

Twenty-fifth Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-25) of NEASPEC

20-21 September 2022

Virtual Meeting

Provisional Programme

Day 1: 14:00 – 18:30 (GMT+9), Tuesday, 20 September 2022

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

- a) Air Pollution
- b) Biodiversity and Nature Conservation
- 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. Renewed commitments to NEASPEC**

The session will discuss the provisional outline of member States' renewed commitments to NEASPEC, circulated by the Secretariat in July 2021, and other coordination matters.

Day 2: 14:00 – 18:00 (GMT+9), Wednesday, 21 September 2022

14:00 – 15:00 **6. Renewed commitments to NEASPEC (*continued*)**

15:00 – 16:00 **7. Review of the Core Fund and Project-based Fund**

The session will review the state of the Core Fund and project-based funds of NEASPEC. Member governments are invited to announce intended cash and/or in-kind contributions for 2022-2023.

16:00 – 16:30 **8. & 9. Venue, date, provisional agenda of SOM-26, 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.
