

NEASPEC Strategic Plan Consultation

Desertification and Land Degradation (DLD)



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Background Overview



Desertification

CHINA: threatens over 25 % of landmass, affecting more than 400 million people in China

MONGOLIA: affects 77% of the territory and almost 90% of pastureland in Mongolia



Dust and sandstorms (DSS)

causing damages not only close to the dust-source areas, but also thousands of kilometres downwind of the dust-source areas



Land Degradation and Deforestation


DPRK also faces serious deforestation and land degradation, which diminishes agricultural productivity through water infiltration and soil erosion



National Initiatives and Programmes

- **China:** e.g. Law on Prevention and Control of Desertification and National Plan on Desertification Prevention and Control (2011-2020), National Plan for Desertification Prevention and Control
- **Mongolia:** e.g. Green Wall Programme 2005-2030, the National Action Plan to Combat Desertification (2010) and Law on Soil Protection and Combating Desertification
- **DPRK:** e.g. Long-term National Plan for Forest Development (1990-2020) and National Action Plan to Combat Desertification and Land Degradation in DPRK (2006-2010)

Subregional Actions

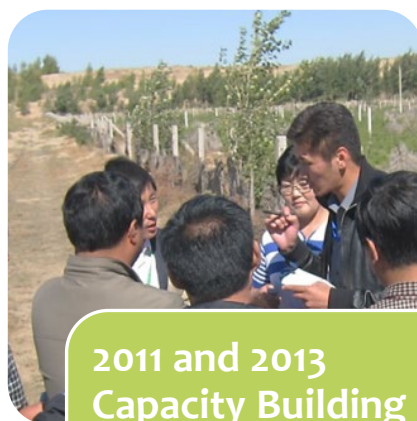
- **North East Asia Deforestation, Land Degradation and Drought Network (DLDD-NEAN) meeting:** China, ROK and Mongolia discussed on upscaling network activity on joint research, experience sharing and enhancing cooperation
 - **Korea-Mongolia Greenbelt Forestation Project (2007-2016) to** create >3,000 hectare of forest by 2016
 - **16th Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting (TEMM):** China, Japan and ROK agreed to link the 3 countries' DSS forecasting website at the TEMM and to carry out joint Research on DSS
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NEASPEC on Desertification and Land Degradation



2010-2012 Implementing the Regional Master Plan for the Prevention and Control of DSS in NEA

- Pilot tree planting in Zamyn-Uud, GIS-based database, awareness raising and training workshops



2011 and 2013 Capacity Building Training Programme for Mongolian Experts

- By NEASPEC and Institute of Desertification Studies (IDS) of the Chinese Academy of Forestry



2015 North-East Asia Multi-Stakeholder Plan (NEAMSP)

- International Workshop on Combating Desertification and Land Degradation, July, Beijing
- National Bureau to Combat Desertification, State Forestry Administration

North-East Asia Multi-Stakeholder Plan (NEAMSP)

A **voluntary initiative** participated by key stakeholders (public sector, private sector and civil society) addressing DLD in the subregion

- Encompasses **current and planned activities** of participating agencies in six activity areas
- Serves as a **map** to present the collective works of agencies for enable the DLD community to act together
- An active focal point to collect and share information in a common language by producing a regularly updated **living document**

Each stakeholder group can utilize for various purposes such as:

- **As a group** - for reviewing overall DLD actions in the subregion and to identify challenges and opportunities for the subregion
- **For individual stakeholder** - to inform organizational planning and identify partners and opportunities for cooperation or resource mobilization
- **For potential stakeholders** (e.g. donors) – to provide essential and up-to-date information to motivate their participation and identify entry point options and potential partners

North-East Asia Multi-Stakeholder Plan (NEAMSP)



Expert suggestions

- Suggest to start the project of monitoring and assessing the **Zero Net Land Degradation** in North-east Asia as soon as possible
- MSP can support countries with their **national reporting** to UNCC
- MSP could initially focus on **sharing information** of project activities and policies. Should more resources and technical capacity be made available, the MSP can expand to the **mapping of technology and scientific research**, and can synthesis knowledge and analytical output
- Holding **regular forums** or **conferences** to gather NEA stakeholders for discussions and exchange, which can be theme-specific and linked with other major DLD events or a specific scientific theme



Proposed Strategy

Objectives: By 2020, implement a number of partnership projects recommended by the [North-East Asia Multi-stakeholder Plan \(NEAMSP\)](#) on Combating DLD for more coordinated and efficient actions in combating desertification amongst key stakeholders.

Activities:

- Map activities and capacity in the subregion to coordinate, complement and enhance efficiency of DLD-related activities carried out by key stakeholders in North-East Asia;
 - Develop and maintain an open subregional network that addresses the multidisciplinary aspects and impact of DLD;
 - Build partnerships, joint activities, and mobilizing financial and technical resources for NEAMSP partners; and
 - Promote subregional DLD actions under wider sustainable development context in connection with the SDGs
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