

Activity Plan for Desertification and Land Degradation in 2026

Objective: By 2030, regional mechanisms for collaboration among NEASPEC member States on DLD are strengthened with enhanced capacity for assessing, monitoring and managing DLD.

Activities:

A. Knowledge Production: Research and Policy Advice

1. **Conduct a study on the main causes, drivers and impacts of desertification and land degradation in North-East Asia (Q3 2025 ~ Q2 2026)**

Approach: With a focus on the main causes, drivers, and impacts of desertification and land degradation, the Secretariat will facilitate regional cooperation on addressing desertification and land degradation in North-East Asia. The policy paper on climate, land and water that started in 2025 will be finalized in 2026, in consultation with member States.

Estimated Budget: US\$0 – This will utilize allocated budget for 2025 (US\$11,250), and no additional budget is required.

B. Knowledge Sharing: Capacity Building

2. **Organize an associated event at the COP17 of UNCCD (Q3~Q4, 2026)**

Approach: In line with the COP17 of the UNCCD, to be held in Mongolia in August 2026, the Secretariat plans to organize an associated event to reflect subregional perspectives in the discussions. The event will aim to highlight the challenges faced by North-East Asia and showcase effective practices in addressing them. While the plan may be adjusted based on the official COP17 programme and evolving circumstances, the Secretariat aims to organize a one-day event.

Estimated Budget: US\$20,000

C. Knowledge Dissemination: Outreach

3. **Dissemination of the study on the main causes, drivers, and impacts of desertification and land degradation (in support of Activity 1)**

Approach: The study will be disseminated via the NEASPEC and ESCAP Subregional Office for East and North-East Asia websites and promoted through social media channels. The Secretariat will also present the study at global and/or regional events focused on desertification and land degradation.

Estimated Budget: US\$0