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Twenty-fifth Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-25) of NEASPEC

20-21 September 2022

Virtual meeting

Annotated Provisional Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

Opening and welcoming remarks will be delivered by the Head of the ESCAP East and North-East Asia Office and the Head of delegation of Japan as the Host Government, respectively.

2. Election of officers

A chairperson, a vice-chairperson and a rapporteur will be elected.

3. Adoption of agenda

The provisional agenda, prepared by the Secretariat, in accordance with the established practice of the previous sessions and consultation with the host Government, will be adopted.

4. Statements by delegations of member States, UN and international organizations on issues related to sustainable development in North-East Asia

The heads of national delegations and representatives of UN and international organizations will be invited to deliver their statements on policies, initiatives, and proposals in relation to sustainable development in North-East Asia.

5. Review of programme planning and implementation

Documents for the following agenda items will be submitted to member States for (i) the review of progress in implementing activities of NEASPEC in the following and (ii) review and approval of activity plans for 2022-2023:

- a) **Air Pollution:** To review the progress in implementing the North-East Asia Clean Air Partnership (NEACAP) Work Plan 2021-2025 and the outcome of the third and fourth Science and Policy Committee (SPC) Meeting of NEACAP, with a focus on developing a policy analysis report, organizing policy dialogues, reviewing the best available techniques (BAT) approach applied among member States.

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- b) **Biodiversity and Nature Conservation:** To review the progress of the project on “Transboundary cooperation on the conservation of Amur tigers, Amur leopards and Snow leopards in North-East Asia” and the study on transboundary cooperation in the Tumen River Estuary.
 - c) **Marine Protected Areas:** To review the outcomes of the project on “Strengthening the subregional cooperation through knowledge sharing on sustainable management of marine protected areas” and the progress in the operation of the North-East Marine Protected Areas Network (NEAMPAN) in 2021 and 2022.
 - d) **Low Carbon Cities:** To review the progress in expanding the North-East Asian Low Carbon City Platform (NEA-LCCP) through experience sharing and capacity building and discuss modalities for enhancing cooperation among cities, city networks and key initiatives.
 - e) **Desertification and Land Degradation:** To review the findings of (i) a preliminary stock-taking study on the interlinkages of climate change mitigation and desertification and land degradation (DLD) and (ii) climate change impacts on DLD in support of developing a subregional approach to creating the synergies among actions on addressing DLD and climate change.

6. Renewed commitments to NEASPEC

The meeting will discuss the provisional outline of member States’ renewed commitments to NEASPEC, which was circulated by the Secretariat in July 2021.

7. Review of the Core Fund and Project-based Fund

The meeting will review the status of the Core Fund and project-based funds of NEASPEC. Member States are invited to announce intended cash and/or in-kind contributions for 2022-2023.

8. Venue, date and provisional agenda of the Twenty-sixth SOM (SOM-26)

The meeting will invite the member State hosting the next SOM to inform its tentative plan for the meeting.

9. Other issues

The meeting may raise any other issues not covered under the abovementioned items.

10. Adoption of the conclusions and recommendations of the Meeting

The Report of the Meeting consists of two major parts, i.e. (i) the conclusions and recommendations and (ii) the proceedings of the SOM. The first part of the Report will be adopted by the SOM, and the second part will be prepared by the Secretariat after the Meeting and will be circulated to member States for review and approval.

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