Countries. All Participating Countries should agree on the reason to revise the Guidelines as the 1st step, and accordingly discuss on the corresponding content to be modified, and then submit proposed revisions to the IG for approval. And there is no need to set time frame on the procedure, since the revision will be depending on the necessity to revise the Guidelines.
- iii. A country informed that based on the internal requirements to consider revisions, additional time would be needed.
- iv. Several countries agreed on the necessity to organize a Working Group Meeting in 2023 (WG2023) to discuss the EANET Project Plans to be presented to IG25 and to discuss the revision of the Guidelines.
- v. While some countries wished for a defined timeline on the revision of the Guidelines to be decided during the session of IG24, other countries wished to first discuss the process of these revisions at the tentative WG2023 meeting to be held in 2023, if decided by the IG24.
- vi. The Secretariat clarified that the IG will decide what the next steps are for next year, including a possible WG2023 meeting to be organized possibly in June 2023. After the first day of the IG24 meeting, the elected Bureau of IG24 will work on the Report of the Session of the IG24 to be shared with all PCs.

28. Discussed the necessity of Revising the Guidelines (Administrative and Financial Management Guidelines of the Secretariat and the Network Center, and the EANET Project Fund and Guideline) to implement the Supplementary Document – Annex to the Instrument for the Strengthening of the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia and EANET Project Fund, the IG agreed to:

- Task Secretariat and the Network Center to request Participating Countries to provide suggestions on revision locations of which contents of the specific document/ attachment of Guidelines, to be modified, reason for modifying, and encourage PCs to provide potential modification changes by the end of February 2023

- Task the Secretariat and the Network Center to consolidate all suggestions from Participating countries and send back to Participating Countries and get consensus on proposed parts/sections, possibly through an online meeting
- After consensus on parts to be modified, task Secretariat and Network Center to request Participating Countries on specific proposed modifications on the agreed parts
- Task the Secretariat and the Network Center to consolidate draft proposed recommendations in text from the one month before WG2023 and seek the guidance from UNEP as host of the Secretariat and ACAP as host to the Network Center, to comply with UN Rules and Regulations and ACAP Rules and Regulations
- Task the Secretariat and the Network Center to circulate consolidated proposed recommendations and seek comments from Participating Countries on WG2023 and circulate as well to SAC23.
- Task the Secretariat and the Network to circulate consolidated the final draft revisions considering recommendations from WG and SAC to PCs by one month before IG25

IX. CONSIDERATION OF THE RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE TASK FORCES [AGENDA ITEM 8]

29. The NC presented the Re-organization of the Task Forces (EANET/IG 24/8)

30. The key points of the presentation included:

- The proposed re-organization of Task Forces, in line with the expansion of scope of the EANET and the activities assigned by MTP of 2021-2025, was presented.
- Comments and suggestions made during the Working Group Meeting (WG2022) in 2022 and the SAC22 were also included in the proposed document.

31. The Session was invited to review, discuss, provide guidance, and approve the document, as appropriate.

32. Major discussions included:

- i. A Participating Country, although having no objection with the re-organization of the Task Forces, requested to share comments per email on suggested modifications to the Terms of Reference of the Task Forces.
- ii. The Network Center clarified that the discussions from SAC had been reflected in the document submitted to the IG24.
- iii. Several Participating Countries reminded the mandate of the SAC to create subsidiary bodies such as the Task Forces, based on the scientific viewpoints from the SAC members.

- iv. Some Participating Countries reminded the mandate of the SAC and IG which is “The Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) of the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET) may recommend to the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG) on the EANET the establishment of Task Forces related to scientific and technical issues deemed important for future development of the EANET. The IG will consider the recommendation of the SAC and give its approval, if appropriate.” And the activities of TFs can focus on priority concerns of PCs and carry out some activities which reach the consensus, it is not necessary to cover all the content. Many Participating Countries expressed their support to the re-organization of the Task Forces.
- v. Proposed comments to the re-organization of Task Forces shared by a Participating Country were sent to all Participating Countries per email and presented to the Session.
- vi. The Chair of the SAC agrees with this proposal and will circulate this revision with SAC members after the Session.
- vii. A country requested the Chair, for better management of discussion among Participating Countries and to reach consensus, to request Participating Countries to send their comments in advance as much as possible, before the key EANET meetings.

33. The Session approved the Re-organization of the Task Forces and its Terms of References with modifications incorporating the proposed changes by all the Participating Countries.

X. CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME AND BUDGET OF THE EANET CORE ACTIVITIES IN 2023 [AGENDA ITEM 9]

34. The Secretariat and the Network Center presented the Draft Work Programme and Budget of the EANET core activities in 2023 (EANET/IG 24/9).

35. The key points of the presentation included:

- Additional activities and supplementary information arising from the Working Group 2022 recommendations, comments from SAC22, and in line with the expansion of scope and the establishment of the EANET Project Fund, approved by the IG23 in November 2021.
- The estimated voluntary financial contribution of Participating Countries to the Secretariat and NC core budget for the EANET in 2023: US\$ 607,200 for the Secretariat and US\$ 548,799 for the NC.
- An overview of annual budget, contributions, expenditure, and cumulative cash balance of the Secretariat from 2015 to 2021.
- The estimated cash balance for activities in 2023 and the operating reserve (in US\$) of the Secretariat, showing a total estimated income for 2022 of US\$1,130,375 considering the available cash balance as at 31 December 2021

plus the estimated voluntary contributions to be received in 2022 minus the expenditure and commitment in 2022 and the 80% of Core Budget of the Secretariat for 2023 based on the MTP 2021-2025 (operating reserve), resulting in an available cash balance of US\$ 73,215 for activities in 2023.

- The estimated Core Budget of the Secretariat with a total of US\$ 637,885.
- The estimated revenue for the Network Center in 2023 with a total of US\$ 684,329.
- The additional tasks of the EANET Secretariat based on the EANET Project Fund and Project Guideline approved at IG23 in November 2021.

36. The Session was invited to review, discuss, provide guidance, and approve the document, as appropriate.

37. Major discussions included:

- i. The Secretariat informed that the financing of a Working Group meeting in 2023 could be organized without asking for additional funding but rather by combining this event with another event such as a stakeholder event.
- ii. A country asked for clarification on the budget of the Secretariat as it is not balanced.
- iii. The Secretariat clarified that there were precedents in 2019 and 2020 where IG approved higher budgets than in the MTP. To implement fundraising activities in line with the requirements from the EANET Project Fund and Project Guideline, the Secretariat needs additional resources and also needs to work with the Participating Countries to make sure the correct funds are contributed to the Secretariat and Network Center.
- iv. The Network Center clarified that the technical staff from the Secretariat would not be a scientific staff, but a project management staff to review and conduct necessary work for the EANET Project Plans, based on the requirements from the EANET Project Fund and Project Guidelines.
- v. A country requested the Secretariat to explain the amount of this year's available Cumulative Cash Balance to understand how much could be spent.
- vi. It was requested to add a note a) the balance of earmarked funding or in-kind support for the EANET cannot be converted to other uses e.g. "in-kind contribution from China to support technical consultant to support the Secretariat" under the table 1a.
- vii. A Participating Country sought explanation for increasing the budget of the EANET secretariat including staffing and terminating the subcontract with AIT RRC.AP.
- viii. It was clarified that RRC.AP could be engaged in consultancy services rather than through an SSFA.
- ix. A country highlighted that there is no core budget allocated to the monitoring and capacity building activities, whereas monitoring instruments in some

Participating Countries need maintenance. It was suggested to allocate some core budget to capacity building in the future activities.

- x. The Network Center clarified that regarding capacity building activities, they were not included in the MTP 2021-2025 according to the Participating Countries needs as expressed in the related survey. However, if decided by IG, this modification could be made following the mid-term review of the MTP in 2023, to reflect this request. On the update of the monitoring instruments, this is part of the Network Center's core activity. According to the EANET Instrument, the maintenance of the monitoring equipment should be borne by each Participating Countries, but countries may get in touch with the Network Center to express their needs and the EANET may also seek support from international organization to raise funds to maintain the equipment.
- xi. It was clarified that activity 1 in the MTP includes the maintenance of the monitoring instruments. The IG decides it, the EANET could provide equipment to the Participating Countries.
- xii. The Secretariat clarified the details and breakdown of the Secretariat's personnel cost as showed in Table 3.
- xiii. A country requested the Secretariat and Network Center to implement new core activities in the most cost-effective way, terminate un-necessary activities, and make effort to reduce to gap of estimated voluntary contributions and expenditures, considering current budget situation.
- xiv. It was suggested for the Secretariat and the Network Center to share updates on these new activities during the WG2023.
- xv. On the evaluation of the Mid Term Review, a country suggested it should also include the evaluation of the Project Activities and not only of the Core Activities.

38. The Session approved the Work Programme and Budget in 2023 for Core Activities of the Secretariat and the Network Center, with modifications agreed at the IG to provide more clarity and rationale of the increased Personnel Cost of the Secretariat in 2023.

XI. CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME AND BUDGET OF THE EANET PROJECT PLANS IN 2023 [AGENDA ITEM 10]

39. The Network Center presented the Draft Work Programme and Budget of the EANET Project Plans in 2023 (EANET/IG24/10).

40. The key points of the presentation included:

- The details of the 8 project plans/concept notes submitted to the Secretariat for the EANET by end of July 2022.
- Comments from SAC22, incorporated to the document.

- The Asian Development Bank has agreed to support the Proposed Project Plan number 3, Methodology Study for Development of LCS Hybrid Air Quality Monitoring Network (HAQMN)
- The summary of the Estimated Income for Project Activities in 2023 totaling US\$ 489,700, including funding from the available cash balance of the Secretariat, financial support from Japan (MOEJ) and from the Republic of Korea (NIER), and in-kind support from Japan (JARI, NIES), Mongolia, the Philippines and Viet Nam (IMHEN, MONRE).

41. The Session was invited to review, discuss, provide guidance, and approve the document, as appropriate.

42. Major discussions included:

- i. A country suggested as for the nature of the project outputs, if the project is a scientific research, project outputs shall represent only the researchers' opinions, and if the project outputs would be published in the name of the EANET, the content should be agreed by all PCs. Further comments were shared per email to the Secretariat and to the Participating Countries.
- ii. It was clarified that EANET Projects that are research projects will be open to all EANET Participating Countries. But if an implementation agency does not want to disclose its data, their rules will be followed.
- iii. It was suggested that the opinion of authors could be referred to as their "scientific opinion".
- iv. It was suggested that the financial support of the EANET Project Fund would be mentioned in the acknowledgement along with potential other donors' supporting the research, following common practices of academia. A country expressed concerns on the misunderstanding of this acknowledgement.
- v. A country requested the project completion reports, which are outputs of the EANET projects, to be approved by the IG.
- vi. The Network Center clarified that these publications are not official EANET publications so these would not require to be approved by IG.
- vii. A country expressed concerns that since the IG only happens yearly, waiting for IG's approval would limit the publications to be released only once a year.
- viii. It was suggested to seek approval through email communication with NFPs on the publication of research documents funded by the EANET Project Fund.
- ix. It was proposed to add more information about this disclaimer in the revised EANET Project Fund and Project Guidelines.
- x. A country requested the Network Center to circulate the modified Project Plans with NFPs after the Session.
- xi. Japan has provided generous support by contributing to the EANET Projects.
- xii. Several Participating Countries thanked the Network Center for allowing them to participate in the Project Activities and highlighted the future benefits for their countries, which could also be replicated further in more countries.

- xiii. It was clarified that the budget presented is an estimated budget balance. In case of savings, the money would be reverted to the EANET Project Fund.
 - xiv. The Network Center is looking forward to Participating Countries taking the lead in the future on the Project Activities.
 - xv. A country raised a question regarding the pilot cities to implement the PM2.5 monitoring project since the PM2.5 activities are now of high priority.
 - xvi. The Network Center clarified the candidate city to be Bangkok Metropolitan Region (already implemented this year under the Japan-Thailand Clear Air Partnership) with the Pollution Control Department. Another candidate city could be Ho Chi Minh City. Ionic and metallic species are important components to include in these studies as well as organic components. The budget of USD 10,000 may include additional external budget.
 - xvii. Several countries requested the Network Center to provide a report including quantitative outputs of the Project Activities, including impacts on air quality management policies and air pollution reduction in the Region.
43. The Session approved the Work Programme and Budget in 2023 for the EANET Project Plans incorporating the proposed changes modifications by Participating Countries in line with the output disclosure principles, which is “All the articles by project experts could only represent their personal opinions. Without approval of IG, all project outputs should not be published in the name of the EANET. The financial support by the EANET Project Fund Mechanism would be written in the acknowledgement just as one of the financial donors for the research activities.” And the Session agreed not to include "The financial support by the EANET Project Fund Mechanism would be written in the acknowledgement just as one of the financial donors for the research activities“ in the Project Plans in WPB2023.

XII. OTHER MATTERS AS PROPOSED BY THE EANET PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES, THE SECRETARIAT, OR THE NETWORK CENTER [AGENDA ITEM 11]

44. The Session was invited to discuss other matters as proposed by the EANET Participating Countries, the Secretariat, or the Network Center.
45. Major discussions included:
- i. The Network Center invited the IG24 participants to join several important online and offline events in the end of 2022 and early 2023, including the [EANET Emission Inventory Webinar Workshop on Open Biomass Burning](#) on 5 December 2022, [the 13th International Workshop on Atmospheric Modeling Research in East Asia](#) on 22-23 December 2022, the IGES/IIASA/EANET Workshop to take place on 19 December 2022 (supported by MOEJ), and the

- [Acid Rain 2020](#) international conference to take place from 18-21 April 2023 in Niigata, Japan.
- ii. Japan will organize a side-event during the UN-ESCAP Committee on Environment and Development, Seventh Session ([CED7](#)) on 30 November at 12:30 (ICT+7) and will introduce EANET activities and explore possible future collaboration opportunities.
 - iii. The Secretariat explained the mandate of the mid-term review of the MTP 2021-2025 for the EANET, which will take place in 2023.
 - iv. A country highlighted it is very important to ensure the evaluator is independent.
 - v. A country proposed to discuss the mid-term review at the Working Group Meeting in 2023.
 - vi. A country highlighted the importance of transparency and accountability and requested the Secretariat to publish the Instrument, the Annex to EANET Instrument, the EANET Project Fund and Project Guideline and the MTP 2021-2025 on EANET website to better promote the activities and scope of the EANET to potential future partners.
 - vii. A country reminded that there is already a decision from IG on the publication rules of EANET documents.
 - viii. A country expressed needing sufficient time to consult internally on the data disclosure.
46. The Session tasked the Secretariat to send an email to NFPs for seeking approval of the disclosure of information particularly on these four documents – the Instrument for Strengthening the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET), the Supplementary Document (Annex) to the Instrument for Strengthening the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET), the EANET Project Fund and Guideline, the Medium Term Plan (MTP) for the EANET 2021-2025 – and the modality of disclosure.
47. The Session tasked the Secretariat and the Network Center to organize the Working Group Meeting in 2023 to include agenda items on: Update and review on ongoing EANET Project Plans from the NC and additional activities from the Secretariat, review of the new EANET Project Plans for 2024, review of the Revision of the Guidelines (Administrative and Financial Management Guidelines of the Secretariat and the Network Center, and the EANET Project Fund and Guideline), and on the Report on the Mid-Term Review of the MTP 2021-2025

XIII. WRAP UP AND NEXT STEPS [AGENDA ITEM 12]

48. The Secretariat presented the Proposed Next Steps after the IG24 (EANET/IG24/12).
49. The key points of the presentation included:

- The Secretariat presented the next steps from the IG24 to the IG25, including a Working Group Meeting in 2023 in early August 2023, the STM24 in September 2023, SAC23 in October 2023, and finally the IG25 in November 2023.
- The next steps showed the plan for the Revision of the Administrative and Financial Guidelines of the Secretariat and the Network Center and the EANET Project Fund and Project Guideline.

50. The Session was invited to ask questions and discuss and provide guidance on this agenda item as appropriate.

51. Major discussion included:

- i. Viet Nam was pleased to announce their intention to host IG25 in Hanoi, subject to approval by the Ministry. The Session welcomed this announcement.

52. The Session considered and acknowledged the Proposed Next Steps after the IG24 (EANET/IG24/12).

XIV. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE SESSION [AGENDA ITEM 13]

53. The Session considered the Draft Report of the Session of the IG24, as per the guidance of the Chairperson, and by referring to the discussion at the Session. The Chairperson, with support from the Secretariat, facilitated the discussion.

54. The Session adopted the Report of the Session of the IG24 (EANET/IG24/13).

XV. CLOSING OF THE SESSION [AGENDA ITEM 14]

55. Dr. Isabelle Louis delivered the Closing Remarks. In her remarks, she congratulated the Bureau of Officers of IG24, the host country and participants on the success of the meeting. She reaffirmed the continued support of the UN Environment Programme to the EANET in providing secretariat functions, technical expertise, and administrative support.

56. Engr. Vizmindia A. Osorio delivered Closing Remarks. In her remarks she highlighted how Participating Countries have progressed on their knowledge of acid deposition and highlighted the value of the EANET data. Engr. Osorio also mentioned that regardless of the COVID-19 pandemic, the EANET has continued to strengthen its collaboration, build trust, exchange expertise, to achieve planned targets. She commended the inspiring ideas, passion to achieve more, despite the challenges and reminded Countries to look back at how they had come along and look forward to the

momentum and continue their efforts to improve the quality of life in the Region. She thanked all participants for the very transformative IG24.

57. The session expressed its gratitude to the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, the Rapporteur, the participants, the representatives from international organizations, and resource persons for their efforts, cooperation, and contribution to the Session.
58. The Chairperson, appreciating the participants, the Secretariat, and the NC for their contributions, declared the Twenty-second Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting on the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia officially closed.

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