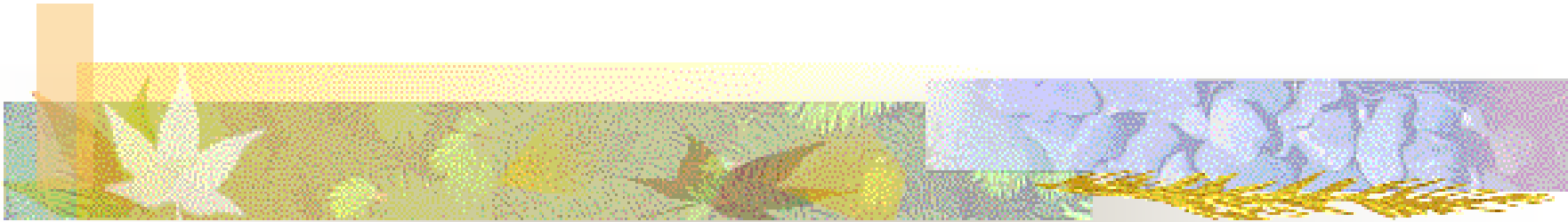


Expert Group on Strengthening the Framework of the Male' Declaration and the Draft Terms of Reference of (TOR)



The Secretariat



Introduction

- At IG13 in 2013, the draft guidelines for the next steps of implementation on strengthening the framework on air pollution reduction in South Asia was reviewed and discussed. Major discussions include:
 - a. Developing **common standards and protocol**. Action plan should be considered. Look into available expertise, group and technology, but this could be a long term action.
 - b.. **Minimum common standard** that could be implemented by the participating countries in a phased manner. Prioritize parameters and make simple standards. d. Countries should be grouped and need a substantive roadmap.
 - f. Standards of countries may vary. It was stressed that it is necessary to **select experts** to gather data from member countries and reach common standards.
 - h. **Common guidelines** instead of common standard would be fine as stressed.



Decision at IG13

The IG13 agreed to establish an expert group.

The expert group will identify key sectors; review exiting guidelines, standards, and available technologies; and propose a roadmap for emission reduction from selective sectors in South Asia.

The IG13 endorsed the “Guidelines for the next steps of implementation on strengthening the framework on air pollution reduction in South Asia”.



Discussion during the TFFD4

- The meeting suggested including the **harmonization and alignment of the standards and adding emission sources on the TOR.**
- The **Task Force members** be also the member of the expert group.
- **Engaging an expert** for each sector to do the tasks, and report to the Task Force for review and make final recommendations for submission to the IG.



Draft TOR

- **Composition** of the Expert Group in Each Sector- mobile sources (motor vehicles) and point sources (industries)

-Chairman

-Members: at least one representative from each country, Task Force Member was recommended during the TFFD4

-Secretariat



Terms of Reference

- Identify key sectors, e.g. mobile source and point source
- Review the air quality standards of both mobile sources and point/industrial sources of the member countries in South Asia;
- Recommend substances and pollutants to be standardized;
- Recommend procedures for monitoring and emission reduction;
- The expert group will identify the available technologies; and propose a roadmap for emission reduction from selective sectors in South Asia;
- Submit progress report to IG; and
- Prepare a final report for endorsement of the IG



Recommended timetable

- 1st quarter of 2016 : Establishment of the Expert Group, invitation send to the member countries
- 1st quarter of 2016 : First meeting of the expert group
- 2nd d quarter of 2016: Drafting of Progress report
- 3rd quarter of 2016: Second meeting of the expert group
- 4th quarter of 2016: Final report submitted to IG



Action by the IG14

- The IG14 is requested to endorse the document and approve the TOR of the expert group.

Thank you!

