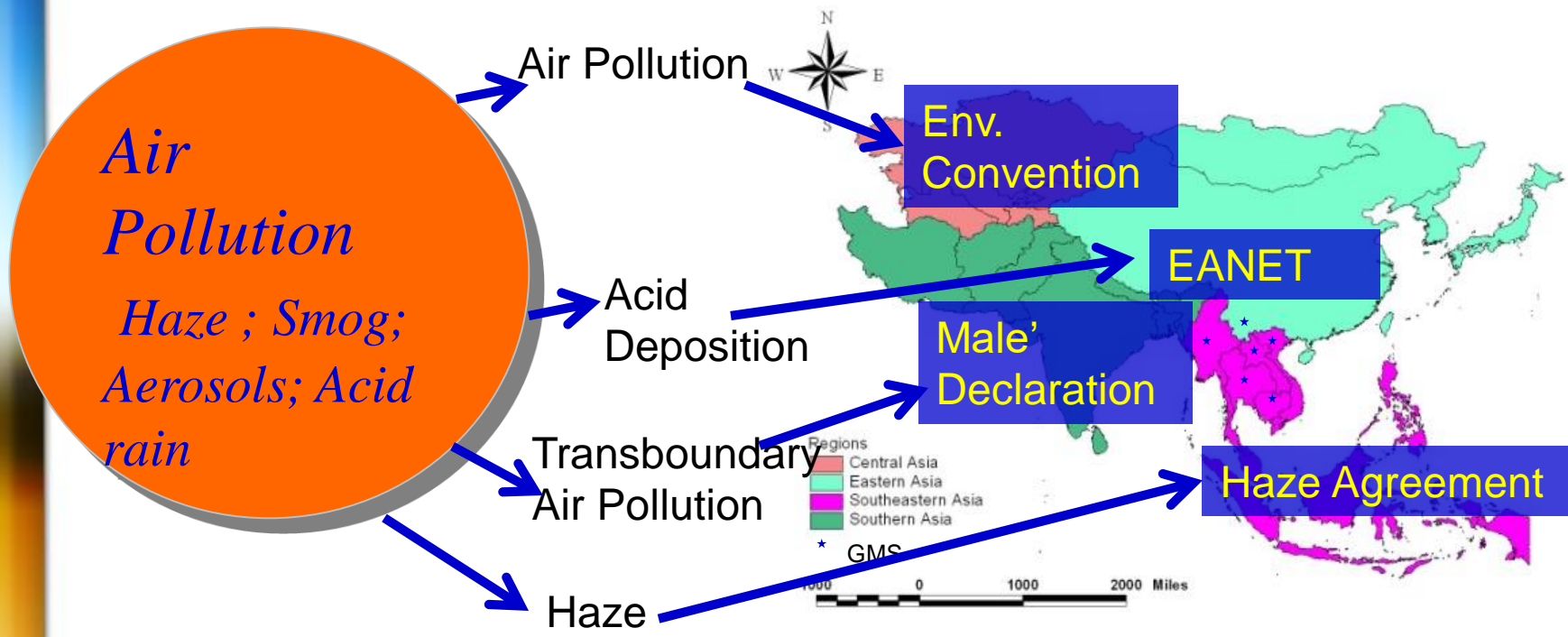


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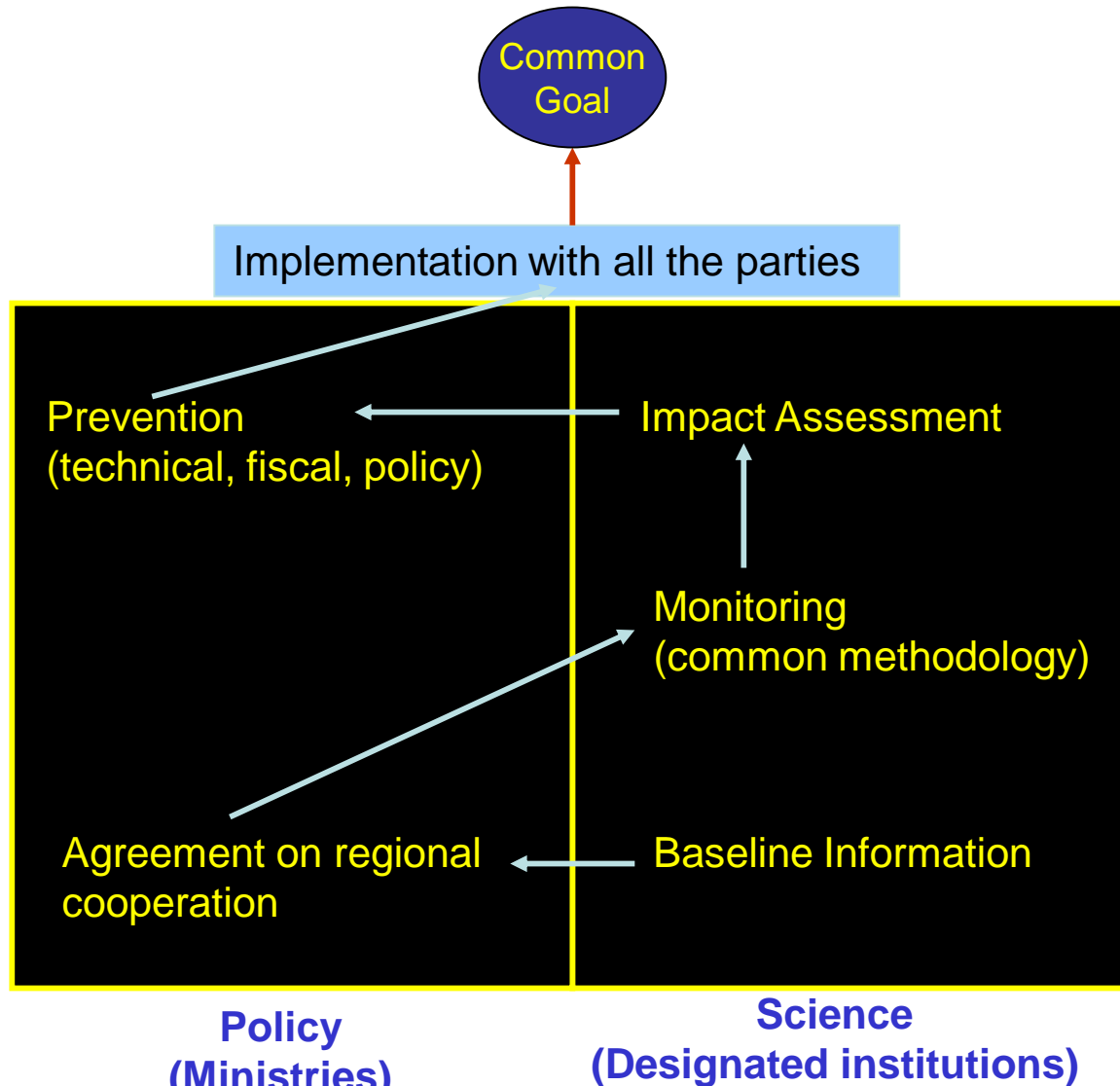


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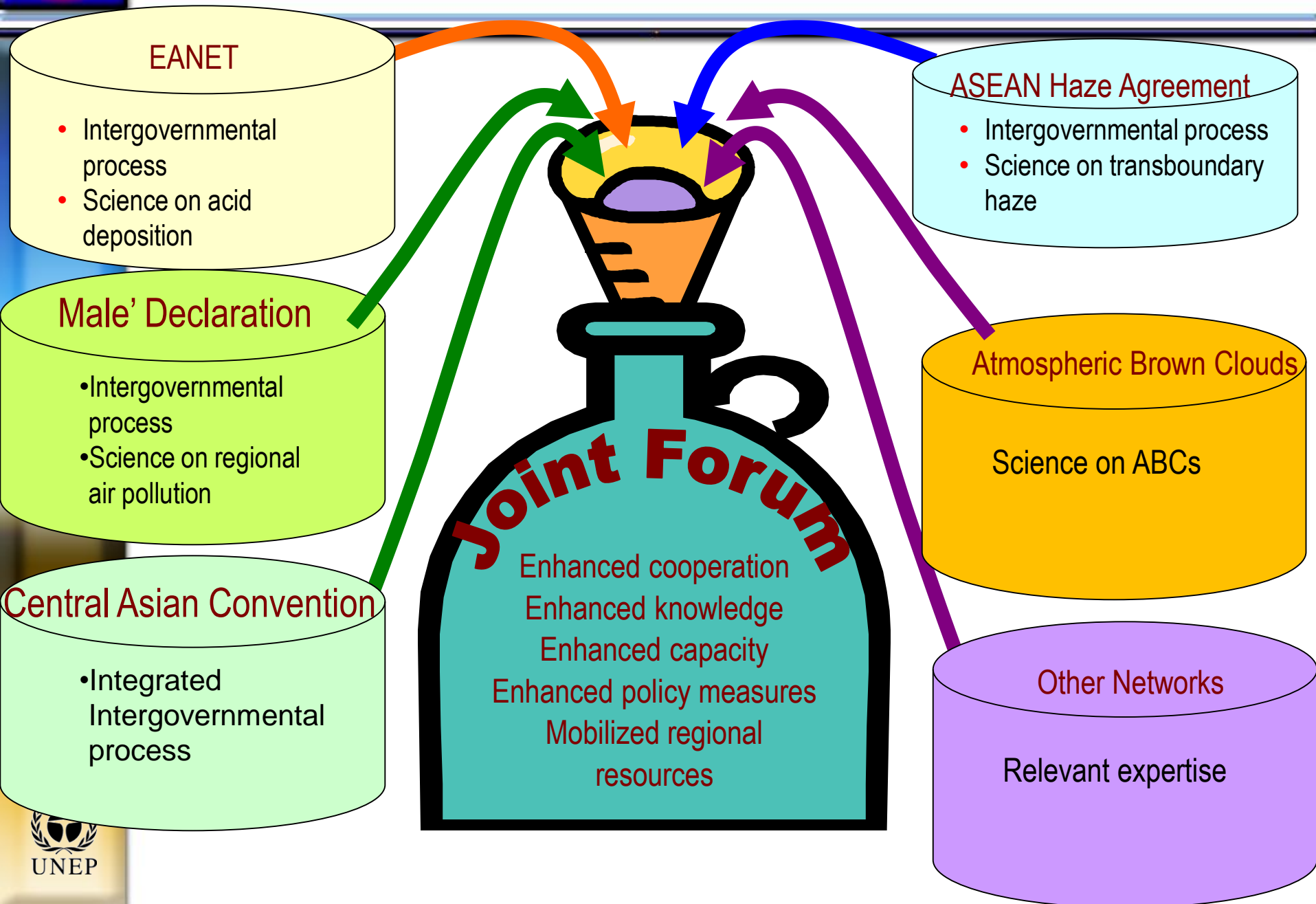
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Goal	Policy developments
Monitoring parameters	Science
Expertise	Capacity
Prevention and control measures	Socio economic situation

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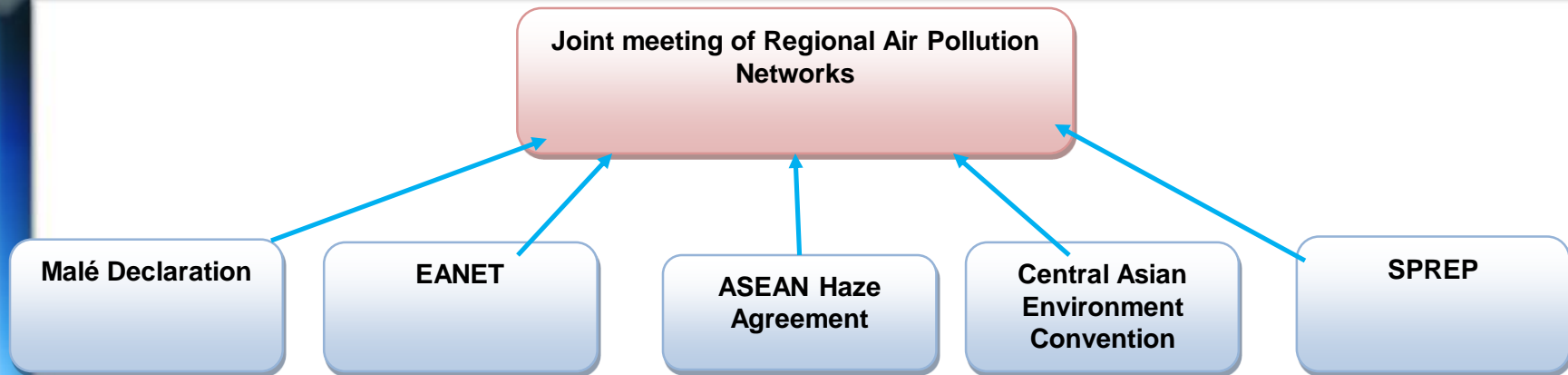
Parallel development of science and policy



Need



The First Joint Meeting, March 2009



Objectives

The meeting is designed to facilitate closer cooperation among regional air pollution networks in Asia



Outcomes

- The meeting agreed, in principle on cooperation and coordination among the networks
- Careful analysis will be conducted regarding the development of the future plan
- Requested the Secretariat to consult the relevant Intergovernmental Meetings for the gap analysis
- Requested the Secretariat to develop the implementation plan.

Goals

The goals that need to be kept in mind in implementing the Future Plan are:

1. Development and expansion of the knowledge base on the causes, sources, types and impacts of air pollution and their relation to associated issues, and good practices for prevention and control;
2. Understanding of the methodologies and technologies involved in controlling air pollution and its impacts. This should cover monitoring, assessment, prevention and mitigation;
3. Integration of this knowledge base with policy-making and public awareness-raising;

Goals...

4. Development of skills through systematic capacity-building and training of individuals and institutions and providing them with the necessary instrumentation and support;
5. Development of social, political, moral and economic ethos to carry forward the plan for mutual benefits;
6. Search for cost-effective and cost-beneficial solutions for the whole region, not only for separate countries; and
7. Facilitation of consensus-building within the region, recognizing the opportunity for differentiated responsibilities and obligations.

B. Scope

Within the framework of the Joint Forum, the work programme for the initial three years (2010-2012) will focus on the consolidation of **information sharing and capacity-building** as a basis for subsequent policy measures which, ideally, will be further enhanced during the following three-year period (2013-15).

C. Information Sharing

D. Promotion of prevention and control

E. Strengthening the framework for intergovernmental cooperation

F. Specific policy-oriented sector considerations

G. National air quality management

H. Public participation

I. Research and development

J. Evaluation, review and reporting

K. Method of work and work plan

L. Implementation mechanism

The vision: achieve a clean atmospheric environment through collective and coherent actions in Asia and the Pacific region.

To achieve its vision, the Joint Forum will adopt the seven goals defined in Section A.3 of the Future Plan.

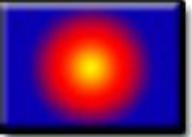
The activities of the Joint Forum will complement and strengthen the activities of existing independently operating regional/sub-regional networks and programmes as well as national ones and form a regional force to address atmospheric issues.

The Future Plan and the process for its implementation are uniquely owned by the Joint Forum as an expression of the determination to cooperate for the benefit of the whole region.



Next Step

- Incorporation of comments and circulation to the participating countries
- Final draft for the consideration by the second meeting of the joint forum



Africa

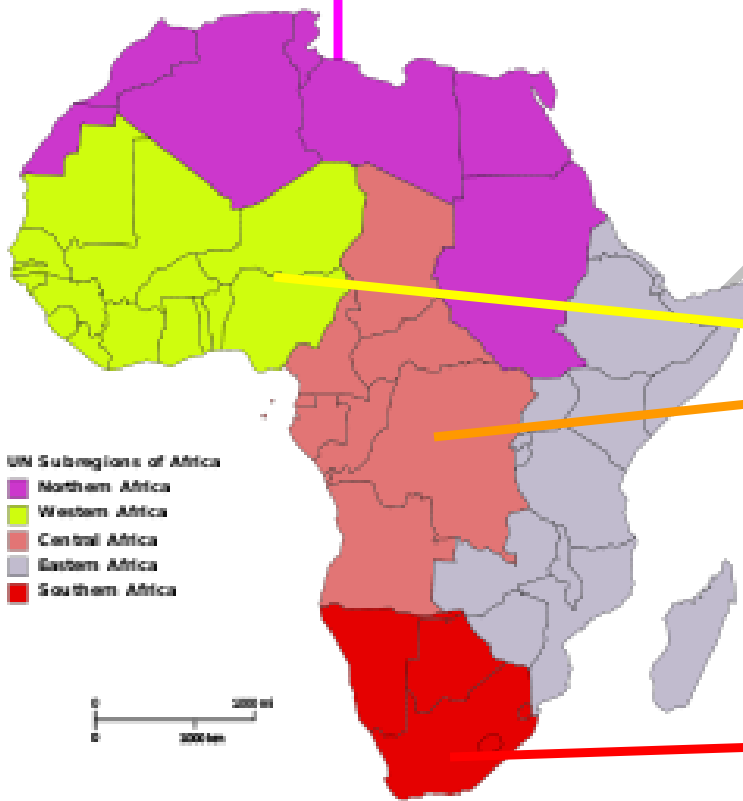
Existing Response

Northern Africa

Developed draft North African Framework Agreement on Air Pollution. A formal adoption by the Ministers is expected in early 2010.

Eastern Africa

Adopted the Eastern Africa Regional Framework Agreement on Air Pollution (Nairobi Agreement-2008)



Central and Western Africa

Adopted a regional framework agreement (Abidjan Agreement) on air pollution

Southern Africa

Agreed on the Lusaka Agreement on Air Pollution

Latin America and Caribbean

Existing Response: LAC



The First Meeting

- Hosted by ROLAC in Panama
- Agreed on the need for the air pollution network in the region.
- A Ministerial level declaration is expected during the first quarter of 2010.