

The Tenth Session of the Intergovernmental Network Meeting
of the Malé Declaration on Control and Prevention of Air Pollution and Its Likely Transboundary Effects for
South Asia; 21 August 2008 , Colombo, Sri Lanka

**Terms of Reference
for
the Task Force on Future Development of Malé Declaration**

1. In line with the decisions at the Ninth Session of the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG9) held in Maldives, on 13th September 2006, a Task Force on Future Development of Malé Declaration (hereinafter referred to as the “Task Force”) will be established on an ad hoc basis during the phase IV implementation of the Malé Declaration.
2. The Task force will consist of representatives from National Focal Points (NFP) and National Implementing agencies (NIA). The members of the Task Force from the participating countries shall be nominated by National Focal Points and National Implementing Agencies. It should be adequately represented by relevant actors at the sub-regional level, including South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) and South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme (SACEP). Organisations external to the region will be asked to provide expertise and asked to join as appropriate.
3. One Chairperson and two Vice-chairs will be elected for three year term of the Task Force sessions.
4. The Task Force will, under the guidance of the Intergovernmental meeting and with the help of the NFP’s and NIA’s and technical advisers:
Task 1: Conduct a feasibility study on the establishment of specialized regional centres
 - Compile a terms of reference (TOR) for each specialist centre and, on the basis of this, prepare a list of relevant institutions capable of functioning as the regional centres;
 - Visit the potential institutions to study the existing capacities;
 - Develop feasibility report on the establishment of new technical centres. The feasibility study will finalise the appropriate focus of the different specialist centres, develop term of reference and identify the organizations that could coordinate the relevant technical development;
 - Convene meetings of the task force
 - Submission of the feasibility report for the consideration by the Intergovernmental meeting

Task 2: Conduct a feasibility study on developing a regional framework such as convention on air pollution in South Asia

- Conduct a feasibility study of the proposed regional framework such as convention on air pollution in South Asia
 - Convene meetings of the task force
 - Submission of the feasibility study for the consideration by the Intergovernmental meeting
5. The Task Force may establish sub-Task Force for specific areas considering that the items of TOR contains varied topics.