

Report on the Progress of the Malé Declaration

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Strengthen regional cooperation

Thirteenth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG13), 20 May 2013, Dhaka, Bangladesh



The IG13 discussed and adopted the following:

- progress on the implementation of the Malé Declaration;
- review and endorsement of the data analysis report;
- review and decision on some Malé Declaration guidelines, e.g. 1) financial mechanism; 2) Technical Centres and on 3) Strengthening the Framework on Air Pollution reduction in South Asia;
- review and endorsement on the results of the crop and health impact assessment studies;
- adopted the synthesis report;
- review, approval and endorsement of the reports during the Phase IV implementation; and
- consideration of the plan for Phase V and the work programme of Malé Declaration in 2013 up to the next IG.

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Fourth Meeting of the Task Force for Future Development (TFFD4),
26-27 May 2015,
Pathumthani, Thailand



The TFFD4 discussed the following:

- progress of Malé Declaration
- update on status of financial contribution;
- Work Programme and Budget in 2016 of Malé Declaration;
- Terms of Reference of the Expert Group on strengthening the Malé Declaration;
- introduction and briefing on Short-Lived Climate Pollutants (SLCPs); and
- update on regional initiatives and programmes on transboundary air pollution.

Ensure Stakeholders' Engagement

Seventh Regional Stakeholders cum Coordination Meeting (RSC7), 18-19 May 2013, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

- To enhance participation of stakeholders on air pollution control and prevention activities



National Stakeholders Meeting on Malé Declaration, 28 May 2013, Tehran, Iran

To promote public awareness initiatives and air quality activities in Iran

Strengthen capacity building programmes and monitoring

The National Implementing Agencies (NIAs) have continued the operation of monitoring activities in their respective countries.

- Bangladesh has been continuously sending monitoring data analysed through the Swedish Environmental Research Institute (IVL).
- It is expected that the monitoring results from all member countries will be presented and discussed during the 10th Refresher Training planned to be held in 2016.

Implementation at Regional Technical Centers

- The IG12 adopted and agreed on the location of regional centers as follows:
 - Regional Centre on Wet and Dry Deposition Monitoring - India
 - Regional Centre on Crops and Vegetation Monitoring - Pakistan
 - Regional Centre on Soil Monitoring - Bhutan
 - Regional Centre on Corrosion Impact Assessment - India
 - Regional Centre on Health Impact Assessment - Bangladesh
 - Regional Centre on Emission Inventories – Sri Lanka
 - Regional Centre on Modelling Atmospheric Transport of Air Pollution - Iran
 - Regional Centre on Pollution Reduction Policies/Strategies – Nepal / Maldives

Regional Technical Centers

- Based on the adoption of the IG12, the selected centres were recognized as the Regional Centre's of the specified area. The regional centre will work in close collaboration with the Malé Declaration Secretariat.
- The Regional centre's will coordinate with the NFPs and NIAs of the country to provide technical support, compile data and information and store it and prepare policy briefs.
- The other member countries in similar modality have to contact these regional centre's through their respective national focal point or implementing agency for any query or assistance required on the subject. This will ensure that the NFP and NIAs in each country can monitor the use of the technical centres.

Implementations at the Regional Technical Centres

❑ Regional Centre on Health Impact Assessment Bangladesh

The National Stakeholders Workshop on Health Impact Assessment of Air Pollution on Malé Declaration was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 15 October 2014.

The objectives of the workshop included: 1) describe different contents of Health Impact Assessment Manual

2) disseminate the activities, roles and future plan and expected output of the Regional Center on Health Impact Assessment in Bangladesh;

3) identify different initiatives to reduce air pollution in Bangladesh;

4) describe the effects of cook stove intervention for reduction of indoor air pollution in rural Bangladesh;

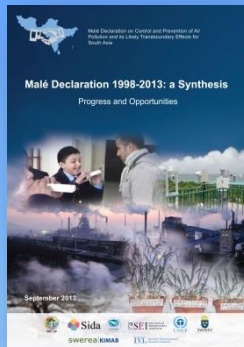
4) explore the health impact study findings of other regional countries; and

5) discuss about the major challenges faced by the researchers on the Effects of PM on School children in Bangladesh.

Cooperation and coordination with other initiatives and programmes

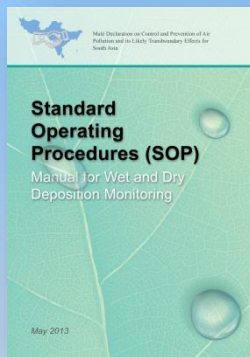
- ❑ Participation at the High Level Sub-regional Consultation on Advancing Action on Short-Lived Climate Pollutants (SLCPs) in Southeast and Northeast Asia on 19 August 2014, in Bangkok, Thailand.
- ❑ Participation at the Consultation Meetings of the Joint Forum on Clean Air in Asia and the Pacific and the Fifth Governmental Meeting on Urban Air Quality in Asia that were held in Colombo, Sri Lanka from 17 to 18 November 2014.

Publications

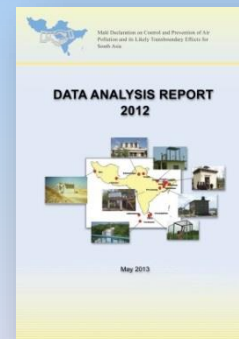
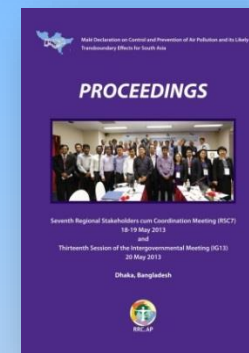


Malé Declaration 1998-2013: a Synthesis-
Progress and
Opportunities

Proceedings of the Seventh Regional
Stakeholders cum Coordination
Meeting (RSC7) and the Thirteenth
Session of the Intergovernmental
Meeting (IG13)



Standard Operating
Procedures (SOP):
Manual for Wet and
Dry Deposition
Monitoring



Data Analysis
Report 2012



These publications are available at the Malé Declaration
website: <http://www.rrcap.ait.asia/male>

Other activities

- ❑ The Secretariat developed the Final Report including the Financial Report in Phase IV and submitted the report to Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) on 23 September 2013, as per agreement with the donor agency.
- ❑ The Secretariat is updating the website of the Malé Declaration. The regional database is available online at: <http://www.rrcap.ait.asia/male/>.

Constraints and probable solutions in meeting the targets

Activities/Tasks	Targets in 2014, depending on funds availability	Reasons for delay and solutions to meet the targets
10th Refresher Training Course on Monitoring Transboundary Air Pollution	Planned on 12-14 November 2014 in New Delhi, India, followed by IG14.	Re-scheduled by the host country (India, Regional Centre for Wet and Dry Deposition Monitoring) due to another international meeting during same period, arranged by the MOE, CPCB. This activity is planned for next year.
IG14	Planned in December 2014 in AIT, Thailand for cost saving at the Secretariat's office	Moved to November 2015, back to back with Joint Forum.
Fourth Task Force Meeting (TFFD4)	Supposedly before IG14.	Moved to May 2015 due to budgetary consideration.

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