

**Report on the Progress
of the
Malé Declaration
After IG14**

*by
The Secretariat*

Introduction

- This report presents and reviews the progress of Malé Declaration activities after the Fourteenth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG14) held in Bangkok, Thailand on 25 November 2015.
- This document was presented and discussed during the Fifth Meeting of the Task Force for Future Development (TFFD5) held on 19 August 2016, New Delhi, India.

Strengthen regional cooperation

Fourteenth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG14), 25 November 2015, Bangkok, Thailand



The IG14 meeting:

- reviewed the progress of implementation of the Malé Declaration at the national level;
- considered the implementation of Malé Declaration at the regional level, including financial status and updates;
- considered and endorsed the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Expert Group on Strengthening the Framework of the Male' Declaration;
- approved the Work Programme and Budget in 2016

Strengthen regional cooperation

First Meeting of the Expert Group on Strengthening the Framework of Malé Declaration, 18 August 2016, New Delhi, India



- The meeting deliberated on the issues and challenges in the implementation of standards; identified the gaps and specific needs of each country and proposed a plan on how to move forward

Fifth Meeting of the Task Force for Future Development (TFFD5), 19 August 2016, New Delhi, India

- The agenda include: 1) discussion on Malé Declaration implementation; 2) discussion on the Preliminary Report of the Expert Group on Strengthening the Framework of Malé Declaration; 3) discussion on the Proposal for Phase VI of the Malé Declaration; and the 4) consultation on the Work Programme for 2017 of the Malé Declaration.

Strengthen Capacity Building Programmes and Monitoring

- The National Implementing Agencies (NIAs) have continued operation of the monitoring activities in their respective countries. Some of the member countries have shared with the Secretariat their monitoring data.
- Some monitoring data were received from **Bangladesh, Maldives and Iran.**
- It is urged that other countries submit their monitoring data to the Secretariat so that the **Data Analysis Report during Phase V** could be developed and data may also be discussed at the Regional Refresher Training proposed for next year.
- **Data Analysis Report will be done for Phase V** under the coordination of the Regional Center on Wet and Dry Deposition Monitoring, **CPCB.**

Development of Project Proposals and Other Activities on Regional Cooperation

- In view of strengthening the network and aiming at financial sustainability, the Secretariat had communicated with some international institutions/organizations.
- **UNECE:** On 7 January 2016, the Secretariat received a letter from the Secretary to the Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) expressing their willingness to strengthen the cooperation between the Malé Declaration and the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution. It was believed that there was scope for collaboration specifically regarding Short-lived Climate Pollutants (SLCPs) in South Asia. UNECE further communicated in May 2016 that the cooperation was included in the discussion at the Executive Body meeting of the UNECE, but has no decision yet.
- **JICA:** The Secretariat had initiated communicating with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) regarding the “Transboundary Air Pollution Training Course” for the member countries. Discussion on this matter is on-going.

Financial aspects and other activities

- The Secretariat had received financial contributions from **Bangladesh (US\$ 1,931) and Pakistan (US\$ 16,300) for 2016.**
- Contribution from India for **2015 (US\$ 61,576.07)** was received also by Secretariat.
- It is kindly requested that other member countries would be able to make their contributions this year, necessary to implement upcoming activities , i.e. IG15, etc.
- The Secretariat is continually updating the website of the Malé Declaration. The regional database is available online at: <http://www.rrcap.ait.asia/male/>.

Contributions received in 2016

Date	Country	Amount in US\$
14-Dec-15	India	\$ 61,531.07
21-Apr-16	Bangladesh	\$ 1,931.00
23-Jun-16	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pakistan	\$ 16,300.00
	Total Income Received	\$ 79,762.07

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Fourteenth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting



Participants of the Fourteenth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG14)

The Fourteenth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG14) of the Malé Declaration on Control and Prevention of Air Pollution and its Likely Transboundary Effects for South Asia (Malé Declaration) was held in Bangkok, Thailand on 25 November 2015. The event was attended by the representatives of the eight participating countries, namely, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Iran, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. Experts from international organisations, such as the Asian Institute of Technology, the South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme (SACEP), the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), the United Nations Environment Programme, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (UNEP ROAP), and the Secretariat, the Regional Resource Centre for Asia and the Pacific (RRCAP), also attended the Session.

The Session was opened by Mr. Osamu Mizuno, Director of RRCAP who highlighted the current problems on air pollution regionally and globally and pointed out that improvement in air quality need to be considered as part of a larger sustainable development context. He stressed that Malé Declaration could play great roles on the international calling to combat air pollution, as set forth at the decisions of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) Resolution for protecting air quality and the recently adopted global United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Mr. Kaveh Zahedi, Regional Director and Representative, United Nations Environment Programme, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (UNEP ROAP), in his welcome remarks, reaffirmed that the biggest global agenda now is the SDGs where the 3 goals pertain

to air pollution. Dr. Muhammad Khurshid, Director General, South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP) also gave remarks. Mr. Jatinder Singh Kamyostra, Director, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Ministry of the Environment, Forest and Climate Change, India, was appointed as the new Regional Facilitator of Malé Declaration. He had successfully facilitated the whole dry Session.

The IG14 considered, discussed, and endorsed or approved the following agenda: (1) Review on the progress of implementation of the Malé Declaration at the national level; (2) Consideration on the implementation of Malé Declaration at the regional level, including financial status and updates; (3) Consideration on strengthening the framework on air pollution reduction in South Asia; and (4) Consideration on the work programme and budget of Malé Declaration in 2016 and the future development. Each member country made a presentation on the progress of implementation of the Malé Declaration at the national level. The Secretariat also presented the progress at the regional level and the status of financial contribution to the Malé Declaration. All presentations and reports were acknowledged at the Session. The Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Expert Group on Strengthening the Framework of the Malé Declaration (Draft) was endorsed in principle, with request to the member countries on further comments, if any in one-week period. The Session approved the Work Programme and Budget in 2016.

Newly appointed Regional Facilitator



Mr. Jatinder Singh Kamyostra, Director, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Ministry of the Environment, Forest and Climate Change, India, was appointed as the new Regional Facilitator of Malé Declaration during IG14. He has been with the Malé Declaration since its inception in 1998.

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- National Stakeholders Workshop on Health Impact Assessment of Air Pollution

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