

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

OUTCOMES OF THE WORKING GROUP MEETING IN 2022

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The document provides the Outcomes of the Working Group Meeting in 2022 (WG2022) held on 24-25 August 2022. The Secretariat organized the Working Group Meeting in 2022 as mandated by the 23rd Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting of the EANET in November 2021, as stated in “The Decisions of IG23”, Annex 2 of the Report of the Session of IG23, Point 1, letter d., states: “Task the Secretariat and the NC to take necessary actions, including organizing the Working Group Meeting in 2022, which may include the function of reviewing the projects as stated in the EANET Project Fund and Project Guideline”.
2. The main objective of the WG2022 was to present and discuss the EANET Project Plans and Concept Notes and endorse to the Scientific Advisory Committee for technical review. However, several agenda points were also included in order to support the implementation of the expansion of scope and the establishment of the EANET Project Fund. These included proposed revisions by Japan on the Administrative and Financial Management Guidelines of the Secretariat and the Network Center (NC) and the EANET Project Fund and Project Guideline, increasing the participation of Participating Countries (PCs) into the EANET Project Fund process, future fund-raising strategies, and strengthening the capacity of the Secretariat.
3. The WG2022 Recommendations to IG 24 is presented in the Attachment.

II. ACTIONS REQUIRED

8. The IG24 is invited to review the Report on the Outcomes of the Working Group Meeting in 2022 (EANET/IG243/5), including the Recommendations of the WG2022 to IG24, and may wish to consider, discuss, provide guidance, and endorse the document, as appropriate.

Attachment

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WG2022 TO IG24

Recalling the mandate given by the 23rd Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG23) of the EANET in its Decisions, to “task the Secretariat and the NC to take the necessary actions, including organizing the Working Group Meetings in 2022, which may include the function of reviewing the projects as stated in the EANET Project Fund and Project Guideline”,

Further recalling the Decisions of IG23, the adoption of the finalized text for the Supplementary Document (Annex) to the Instrument for Strengthening the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia, and the approval of the revised MTP (2021-2025) at IG23,

The Working Group Meeting in 2022 (WG2022) held from 24-25 August 2022 recommends the twenty-fourth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG24) on the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET) to make its decisions, taking into account the statements by Participating Countries outlined within the Report of the Session of the Working Group 2022, including the following elements:

1. Consider the approval of the EANET Project Plans, in light of the review and recommendations and statements made by all Participating Countries in the Working Group on the 8 Draft EANET Project Plans and with consideration to the recommendations from SAC22 and the securing of funds.
2. Consider, discuss, and provide guidance on the process for revision of the EANET Project Fund and Project Guideline by the Participating Countries, and Revision of the Guidelines on the Administrative and Financial Management for the Secretariat and the Network Center, taking account of opinions from Participating Countries, including review by the Secretariat and the Network Center.
3. Consider, discuss and approve the trial implementation of recommendations on modification of the EANET Project Fund and Project Guideline and Guidelines on the Administrative and Financial Management for the Secretariat and the Network Center for at least one year, following alignment with UN Rules and Regulations and based on the consent of all Participating Countries. Effective revisions will be submitted to the following IG for consideration, discussion, and approval.
4. Consider, discuss, and provide guidance on the proposal of strengthening the capability of the Secretariat to address the Expanded Scope and the new

EANET Project Fund Mechanism.

5. Consider, discuss, and provide guidance on accelerating the involvement of EANET Participating Countries and other organizations in the EANET Project Plan submission process.
6. Consider, discuss, and provide guidance on the proposal of future fundraising strategies for the EANET Project Fund, such as, involving interested organizations and donor agencies, arranging co-finance or in kind-contribution, and actively performing outreach activities.
7. Consider tasking the Secretariat and the Network Center to take the necessary actions, including organizing the Working Group Meetings in 2023 and preparation of documents considering the inputs of Participating Countries.