

Seventeenth Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) of NEASPEC

20-21 December 2012, Chengdu, China

Provisional Programme

1 st day: Thursday, 20 December 2012	
8:30 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 9:30	<p>Opening Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Kilaparti Ramakrishna, Director, UNESCAP Subregional Office for East and North-East Asia • Welcoming Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TBC, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, China • Election of officers and adoption of agenda
9:30 – 10:15	<p>Policy issues for sustainable development in North-East Asia</p> <p><i>Statements by the delegations of the member States and UN and international organizations on matters related to sustainable development of North-East Asia</i></p>
10:15 – 10:30	Tea Break
10:30 – 12:30	<p>Review of program planning and implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Nature Conservation in Transboundary Areas b) Transboundary Air Pollution in North-East Asia c) Mitigation of Dust and Sandstorms d) Eco-efficiency Partnership e) Marine Environment <p><i>Secretariat makes short presentations for each thematic area followed by interventions from delegations of member States.</i></p>
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Review of program planning and implementation (Cont'd)

15:30-15:45	Tea Break
15:45-16:30	<p>Review of the outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20 Conference)</p> <p><i>The session will review implications of Rio+20 outcomes for subregional cooperation on sustainable development in North-East Asia, and discuss potential contributions of NEASPEC activities to implementing the outcomes.</i></p>
16:30 - 17:30	<p>Consideration of new NEASPEC project proposals</p> <p><i>Member States, secretariat and partner organizations present proposals for new activities to be conducted under the framework of NEASPEC. Each proposal will be introduced with a power point presentation followed by discussions.</i></p>
2 nd day: Friday, 21 December 2012	
9:00-10:30	<p>Institutional arrangement of NEASPEC and review of Core Fund</p> <p><i>The session will review the results of a study on institutional arrangements of NEASPEC and the state of the core fund, and discuss options for further strengthening the role and function of NEASPEC.</i></p>
10:30-11:30	Plan for the next SOM and other matters
11:30-12:15	Tea Break
12:15-13:00	Adoption of the conclusions and recommendations and closing of the meeting
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-18:00	Field trip