

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)
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Work Programme and Budget in 2016 and Future Development of Malé Declaration

I. Introduction

1. The implementation of the Malé Declaration on Control and Prevention of Air Pollution and Its Likely Transboundary Effects for South Asia (Malé Declaration) was envisaged in phases, keeping in mind the Malé Declaration's objectives, content, and thrust.
2. The Phase V (2014-2016) of the Malé Declaration aims to promote policy measures to control emissions of air pollution including short-lived climate pollutants (SLCPs) in South Asia and to ensure the sustainability and ownership of the Malé Declaration in the region. This would be done through the intergovernmental meetings, stakeholders networks, intergovernmental task forces, and Regional Technical Centres for Wet and Dry Deposition Monitoring, Crops and Vegetation Monitoring, Soil Monitoring, Corrosion Impact Assessment, Health Impact Assessment, Emission Inventories, Modelling Atmospheric Transport of Air Pollution, and Pollution Reduction Policies/Strategies.
3. The analysis of gaps and weaknesses of Malé Declaration should lead to identifying the policy actions at the regional and national level while this should be continuing process. Current experience shows we may have some policy instruments which will complement the on-going national efforts. We could have minimum standards, e.g. automobile, brick kiln, fuels, etc. referring to both terrestrial and non-terrestrial forms. This would be strengthened by technical assistance of experts on standards and thus enable protocols to be drawn up. The phase V implementation will include the development of source specific protocols and guidelines to control emissions of air pollutants.
4. As suggested in TFFD3 in August 2012, on developing guidelines/standards and protocols, Malé Declaration shall make prioritization by sectors, e.g. automobiles, fuels, brick kilns and other dominant industrial pollutants in the South Asian region. The participating countries shall make the listing of the priority areas in their respective countries.
5. In phase V, development of the national level master plan for control and prevention of air pollution will be considered.
6. Initial discussion was done at the Fourth Meeting of the Task Force on Future Development held in May 2015.

II. Work program and activities in 2016

7. Towards the achievements of the objectives in Phase V, the following are the activities in 2016, depending on funds availability:

a. Discuss the future development of Malé Declaration including the strengthening of the framework of Malé Declaration by developing source specific protocols, guidelines and standards. Review the progress and make decision for the next step of implementation, beneficial to the countries.

b. Implement the activities in the Regional Technical Centres and enable them to conduct studies and communicate the results to policy makers and stakeholders;

c. Consult and share experiences on air pollution initiatives and SLCP initiatives by those involved and other stakeholders; and

d. Raise awareness on air pollution among policy makers, stakeholders, youths and others.

e. Convene meetings/events as follows:

- ***Intergovernmental Meeting***

8. The Fifteenth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG15) will be convened in the last quarter 2016 in order to review the progress and make decisions on further implementation particularly Phase VI of the network.

- **Task Force Meeting**

9. The Fifth Meeting of the Task Force Meeting on Future Development (TFFD5) will be held at the second quarter of 2016 before the IG15. The meeting will discuss and make recommendation for further implementation of the Malé Declaration, including the draft proposal for Phase VI for approval of the IG.

- **Expert Group Meetings**

10. The Expert Group Meetings will be convened in 2016, back to back with Task Force Meeting or other modalities.

- **Stakeholders meeting**

11. The Regional Stakeholders meeting will be convened in 2016 to consult on the implementation of Malé Declaration including the source specific protocols and guidelines, and to raise awareness on air pollution issues in the region. The meeting will also bring together scientific activities on-going in South Asia to inform the Malé stakeholders.

- **Regional Refresher Training Workshop on Transboundary Air Pollution and Regional Training Workshops on Impact Assessment**

12. The activities of the regional centers in accordance with the Terms of Reference adopted by the IG will be implemented and pursued. The regional centers shall enable to conduct studies and

communicate the results to policy makers and stakeholders, among others. The budget of the activities are to be carried out by the countries. The centers shall report the activities to the meetings of Malé Declaration. The Regional Refresher Training Workshop on Transboundary Air Pollution will be held in India and Regional Training Workshops on Impact Assessment, in any Regional Technical Center in 2016.

13. The development of newsletter, as part of awareness raising and updating of the MD website at the Secretariat office will continue.

III. Proposal for Phase VI implementation and Future Development

14. During IG13, on organizational structure, it was confirmed by the member countries that the current host of the Secretariat, RRC.AP will continue to function. The IG14 will reconfirm this institutional arrangement.

15. The draft document on Concept Proposal for Phase VI implementation of the Malé Declaration will be developed as guided by the IG14, and the draft outline will be submitted to IG in 2016. The outline will be circulated to the member countries prior to the IG meeting.

IV. Financial Consideration

16. The contribution of the participating countries is crucial for the successful implementation of Phase V as regional level core activities. Similarly, it is urged that monitoring activities shall continue using the national budget.

17. Depending on availability of funding, activities on Malé Declaration will be prioritized in consultation with the member countries.

18. Table-1 (Attachment) presents the annual budget in 2016 for the core activities under the regional level as agreed by the IG13.

19. Table-2 (Attachment) presents the estimated financial contributions of the participating countries, in annual bases for phase V implementation (2014-2016).

- **Additional Activities**

20. The budget for other activities varies according to the project to be implemented in each of the participating countries.

V. Actions needed at the G14

21. The Fourteenth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting is invited to discuss, review and endorse/adopt the document.

Attachment

Table-1: Estimated Budget of Regional Core Level Activities in 2016

Activities/Tasks	Budget in 2016 in US \$
Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting	30,000
Regional Stakeholders' Meeting and Capacity Building	25,000
Regional Refresher Training Workshop on Transboundary air pollution	22,000
Regional Training Workshops on Impact Assessment	23,000
Meetings of Task Force and Expert Group for Future Development	30,000
Personnel cost	47,000
Operating cost (office supplies, postage, communication,	7,973
Programme support	36,995
Grand total	221,968

Table 2- Countries Voluntary Contributions for Regional Level Activities in 2016 based on Phase V approval

No.	Name of Country	% in UN Assessment Scale in 2013	% in Malé Declaration	Contributions in US dollar
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