

Annex V.

Draft Concept Note Second NEACAP Policy Dialogue

Background

The North-East Asia Clean Air Partnership (NEACAP), established in 2018 as a flagship programme under the North-East Asian Subregional Programme for Environmental Cooperation (NEASPEC), is dedicated to addressing air pollution challenges in North-East Asia through policy exchange, knowledge sharing, and cooperative initiatives. In alignment with the NEACAP Work Plan 2021-2025, the NEACAP Policy Dialogue Series provides a unique platform for member States to discuss air pollution issues, exchange best practices, and develop collaborative solutions.

The first NEACAP Policy Dialogue, held on 23 September 2024, facilitated meaningful exchanges based on the draft NEACAP Policy Analysis Report enabling participants to provide initial feedback and suggestions. Building on these insights, the second dialogue will aim to deepen policy exchanges based on the Executive Summary of the draft NEACAP Policy Analysis Report envisaged to be adopted at the 27th Senior Officials Meeting of NEASPEC.

Objective

The second NEACAP Policy Dialogue will consider the actionable recommendations from the NEACAP Policy Analysis Report, as articulated in the Executive Summary:

- a. showcase country-specific accomplishments in improving air quality over the past decade.
- b. facilitate knowledge exchange on best practices and technologies in air quality management across the region.
- c. identify concrete actions and joint initiatives to enhance collaboration on air quality improvements within the subregional framework, contributing to the development of the NEACAP Work Plan 2026-2030.

Date and Venue

The second NEACAP Policy Dialogue is scheduled for the first half of 2025. The event will be held in conjunction with the seventh meeting of the NEACAP Science and Policy Committee.

Participants

Participants will include:

- Government officials from member States (Officials from relevant government units involved in air pollution management and policies, NEASPEC National Focal Points, NEACAP SPC members and Technical Center (TC) representatives)
- Representatives from existing mechanisms/ platforms working on air pollution
- Experts from academia research institutes, UN, and other international organizations

Indicative Programme

In line with the objectives, the dialogue sessions will be divided into two segments.

A. **Outreach Engagement** (open to all participants)

- **Highlighting Achievements:** Review significant advancements in air quality improvement across North-East Asia.
- **Sharing Best Practices and Promoting Collaboration:** Exchange effective, country-specific approaches to air quality management.

B. **Strategic Planning Engagement** (Officials from relevant government units involved in air pollution management and policies, NEASPEC National Focal Points, NEACAP SPC members and Technical Center (TC) representatives)

- **NEACAP Work Plan 2026-2030:** Identify priority actions for NEACAP' s strategic planning and work plan.