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16-17 March 2017

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 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, drawn up by the Secretariat, in accordance with the established practices of the 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 review of progress in developing and implementing activities of NEASPEC and decisions on follow-up actions:

- a) Transboundary Air Pollution: to review the final outcomes of the project "Development of the Technical and Policy Frameworks for Transboundary Air Pollution Assessment

and Abatement in North-East Asia” and, in particular, the concept paper of a comprehensive cooperation mechanism to address transboundary air pollution in North-East Asia.

- b) Nature Conservation in Transboundary Areas: to review the outcomes of (i) the project “Study on transborder movement of Amur tigers and leopards using camera trapping and molecular genetic analysis”, and (ii) the project “Conservation and rehabilitation of habitats for key migratory birds in NEA”; and to review recommendations from the Workshop on Nature Conservation and Transboundary Cooperation held in Beijing, November 2016 as the concluding workshop of the two projects as well as proposals for follow-up activities.
- c) Marine Protected Areas: to review a revised proposed project from the Russian Government on subregional MPA cooperation, in particular, on capacity building for effective management, and to discuss proposed programmes and plans for the NEAMPAN.
- d) Low Carbon Cities: to review a plan of conducting a peer review of low carbon city plan and implementation in selected cities and comparative study of national policies and practices. The peer review and comparative study are proposed to generate and share knowledge on LCC approaches and policies, and identify areas of multistakeholder cooperation under the North-East Asia Low Carbon City Platform.
- e) Desertification and Land Degradation (DLD): to review the proposed study DLD and Sustainable Development Goals, progress on the North-East Asia Multi-stakeholder Plan (NEAMSP) and discuss on opportunities to strengthen coordination and knowledge sharing on DLD.

6. New NEASPEC programmes and activities

Member States, UN and international organizations are invited to present proposals for new activities. Those who wish to propose new activities are kindly requested to circulate their proposals to other member States via the Secretariat at least two weeks before the SOM in order to provide other member States with sufficient time for review.

7. Review of the Core Fund

The SOM will review the status of the Core Fund. Member States are invited to announce intended cash and in-kind contributions for 2017-2018.

8. Venue, date and provisional agenda of the Twenty-Second SOM (SOM-22)

The SOM will invite member States to express interest in hosting the next SOM.

9. Other issues

The SOM may raise any other issues not covered under the items mentioned above.

10. Adoption of the conclusions and recommendations of the Meeting

The Report of the Meeting consists of two major parts, i.e. (i) the conclusions and recommendations, and (ii) 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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