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Session 3: Future Role of NEAC

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Ministry of the Environment of Japan

Negative Factors

- Lack of Systematic Operation
 - No Continuous Discussion
 - No Continuous Activities
- No Certain Modality
- Relation with Other Frameworks
 - General topics: NEASPEC, TEMM
 - Specific issues: treaties for migratory birds, NOWPAP, EANET

Other Regional Frameworks

	NEAC	NEAPEC	TEMM	ECO-ASIA	NOWPAP	EANET	Flyway Network	Tumen River	ADB-GEF Project
Function	Information Exchange	On-site Project	Policy Dialogue	Policy Dialogue	On-site Project	Monitoring	Information Exchange	On-site Project	On-site Project
Theme	General	General	General	General	Marine	Acid deposition	Migratory birds	River	Dust & Sandstorms
Countries	cn, jp, kr, ru, mn	cn, jp, kr, ru, mn, kp	cn, jp, kr	Asia-Pacific Region	cn, jp, kr, ru	ASEAN, cn, jp, kr, ru, mn	Asia-Pacific Region	cn, kr, ru, mn, Kp	cn, jp, kr, mn
Agency	Env.	Env.,Foreig Affairs	Env.	Env.	Marine	Env.	Nature	Foreign Affairs	Env.
Finance	Host Country	Core Fund	Host Country	Host Country	Core Fund	Core Fund	Core Fund	Fund	ADB, GEF

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Continue / Discontinue

Re-definition of its role and approach
 NEAC has not been used for
 Decision making, Consensus
 building nor Specific Environmental
 Issues

Other Issues to be discussed

- Modality of NEAC
 - ■Form
 - ■Themes
 - Budget
- Coordination with other Regional Frameworks
- →15th NEAC

Budgetary Constraint

Japan: The budget has been reduced.

- It is difficult to hold NEAC as "Big Event"
- Sever constraint for travel cost

Coordination with other regional frameworks

For efficient and effective personnel distribution, and cost saving

Co-hosting with other regional frameworks could be considered (ex) Eco-Asia, TEMM, etc.