

**Sixteenth Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) of NEASPEC
1-2 September 2011, Seoul, Republic of Korea**

Provisional Programme

1 st day: 1 September 2011	
8:00 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 9:30	<p>Opening Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome address and opening speech <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr. Kilaparti Ramakrishna, Director, UNESCAP Subregional Office for East and North-East Asia</i> - <i>Mr. Dongman Han, Director-General, International Economic Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Republic of Korea</i> • Election of officers and adoption of agenda
9:30 – 10:15	<p>Policy issues for sustainable development in North-East Asia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Statements by the delegations of the member States and international organizations</i>
10:15 – 10:30	Tea Break
10:30 – 12:30	<p>Review of program planning and implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nature Conservation in Transboundary Areas - Mitigation of Transboundary Air Pollution from Coal-fired Power Plants - Mitigation of Dust and Sandstorms - Eco-efficiency Partnership in North-East Asia <p><i>Secretariat will make 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	<p>Review of national and subregional activities and processes in preparation of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting the scene: Introduction to the themes of Rio+20 and short

	<p>overview of Rio+20 preparatory processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of the global and regional preparatory processes for UNCSO, <i>Mr. Rae Kwon Chung, Director, Environment and Development Division, UNESCAP</i> - Asia-Pacific multi-stakeholder dialogue on Rio+20: brief report of the 3rd International Forum for Sustainable Asia and the Pacific (ISAP2011), <i>Mr. Takashi Otsuka, Deputy Director, Programme Management Office, IGES</i> • Review of national preparatory processes for Rio+20 (<i>Statements of national delegations followed by discussions</i>)
15:30-15:45	Tea Break
15:45-17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National policies and subregional activities related to the themes of Rio+20 Conference: a) green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication and b) the institutional framework for sustainable development - Green economy: review of national initiatives in North-East Asia and opportunities for joint actions, <i>Ms. Wanhua Yang, Legal Officer, Division of Environmental Law and Conventions, Regional Office for Asia Pacific, UNEP</i> - Potential subregional activities in North-East Asia in support of the two themes of UNCSO, <i>Mr. Ryokichi Hirono, Professor Emeritus, Seikei University</i> - CSOs towards Rio+20: regional and global roles and modalities of participation, <i>Ms. Chee Yoke Ling, Director of Programmes, Third World Network</i> - <i>Interventions from national delegations and CSO representatives</i> • Subregional inputs for the regional preparatory process (<i>Discussion on possible modality of subregional inputs to regional and global preparatory processes and possible role of NEASPEC</i>)
2nd day: 2 September 2011	
9:00-10:30	<p>Consideration of new NEASPEC project proposals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Member States, secretariat and partner organizations will present proposals for new activities within NEASPEC (<i>each proposal will be introduced with a power point presentation followed by discussions</i>)

10:30-11:30	<p>Institutional arrangement of NEASPEC and review of Core Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Secretariat will present the update regarding institutional and financial arrangements of NEASPEC and provide some possible options for further strengthening of the Programme followed by statements from the member States</i> <p>Plan for the next SOM and other matters</p>
11:30-12:00	Tea Break
12:00-12:30	<p>Adoption of the conclusions and recommendations and closing of the meeting</p>
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-17:00	<p>Field trip</p> <p><i>Sihwa Lake Tidal Power Station, the largest tidal power station in the world with a total projected capacity of 254 MW</i></p>