

The 15th Northeast Asian Conference on Environmental Cooperation

Session 2: Future Role of NEAC

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Positive Characteristics

- One of the opportunities where all the countries of the NEA can discuss environmental issues.
- Various topics have been discussed freely and vigorously in the meeting.
- Participants; officials at central, local governments, specialists, NGOs, international organizations
- Topics have been flexible, decided by hosting countries.

Insufficiencies

- 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

Session 3: Future of NEAC

- 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
(ex) TEMM, etc.