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Twentieth Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-20) of NEASPEC

1-2 February 2016

Tokyo, Japan

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 practice 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 progress in the implementation of the project "Development of the Technical and Policy Frameworks for Transboundary Air

Pollution Assessment and Abatement of North-East Asia in the ENEA” and, in particular, the progress in conducting the modeling of source-receptor relationship of transboundary air pollution and the plan for preparing the concept of a comprehensive subregional mechanism.

- b) Nature Conservation in Transboundary Areas: to review progress in the implementation 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”.
- c) Marine Protected Areas: to review the nominated MPAs and potential areas of 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 the progress in operationalizing the North-East Asia Low Carbon City Platform and the plan for conducting activities under the Platform.
- e) Desertification and Land Degradation: to review outcomes of the International Workshop on Desertification and Land Degradation (7-8 July 2015 in Beijing, China) on the North-East Asia Multi-stakeholder Plan (NEAMSP) and discuss on opportunities to strengthen coordination and knowledge sharing on DLD.

6. Review of the Strategic Plan of NEASPEC

The Strategic Plan, revised further to the National Focal Point Consultation Meeting held in Incheon in October, will be presented for review and decision on its adoption.

7. 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.

8. Review of the Core Fund

The SOM will review the status of the Core Fund and the proposed budget plans for new activities and to make necessary decisions. Member States are invited to announce intended cash and in-kind contributions for 2016-2017.

9. Venue, date and provisional agenda of the Twenty-First SOM (SOM-21)

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

10. Other issues

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

11. 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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