



AGENDA ITEM 4

Highlights of the Working Group Meeting in 2026 (WG2026) relevant for SAC26

**The Twenty-sixth Session of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC26)
on the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia
20-22 October 2026, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

INTRODUCTION

- **The Working Group Meeting in 2026** (WG2026) on the EANET was held online on 4 and 5 August 2026 and attended by the EANET National Focal Points.
- The Report of the Session, including **discussions and recommendations relevant for SAC26**, is found in Attachment 1 of the meeting document (EANET/SAC26/4).

Key Discussion Points from the WG2026 Session relevant to SAC26

a) Agenda item 7 “Consideration of a draft Analysis of the Financial Implication of Inviting Sri Lanka to Join the EANET as a Full Member (tasked by IG27)” (EANET/WG2026/7).

Some countries noted scientific relevance of including Sri Lanka to the EANET, while also expressing that the participation of Sri Lanka could have financial implications for the sustainability of EANET. Several countries stated their preference for Sri Lanka to participate in future meetings online as an observer, until the financial implications could be further assessed and the funding situation appropriately addressed.

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b) In agenda item 8 Other Matters, the “Joint Proposal for Renaming the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET)” was presented.

Several countries presented a Joint Proposal on renaming the EANET. At the end of the discussion, it was suggested organizing an online meeting with the UNEP legal team to address questions from Participating Countries regarding the proposed renaming process.

The Joint Proposal for Renaming the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET), can be found in Attachment 2 of the meeting document (EANET/SAC26/4).

ACTION REQUIRED

The participants of the SAC26 are invited to review the meeting document and may wish to consider, discuss, and provide guidance as appropriate.

Thank you



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