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AGENDA ITEM 5
Highlights of the Working Group Meeting in 2026 (WG2026)

The Twenty-eighth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG28)
on the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET)
24-26 November 2026, Niigata, Japan (Hybrid)

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 is found in Attachment 1 of the meeting document (EANET/IG28/5).

Key Discussion Points from the WG2026 Session

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 IG28 is invited to consider the Highlights of the Report of the Working Group Meeting 2026 (EANET/IG28/5), and may wish to discuss, consider, provide guidance, and endorse the report, as appropriate.

(*Note: the Draft Provisional Agenda of the IG28 (EANET/IG28/3/1) includes discussion on Sri Lanka's Interest in Joining EANET in Agenda Item 10; and discussion on the Consideration of the Renaming of the EANET in Agenda Item 11*)

Thank you



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