

## Concept note for CED7 Side Event

### EANET (Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia) - Challenge, Perspective and Opportunities

#### BACKGROUND

- EANET (Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia)

Many countries in the East Asian region, where almost one-third of the world's population lives, are facing a serious threat from air pollution including acid deposition, due to rapid economic growth and industrialization. Regional cooperation for measures to prevent this issue is urgently needed.

EANET was established in 2001 as an intergovernmental initiative to create a common understanding on the state of acid deposition problems in East Asia, provide useful inputs for decision making at various levels, and promote cooperation among countries. 13 countries in East Asia are participating in the EANET at present. The EANET has fostered a regional acid deposition monitoring network and scientific knowledge exchange platform and has contributed to solving acid deposition problems in East Asia through its scientific inputs and capacity building efforts in 20 years.

In November 2021, the EANET expanded its scope from acid deposition to a broader range of atmospheric air pollution and introduced a new financial mechanism, the EANET Project Fund and Project Guideline, allowing the EANET to flexibly build co-financed EANET Projects with partners in the region and beyond in 2022.

#### Event Objectives:

- ✓ Sharing outcome of EANET Projects and future expectations as a showcase of “Protecting our Planet through Regional Cooperation and Solidarity in Asia and the Pacific”
- ✓ Seeking opportunities to enhance EANET activities and values by collaborating with possible partners.

#### Key Question:

What is the value to join EANET projects and how can we collaborate to leverage the value?

#### Agenda:

**Moderator** – Mr Tappei Tsutsumi, Director, International Cooperation Office Environmental Management Bureau, Ministry of the Environment, Japan

#### 12:30–12:35 – Opening Remarks

Opening Remarks- Dr. Akira Harita, Deputy Director General Ministry of the Environment, Japan

Opening Remarks- Dr. Dechen Tsering, Regional Director and Representative for Asia and the Pacific, UNEP

#### 12:35–12:55 – Presentation of EANET

PRESENTATION: 20 YEARS OF EANET AND FUTURE DIRECTION (20min)

- Presented by Mr. Bert Fabian Coordinator, EANET
- What is value to join EANET Project Activities?
- How can we collaborate to leverage the value?

#### 12:55-13:25 - EANET Project Case Studies

PRESENTATION: EANET PROJECTS LED BY JAPAN

- Presented by Dr. Meihua ZHU Network Center, EANET
- The Feasibility Study for promoting VOCs related Capacity Building in the EANET (15min)
- Methodological Study for Development of LCS Hybrid Air Quality Monitoring Network (15min)
  - presented by Dr. Keiichi Sato Network Center, EANET

**13:25-13:35- Voices from partners**

**13:35-13:45- Q&A**

**13:45-13:50 – Wrap up and Closing**

**Date and time of the slot (Bangkok time zone, GMT+7): November 30th 12:30-13:50**

**Co-organizers/partners:** This event is proposed by the Ministry of the Environment, Japan

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