

Fourteenth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting of the Malé Declaration on Control and Prevention of Air Pollution and Its Likely Transboundary Effects for South Asia (Malé Declaration) 25 November 2015, Bangkok, Thailand

Updates on Status of Financial Contribution to the Malé Declaration

I. Introduction

1. The Twelfth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG12) of the Malé Declaration on Control and Prevention of Air Pollution and Its Likely Transboundary Effects for South Asia (Malé Declaration) was held in Delhi, India on 30 June 2011. The Session adopted, with modifications the Report of the Task Force for Future Development (TFFD), and its Annexes which include the Draft Resolutions for Consideration of the Ministerial Level Meeting, the Report on the Sustainable Financial Mechanism, the Feasibility Report on the Establishment of Regional Centres, and the Feasibility Report on Strengthening the Regional Framework on Air Pollution Reduction in South Asia. It was suggested that in the budget under regional level activities, the budget for the operation and activities of the regional centres be included.
2. The Thirteenth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG13) held in 2013 in Dhaka , Bangladesh endorsed the “Guidelines for implementation of the sustainable financial mechanism”. The meeting adopted and endorsed the participating contributions in Phase V implementation, annually (2014-2016), attached as Annex 1.

II. Previous Discussions

3. Furthermore, the IG13 agreed that on Male’ Declaration implementation, the following to be undertaken:
 - All the countries are encouraged to make voluntary contributions for the regional core budget for the success of the network and continue the national activities at the countries’ expenses. Moreover, the countries are encouraged to support the operation of the regional centers that they are hosting.
 - The letter requesting for voluntary contribution will be prepared by the Secretariat and send to the participating countries.
 - The participating countries may transfer the money to the Secretariat via electronic transfer to the following bank account:

Bank Details

Account Name: **Asian Institute of Technology**
Account No : 10492918
Account Type : Checking Account
Bank Name : Citibank, NA
Bank Address : Citicorp Center, 16th floor
153 East 53rd Street, New York, USA10043
Swift Code : CITIUS33
ABA : 021000089
Detail of payment: For RRC.AP / Malé Declaration

4. The Secretariat will inform the National Focal Points (NFPs) of the Malé Declaration as soon as the transfer to the bank account above has been confirmed.
5. The possibility of introducing minimum contribution amount from the participating countries should also be explored in the future.

III. Status of Financial Contributions

6. By the step-wise approach, the countries are already transferring voluntary contribution to the Malé Declaration activities to the Secretariat account.
7. There are two countries that contributed to the Malé Declaration in the year 2012: India had contributed an amount of US \$ 19,439.00 on 19 April 2012 and Maldives contributed an amount of US \$ 251.00 on 16 May 2012.
8. In 2013, two countries had contributed, which include Maldives an amount of US\$ 251 receipt dated 16 May 2013 and Bangladesh an amount of US \$ 2,506.00 on 6 June 2013.
9. For year 2014, India contributed US \$ 33,324.00 on 29 August 2014 and Bangladesh had transferred their contribution on 24 February 2014, an amount of US \$ 1,931.00 to the Secretariat account.
10. In 2015, Pakistan had contributed the amount of US\$ 16, 361.52 to the Male Declaration on 29 April 2015; Bangladesh had transferred the amount of US \$ 1,931.00, receipt dated 9 Oct. 2015; and Maldives financial contribution was received an amount of US \$ 193.00, receipt dated 6 Nov. 2015.
11. The Secretariat received a copied letter from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, India that the President has approved the transfer of financial contribution to the Male' Declaration, a total amount of US \$ 61, 576.07 for 2015. As soon as the Secretariat received the money, acknowledgment of receipt will be sent to the Indian government.

12. The Table-1 below highlighted the status on financial contributions received by the Secretariat.

Table 1: Money received from the Participating Countries		
Date	Participating countries	US\$
7Aug.2012	India	19,439.00
7 Aug. 2012	Maldives	251.00
16 May 2013	Maldives	251.00
6 Jun 2013	Bangladesh	2,506.00
29 Aug. 2014	India	33,324.00
24 Feb. 2014	Bangladesh	1,931.00
29 Apr.2015	Pakistan	16,361.52
09 Oct. 2015	Bangladesh	1,931.00
06 Nov. 2015	Maldives	193.00
	Total Received	76,187.52

Action needed at the IG14

The Session will discuss, review and provide guidance on the activities of the Malé Declaration and strengthen the financial contribution for continuous operation of the network.

Annex 1

Estimated Countries Contributions for Regional Level Activities (Annual Basis) for Phase V (2014-2016) implementation of Malé Declaration *

No.	Name of Country	% in UN Assessment Scale in 2013	% in Malé Declaration	Contribution in US Dollars (USD)
1	Bangladesh	0.01	0.87	1,931
2	Bhutan	0.001	0.087	193
3	India	0.666	57.91	128,542
4	Iran	0.356	30.96	68,701
5	Maldives	0.001	0.087	193
6	Nepal	0.006	0.521	1,156.45
7	Pakistan	0.085	7.4	16,426
8	Sri Lanka	0.025	2.174	4,826
Total		1.15	100	221,968

*Based on IG13 decision on 20 May 2013