

## Activity Plan for Desertification and Land Degradation in 2025

### Approach and modality

- Based on the findings of the background paper, “A Brief Overview of Desertification and Land Degradation in North-East Asia”, further research will be conducted to help assess, monitor and manage the risk of DLD in North-East Asia. The secretariat also plans to organize a capacity-building workshop on policy options for NEASPEC member States in 2025, and subregional forum(s) to promote knowledge sharing in 2025 and 2026.

### Key Activities

- **A.1: Conduct a study on the main causes, drivers and impacts of desertification and land degradation in North-East Asia (Q1~Q3, 2025)**

A study will be conducted to discuss one or a few of the key causes, drivers and impacts of desertification and land degradation in North-East Asia. The findings will provide a solid foundation for policymaking in related sectors and areas. (Approximate budget: US\$15,000)

- **A.2: Organize a subregional forum (Q3~Q4, 2025)**

A subregional forum will facilitate dialogues among government officials and other stakeholders on the way forward and strengthening regional cooperation to address DLD in North-East Asia. This will build momentum for the 17<sup>th</sup> Conference of Parties of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in 2026. The subregional forum will utilize the background paper and the study, which is planned for 2025 (A.1). (Approximate budget: US\$30,000)