

Twenty-fourth Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) of NEASPEC

12-13 October 2020

Virtual Meeting

Provisional Programme

Day 1: 14:00 – 18:30 (GMT+9), Monday, 12 October 2020

14:00 – 14:15 Registration and sound check (online)

14:15 – 14:30 **1. Opening of the meeting**

- Opening remarks by *Mr. Ganbold Baasanjav, Head of UNESCAP East and North-East Asia Office*
- Welcoming remarks by *the Host Government*

14:30 – 14:40 **2. & 3. Election of officers, and Adoption of agenda**

14:40 – 15:00 **4. Issues related to sustainable development in North-East Asia**

Statements by delegations of the member States, UN and international organizations

15:00 – 15:10 Break

15:10 – 17:30 **5. Review of program planning and implementation**

- a) Transboundary Air Pollution
- b) Nature Conservation in Transboundary Areas
- c) Marine Protected Areas
- d) Low Carbon Cities
- e) Desertification and Land Degradation

Short presentations to be made by the Secretariat and partner institutions for each programme area, followed by interventions from delegations of member States

17:30 – 18:30 **6. NEASPEC Strategic Plan 2021-2025**

The session will review the draft Strategic Plan revised based on the discussion at the National Focal Point Meeting held on 06 August 2020 and consider the decision for adoption. The session will also review the results of the external evaluation and discuss the way forward.

Day 2: 14:00 – 18:00 (GMT+9), Tuesday, 13 October 2020

14:00 – 15:00 **6. NEASPEC Strategic Plan 2021-2025 (if needed)**

15:00 – 15:10 Break

15:10 – 16:00 **7. Review of the Core Fund**

The session will review the state of the Core Fund and project funds of NEASPEC and discuss budget plans. Member governments are invited to announce intended cash and/or in-kind contributions for 2020-2021.

16:00 – 16:30 **8. & 9. Venue, date, provisional agenda of SOM-25, and Other issues**

The meeting will invite member States to express interest in hosting the next SOM. Member States may raise any other issues not covered under the items mentioned above.

16:30 – 17:00 **Break** (preparation of meeting report by the Secretariat)

17:00 – 18:00 **10. Adoption of the conclusions and recommendations of the Meeting/
Closing Session**

The Report of the Meeting consists of two major parts: (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.