

The Eleventh NOWPAP CEARAC Focal Points Meeting

Agenda Item 1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened at 9:00 at the Conference Room “Sky Gallery” in Tower 111, Toyama, Japan, on 11 September 2013 by the Director of CEARAC.

Agenda Item 2. Organization of the meeting

2.1 Election of the officers

The meeting will be invited to elect the chairperson and the rapporteur in line with paragraph 5.2 of the Terms of Reference of the NOWPAP CEARAC Focal Points Meeting.

2.2 Organization of work

Rules of procedure will be established. It is proposed that, for the purpose of this meeting, the rules used here will be those of the Governing Council of UNEP, adjusted as appropriate to suit the nature of the meeting.

English will be the working language of the meeting.

Agenda Item 3. Adoption of the Agenda

The Secretariat will introduce the Provisional Agenda. The meeting will be invited to consider the agenda for adoption.

Agenda Item 4. Report of the Regional Coordinating Unit (RCU) on the implementation of the Northwest Pacific Action Plan (NOWPAP) including the NOWPAP Mid-term Strategy (MTS) 2012-2017

The representative of NOWPAP RCU will report the progress of the entire NOWPAP activities since the tenth NOWPAP CEARAC FPM (17-18 April 2012, Toyama, Japan) including the NOWPAP MTS.

Agenda Item 5. Report on the implementation and expenditure of CEARAC activities for the 2012-2013 biennium

The Secretariat will report implementation and expenditures of CEARAC activities for the 2012-2013 biennium, including the following specific projects and activities on RAP MALI (marine litter related activities). The meeting will be invited to review the progress and outcomes of respective activities.

5.1 Activity on marine biodiversity (preparation of the regional report for conservation of marine biodiversity and sustainable use of marine ecosystem services in the NOWPAP region)

The Secretariat will present a draft regional report for conservation of marine biodiversity and sustainable use of marine ecosystem services in the NOWPAP region, which mainly focuses on marine protected areas (MPAs) designated by the member states in the NOWPAP region.

5.2 Activity on eutrophication (refinement of the NOWPAP Common Procedure for eutrophication assessment towards the assessment of the whole NOWPAP region)

The Secretariat will present the refined NOWPAP Common Procedure, assessment results of the eutrophication status in the selected sea areas in the NOWPAP region with the refine procedure and the outline of the regional overview of eutrophication assessment in the NOWPAP region.

5.3 Activity on remote sensing (organization of the fourth NOWPAP training course on remote sensing data analysis)

The Secretariat will report the progress on the preparation of the fourth NOWPAP Training Course (NOWPAP-PICES Joint Training Course on Remote Sensing Data Analysis) which will be held on 21-25 October at Ocean University of China in Qingdao, P.R. China.

Agenda Item 6. Discussion on the proposed specific projects of CEARAC for the 2014-2015 biennium

The Secretariat will present the proposed three specific CEARAC projects for the 2014-2015 biennium. The meeting will be invited to review and provide guidance for the proposal.

6.1 Activity on Marine Biodiversity (Pilot assessment on the impacts of major threats to marine biodiversity in selected areas of the NOWPAP region)

The Secretariat will present a proposal for the implementation of pilot assessment on the impacts of major threats to marine biodiversity in selected areas of the NOWPAP region.

6.2 Activity on Eutrophication (Trial applications of the screening procedure of the NOWPAP Common Procedure for eutrophication assessment)

The Secretariat will present a proposal for the implementation of trial application of the Screening Procedure of the NOWPAP Common Procedure for eutrophication assessment.

6.3 Activity on Seagrass Mapping (Case studies on seagrass and seaweed mapping in selected sea areas in the NOWPAP region)

The Secretariat will present a proposal for the implementation of case studies on seagrass and seaweed mapping in selected sea areas in the NOWPAP region.

Agenda Item 7. Discussion on the draft workplan and the budget of entire CEARAC activities for the 2014-2015 biennium and recommendation to the 18th NOWPAP IGM

The Secretariat will explain a draft workplan and budget for entire CEARAC activities for the 2014-2015 biennium including the proposed three specific projects discussed under Agenda Item 6. The meeting will be invited to review and agree to submit it to the 18th NOWPAP Intergovernmental Meeting (IGM) to be held in December 2013 in Toyama, Japan for adoption.

Agenda Item 8. Discussion on potential collaborative areas with other RACs and partner organizations

The participating partner organizations will be invited to present their activities to seek potential collaborative areas with CEARAC activities.

Agenda Item 9. Arrangement of the 12th NOWPAP CEARAC FPM

The meeting will be invited to discuss the arrangement of the 12th NOWPAP CEARAC Focal Points Meeting.

Agenda Item 10. Other matters

The meeting will be invited to raise any other issues relevant to the NOWPAP CEARAC activities.

Agenda Item 11. Adoption of the report of the meeting

A draft report of the meeting will be prepared by the rapporteur and the Secretariat for consideration and adoption.

Agenda Item 12. Closure of the meeting

The meeting will be closed by the chairperson at 15:00 on 12 September 2013.