

Draft Concept Note

NEACAP Policy Dialogues in 2024

Background

The North-East Asia Clean Air Partnership (NEACAP) is committed to addressing air pollution issues in the region. In alignment with the NEACAP Work Plan 2021-2025, this concept note outlines the framework for the NEACAP Policy Dialogue Series scheduled for 2024.

Objective

The primary objective of the NEACAP Policy Dialogues is to engage policymakers and stakeholders from member States in substantive dialogues. By engaging policy makers and stakeholders, these dialogues will facilitate productive discussions and actions to address air quality and environmental challenges.

Specific objectives are as follows:

- **Promotion of notable achievements:** showcase country-specific accomplishments in improving air quality over last decades;
- **Tangible outcomes:** Identify concrete actions and initiatives that member states can undertake to improve air quality in the near future;
- **Knowledge exchange:** facilitate the sharing of expertise and best practices in air quality management; and
- **Capacity building:** explore the necessity and opportunities for and potential approaches to capacity building in the North-East Asia.

Schedule:

- First policy dialogue: Planned for first quarter of 2024
- Second policy dialogue: Scheduled for second half of 2024

Scope and topics

- The first policy dialogue will center on reviewing the draft report before its finalization.
- The second policy dialogue will focus on highlighting noteworthy achievement in North-East Asia, sharing best practices, promoting (sub) regional collaboration, and fostering effective policy development and implementation.

Participants

	1 st Policy Dialogue	2 nd Policy Dialogue
Targeted participants	The author group, SPC members, government officials responsible for air pollution policy and air quality management, and relevant stakeholders	The author group, SPC members, government officials for air pollution policy and air quality management, environmental scientists and researchers, representatives from environmental organizations and NGOs, and international organizations.

Usage of the Outcome:

The outcome of the policy dialogues will contribute to NEACAP's ongoing efforts to improve air quality and environmental protection in North-East Asia. The valuable insights and recommendations originating from discussions during the policy dialogue meetings will inform policy development, programme implementation, and regional cooperation initiatives.