

Strategic partnerships for clean air in the region

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UNEP's Mandate on Air Quality



UNEA resolution 6/10: Promoting regional cooperation on air pollution to improve air quality globally

- ✓ Acknowledges progress made so far
- ✓ Encourages Member States and their partners to accelerate efforts
- ✓ Invites further regional cooperation, financing and goal-setting
- ✓ Requests UNEP to support these efforts, including by establishing a cooperation network and online knowledge sharing platform



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First Global Network Meeting Report



UNEA-7 Associated Event Report

2024

2022

UNGA Resolution 76/300 The human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment

2019

UNGA Resolution 74/212 International Day of Clean Air for blue skies

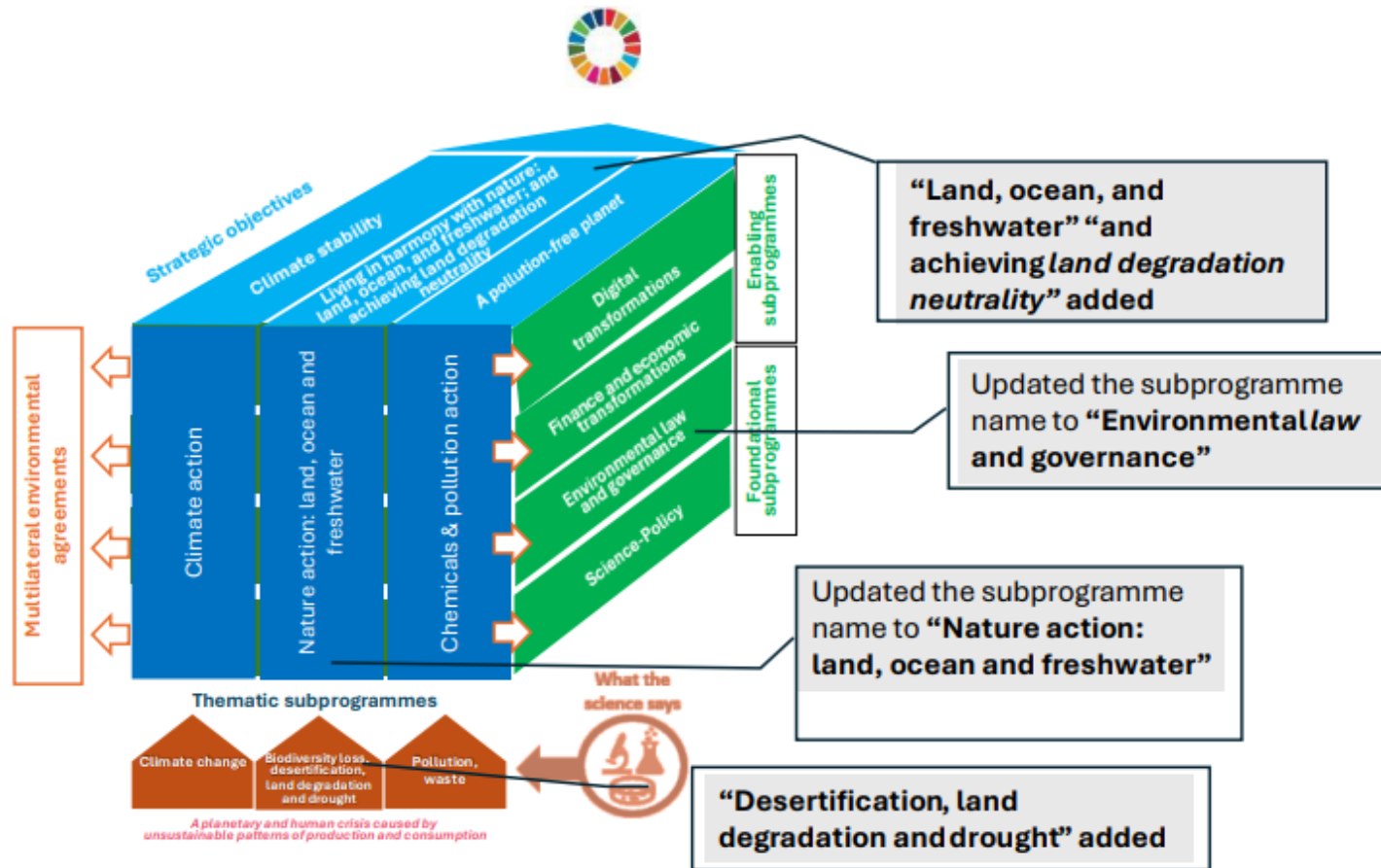
2018

UNEA Resolution 3/8 Preventing and reducing air pollution to improve air quality globally

2014

UNEA Resolution 1/7 Strengthening the role of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in promoting air quality

UNEP's New Medium-Term Strategy (2026-2029)



- New UNEP Medium Term Strategy (MTS) 2026 – 2029 and Programme of Work (PoW) 2026 – 2027 were **adopted by Member States at UNEA-7**.
- Strategic Objective 3 of the MTS aims to **reduce pollution in air, soil and water and enhance environmental quality and health for people and the planet**.
- Through the Chemicals and Pollution Action Subprogramme, UNEP will **promote the uptake of solutions to improve air quality and reduce source-to-sea pollution**.

GEO-7 Key Messages

The Challenges

Globally, **six out of the top ten countries** with the worst air pollution levels are from the Asia-Pacific region

The average pollution-induced productivity loss is **eight times higher in the region's developing countries** than in its developed counterparts

The Solutions

Strengthening regional cooperation in the AP region is vital to achieve transformative solutions through knowledge-sharing, technology transfer, and international partnerships

Mobilizing green and climate-aligned finance is essential to cut air pollution and deliver clean-air gains across the Asia-Pacific region.

A future we choose

Why investing in Earth now can lead to a trillion-dollar benefit for all



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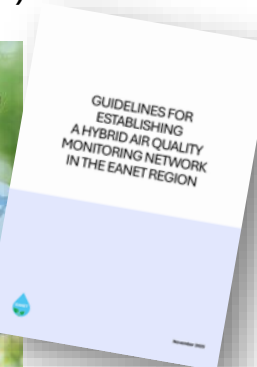
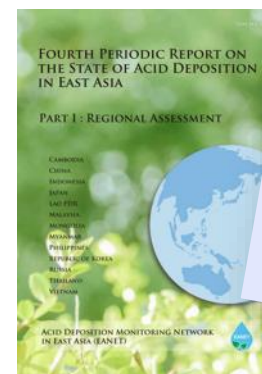
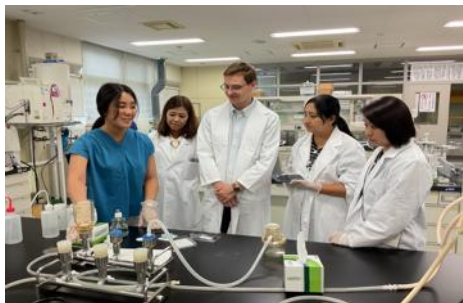


Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET)

- Established in 2001: focus on **regional cooperation** on atmospheric deposition & **air pollution**.
- Expanded scope (2021) incl. broader atmospheric substances + **Project Fund mechanism**.
- **13 Member States**; robust monitoring network (wet/dry deposition, ecosystems).
- **High-quality 25-year datasets in Open Access**: results show SO₂ declines; PM & O₃ remain concerns.



- **40+ EANET Projects** (from 2022-2026) on various issues such as **Nitrogen management**, Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), **low-cost sensors**, **capacity building**, **policy support**, with nearly USD1.8 million budget for Project Fund Activities
- **Flagship Reports** Periodic Report on the State of Atmospheric Environment; Guidelines for Establishing Hybrid Air Quality Monitoring Network (HAQMN).



EANET

Asia Pacific Clean Air Partnership (APCAP)



- Science-Policy Interface, Technical support, capacity building, financing and partnership
- Co-benefits of integrated approach towards air quality management and climate action

- Platform of cooperation and collaboration between the health and environment sectors
- Thematic Working Group on Air Quality and Health

Asia Pacific Forum on Health and Environment

Identifying Good Practices and Facilitating Knowledge Sharing & Exchange of Solutions

Engagement across government, research, civil society, and the private sector, strengthening a regional movement for clean air.

Momentum for regional cooperation for shared data, harmonized standards, and coordinated action.

Proven solutions highlighted and **Financing identified** as a key enabler.



UNEP and partners present

CLEAN AIR WEEK 2025

24-28 November 2025
Sukosol Hotel, Bangkok,
Thailand



facilitating dialogue, solutions, and cooperation for air quality in the Asia Pacific region

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