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Twenty-sixth Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-26) of NEASPEC

23-24 November 2023

Seoul, Republic of Korea

Annotated Provisional Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

Opening and welcoming remarks will be delivered by the Head of the ESCAP East and North-East Asia Office and the Head of delegation of the Republic of Korea as the Host Government, respectively.

2. Election of officers

A chairperson, a vice-chairperson and a rapporteur will be elected.

3. Adoption of agenda

The provisional agenda, prepared by the Secretariat, in accordance with the established practice previous sessions and in consultation with the host Government, will be adopted.

4. Statements by delegations of member States, UN and international organizations on issues related to sustainable development in North-East Asia

The heads of national delegations and representatives of UN and international organizations will be invited to deliver their statements on policies, initiatives, and proposals in relation to sustainable development in North-East Asia.

5. Review of programme planning and implementation

Documents for the following agenda items will be submitted to member States for the (i) review of progress in implementing activities of NEASPEC across programmatic areas and (ii) review and approval of activity plans for 2023-2024:

- a) **Air Pollution:** To review the progress in implementing the North-East Asia Clean Air Partnership (NEACAP) Work Plan 2021-2025, including (1) the policy analysis report and (2) the voluntary BAT collaboration in the field of Policy and Technology Cooperation of Category I and to report the results of the fifth Science and Policy Committee (SPC) Meeting of NEACAP, including (1) the mid-term

review of the NEACAP Work Plan 2021-2025 and (2) the deliberations concerning potential areas for Category II.

- b) **Biodiversity and Nature Conservation:** To review (1) the outcomes and evaluation recommendations of the project on “Transboundary cooperation on the conservation of Amur tigers, Amur leopards and Snow leopards in North-East Asia”; (2) the progress of project implementation on “Evaluation of the current status of transboundary snow leopard subpopulations in the border area between Mongolia and the Russian Federation”; (3) the progress of the newly proposed project of “Connectivity conservation for habitats of flagship migratory birds in North-East Asia (Black-faced Spoonbills, Hooded Cranes, and White-naped Cranes)”; and (4) the outcomes of the published study on “Transboundary Cooperation among Protected Wetlands in the Lower Tumen River”.
- c) **Marine Protected Areas:** To review the progress in the operation of the North-East Marine Protected Areas Network (NEAMPAN) in 2023, including (1) NEAMPAN webinar, (2) the progress of the study project on climate change and marine protected areas in North-East Asia and (3) a draft proposal on approaches to expanding the NEAMPAN sites, as recommended by the member States.
- d) **Low Carbon Cities:** To review the progress and activities under the North-East Asian Low Carbon City Platform (NEA-LCCP), including (1) the 3rd International Forum on Low Carbon Cities and (2) a compendium of best practices and discuss modalities for enhancing cooperation among cities, city networks and key initiatives.
- e) **Desertification and Land Degradation:** To (1) review the progress and activities in developing a subregional approach for NEASPEC towards creating synergies among actions on addressing desertification and land degradation (DLD) and climate change and (2) discuss NEASPEC work programme on DLD in coming years.

6. Renewed commitments to NEASPEC

The meeting will consider a joint NEASPEC commemorative document in the occasion of the 30th anniversary of NEASPEC for adoption.

7. Review of the Core Fund and Project-based Fund

The meeting will review the status of the Core Fund and project-based funds of NEASPEC. Member States are invited to announce intended cash and/or in-kind contributions for 2023-2024.

8. Venue, date and provisional agenda of the Twenty-seventh SOM (SOM-27)

The meeting will invite the member State hosting SOM-27 to inform its provisional plan for the meeting.

9. Other issues

The meeting may raise any other issues not covered under the abovementioned items.

10. Adoption of the conclusions and recommendations of the Meeting

The Report of the Meeting consists of two major parts: (1) the conclusions and recommendations and (2) the proceedings of the SOM. The first part of the Report will be adopted by the SOM, and the second part will be prepared by the Secretariat after the Meeting and will be circulated to member States for review and approval.

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