

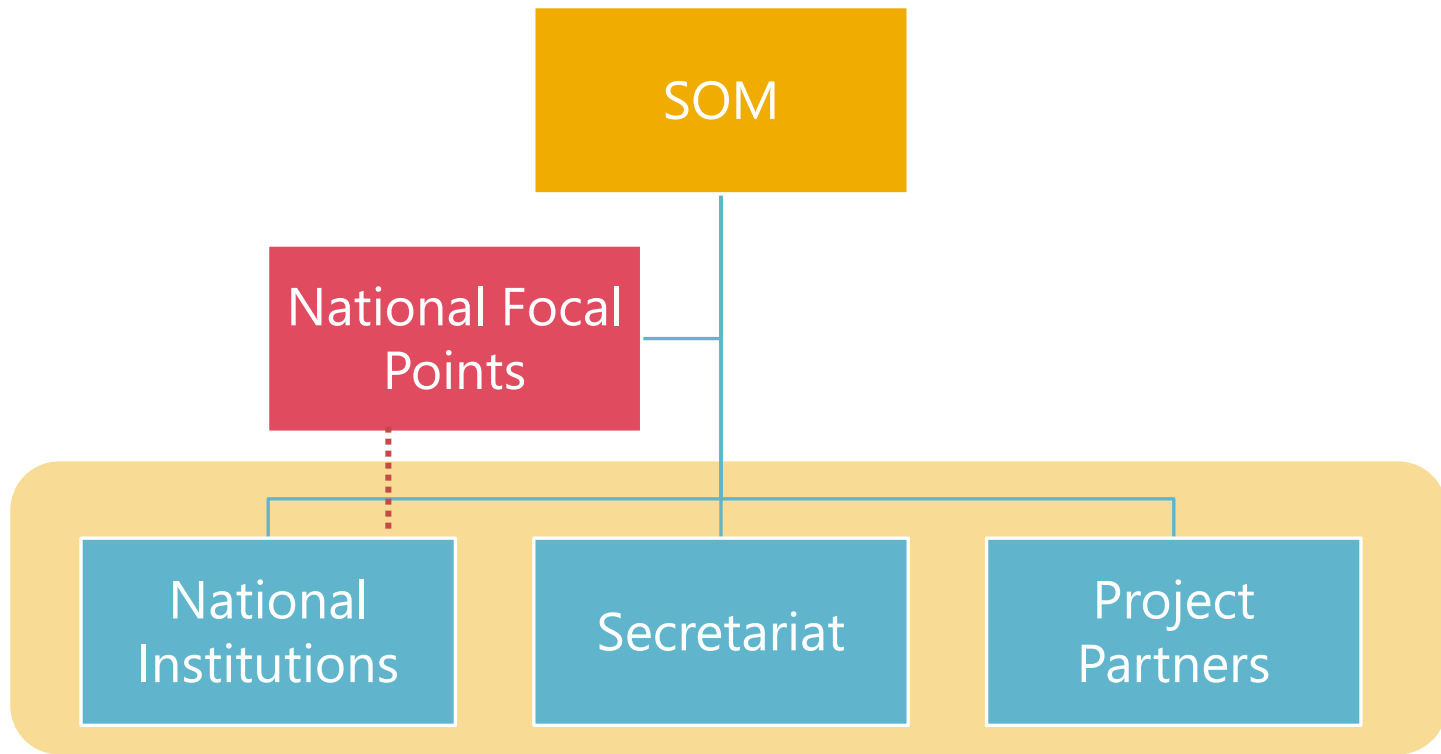
## NEASPEC Strategic Plan Consultation

# Strengthening Institutional Support



NEASPEC Secretariat

# Institutional Structure



## Overall Direction

- Increase ownership of member States by **encouraging participation of national institutions and other stakeholders** in programme development and implementation
- Strengthen **linkages and coordination with other relevant initiatives** of member States for enhanced effectiveness and potential upscaling of programmes

## Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)

- Improve the effectiveness of its primary function as the governing body of NEASPEC by **ensuring senior level participation** and **regularizing the annual session**
- Promote SOM as a **key subregional platform** for joint review and dialogue among major stakeholders on subregional environmental cooperation

## Secretariat

- Simultaneously strengthen the secretariat capacity and national capacity of subregional cooperation by the **secondment of national experts** to the Secretariat
- Supplement the secretariat capacity by encouraging engagement of the research and coordination by **national institutions** for programme development and implementation

## Working Groups of National Institutions

- Identify **key national institutions as members of a working group** in each programmatic area to promote regular consultations and enhance ownership of member States over NEASPEC
- **Provide mandates and financial resources** to the national members of each working group for programme development and implementation
- Encourage national institutions to **initiate NEASPEC projects and/or link national projects with NEASPEC** if such projects have subregional or multilateral dimensions.

## Financial Resources

- Improve financial resources of NEASPEC by **scaling up** and making **more stable and predictable** national contributions to the Core Fund
- **Mobilize financial resources** and **in-kind contributions** from national donor agencies and ministries for projects
- Build **partnership** with national and international institutions, and civil society organizations to **diversify** the modality of financial and in-kind contributions
- Encourage **participation of stakeholder groups** and **self-financing** of beneficiaries to participate in the programme.

# Programmes

Secretariat-led  
Projects

Partnership  
Projects

Core Fund  
Projects

Non-Core Fund  
Projects

National Projects  
with subregional  
dimensions

International  
Projects with  
subregional  
dimensions