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**REPORT OF THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE SCIENCE AND POLICY
COMMITTEE OF NORTH-EAST ASIA CLEAN AIR PARTNERSHIP**

1. The Seventh Meeting of the Science and Policy Committee (SPC) of the North-East Asia Clean Air Partnership (NEACAP) convened in Incheon, Republic of Korea from 14 to 15 July 2025.

2. The Meeting was attended by SPC members from China, Japan, Mongolia, the Republic of Korea, and the Russian Federation, as well as representatives of NEACAP Technical Centres (TC) from China and the Republic of Korea (Annex 1. List of Participants).

3. In adherence to the Rules of Procedure for the Science and Policy Committee of NEACAP, the Meeting elected the Chair and Vice-Chair for the seventh meeting of SPC (SPC-7) as follows:

Chair: Ms. Gantuya Ganbat
Associate Professor
German-Mongolian Institute for Resources and Technology, Mongolia

Vice-Chair: Mr. Yu Lei
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4. The Meeting adopted the provisional agenda without any amendment (Annex 2. Agenda).

5. The Meeting discussed the implementation of the NEACAP Activity Plan 2025. Following the final review and endorsement of the NEACAP Policy Analysis Report from the NEASPEC member Governments, the secretariat informed that the report is in the final stages of copy editing and layout design with the aim of publishing the report on the NEASPEC website by end-August 2025. The Meeting discussed on the strategic dissemination of the

report and use of the report's findings for the future work of NEACAP. The Meeting highlighted that the Second NEACAP Policy Dialogue, to be held in conjunction with the 28th NEASPEC Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-28), will be an outreach opportunity to engage with policymakers and other stakeholders on the report's key messages and recommendations to guide the future work of NEACAP. The Meeting also proposed that the report should be introduced to other networks and platforms working on air pollution (e.g., EANET, RAPAP, etc.). To this end, the Meeting welcomed the secretariat's proposal to prepare an outreach kit (e.g., ppt presentation deck and infographics) for the report, to be shared with the authors' group of the report and to be used as a communications resource in broadening the dissemination of the report.

6. The secretariat also informed the Meeting of its coordination with the EANET Secretariat on possible outreach opportunities, including through EANET's Intergovernmental Meeting to be held from 27 to 28 November 2025 in Bangkok. The secretariat will update SPC members and TC representatives on the developments of its coordination with EANET Secretariat, including on possible collaborations and joint initiatives.

7. The Meeting noted the preparations for the NEACAP Symposium, jointly organized by the National Air Emission Inventory and Research Center, Republic of Korea (as a designated NEACAP TC) and the NEASPEC secretariat, to be held on 4 September 2025 in Ilsan, Republic of Korea. The Meeting discussed the engagements and participation of SPC members and TC representatives at the symposium, including as session speakers. The Meeting highlighted that the symposium could also be an outreach opportunity for the NEACAP Policy Analysis Report. To this end, NAIR proposed to invite the SPC-7 Chair to deliver the closing remarks, which will incorporate the report's key messages and recommendations. The secretariat also indicated that the report will be referenced in the remarks and presentations from ESCAP. The secretariat will share an updated concept note and programme of the symposium to SPC members and TC representatives for consideration of their possible participation.

8. The Meeting discussed the preparations for the Second NEACAP Policy Dialogue to be held on 23 September 2025 in Ulaanbaatar after SOM-28. The secretariat highlighted that the policy dialogue will be organized in conjunction with SOM-28, to ensure that the policy dialogue serves as a platform for engagements among policymakers from NEASPEC member Governments and other stakeholders, in line with the guidance from SOM and SPC. The Meeting exchanged ideas on the proposed session structures, including the scene-setting presentation on the key messages and recommendations of the Policy Analysis Report, sharing from member Governments on efforts and challenges in addressing air pollution, exchanges on collaborations and next steps. The Meeting emphasized the importance of the presence of relevant officials working on air pollution from NEASPEC delegations to participate as speakers. The secretariat will share an updated concept note and programme of the policy dialogue with SPC members and TC representatives, incorporating comments on

session structures, session speakers, session guiding questions, etc.

9. The Meeting discussed the preparations for the National Workshop on Air Pollution for Mongolia to be held on 24 September 2025 in Ulaanbaatar, which will also be held in conjunction with SOM-28. The secretariat informed that it is in close coordination with Mongolia in developing the focus areas on air pollution to be covered in the workshop, aiming to address the priority challenges and capacity needs of target participants. SPC members from Mongolia informed that an inter-agency technical working group will be created under the coordination of Mongolia's Ministry of Environment and Climate Change for SOM-28 and other associated events, including NEACAP-related activities. SPC members from Mongolia and the secretariat will work closely with the technical working group in the organization of the Second NEACAP Policy Dialogue and the National Workshop on Air Pollution for Mongolia. The secretariat will share an updated concept note and programme of the national workshop with SPC members and TC representatives.

10. The Meeting reviewed the zero draft of the NEACAP Work Plan 2026-2030, including the NEACAP Activity Plan for 2026, as prepared by the secretariat. The secretariat briefed the Meeting on the process of developing the zero draft, incorporating the strategic guidance and directions from the draft NEASPEC Strategic Plan 2026-2030 (as reviewed by NEASPEC member Governments), findings from the NEACAP Policy Analysis Report and survey responses (i.e., NEASPEC Stakeholders' Survey and Technical Centres' Survey). The Meeting extensively reviewed the zero draft and developed a revised draft NEACAP Work Plan 2026-2030, including the corresponding NEACAP Activity Plan for 2026, for submission to SOM-28.

11. The secretariat will consult with SPC members and TC representatives on the organization of the eighth meeting of the Science and Policy Committee (SPC-8) indicatively scheduled in 2026.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

12. Following review and deliberation, the Science and Policy Committee of NEACAP reached the following conclusions and recommendations:

A. Implementation of the NEACAP Activity Plan 2025

- a.* SPC members and TC representatives will share information of events/activities as possible outreach opportunities for the NEACAP Policy Analysis Report.
- b.* SPC members and TC representatives will provide inputs to the revised concept notes and programmes of the remaining activities under the NEACAP

Activity Plan 2025 (i.e., NEACAP Symposium, Second NEACAP Policy Dialogue, National Workshop on Air Pollution for Mongolia). The secretariat will share the revised drafts by 28 July 2025.

B. NEACAP Work Plan 2026-2030

- a. SPC members and TC representatives will review the revised draft NEACAP Work Plan 2026-2030 (including the corresponding NEACAP Activity Plan 2026) and provide further inputs, if any, by 22 July 2025.
- b. Following the final review of SPC members and TC representatives, the secretariat will include the finalized draft NEACAP Work Plan 2026-2030 (including the corresponding NEACAP Activity Plan 2026), as part of the SOM-28 document set for early consideration of NEASPEC member Governments through NEASPEC National Focal Points, by 11 August 2025.



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Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Election of officers
3. Adoption of agenda
4. Review of the implementation of the NEACAP Activity Plan 2025
5. Discussion on the draft NEACAP Five-Year Work Plan for 2026-2030
6. Date and provisional agenda of the Eighth Meeting of the Science and Policy Committee and Technical Centers and / or ad hoc meeting (as appropriate)
7. Other issues
8. Adoption of the meeting report
9. Closing of the meeting

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