



Title	Multi-Stakeholder Cooperation in North-East Asia for Innovative Financing, Technological Support and Partnerships on Combating Desertification and Land Degradation	
Organizer	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)	
Type of event	Discussion forum	
Venue	Room 206	
Date/Time	Friday, June 21; 11:00-12:30	
Event description		
<p>North-East Asia faces a range of desertification and land degradation (DLD) challenges due to its vast landmass, geographical and climate variation, and differences in stages and choices of development paths. Established in 1993 by six countries-China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), Japan, Mongolia, Republic of Korea (ROK) and the Russian Federation, North-East Asian Sub-regional Programme for Environmental Cooperation (NEASPEC) as a comprehensive environmental cooperation framework in the sub-region has provided capacity building support for member countries to develop sub-regional strategies, implemented projects in cross-border area of Mongolia and China, and facilitated dialogues and cooperation among various stakeholders to address the DLD issue. As many new stakeholders and innovative approaches emerge in the DLD community, the proposed event offers the opportunity to share and discuss how some of the institutional, financing and technological innovations could be scaled up through bi- or multi-lateral cooperation in and beyond the sub-region towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target 15.3 for a land degradation-neutral world (LDN). The event will also be held in connection with the "North-East Asia Multi-stakeholder Plan for Combating Desertification and Land Degradation (NEAMSP)" launched at an international workshop jointly organized by NEASPEC and the National Forestry and Grassland Administration (former State Forestry Administration) of China in 2015 for increasing the efficiency of cooperation among key actors and forging partnerships. NEAMSP maps out activities taken by multi-stakeholders and provides a platform to share information and stimulate cooperation among stakeholders in six areas: a) land restoration and ecosystem services; b) capacity building; c) integration of DLD into socio-economic development and resilience; d) resource mobilization; e) stakeholder engagement; and f) awareness raising.</p>		
Time	Speaker / Panelist	Theme
11:00-11:05	Ganbold BAASANJAV, Head of UNESCAP East and North-East Asia Office	Opening remarks
11:05-11:15	Sangmin NAM, Deputy Head of UNESCAP East and North-East Asia Office	Multi-stakeholder collaboration and emerging trends on combating desertification and land degradation in North-East Asia
11:15-11:25	Kihyung Park, Research Scientist, National Institute of Forest Science, Korea Forest Service	Multilateral cooperation under the North-East Asia Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought Network (DLDD-NEAN)
11:25-11:45	Oyunsanaa BYAMBASUREN, Director General, Department of Forest Policy and Coordination, Ministry of Environment and Tourism of Mongolia	Opportunities emerged from recent policy developments in North-East Asia for enhanced multilateral cooperation, e.g. setting voluntary target on land degradation neutrality (LDN)
11:45-12:00	Jing SUN, Director of Desertification Control, SEE Foundation	The "100 million sacsoul" project: A multi-stakeholder approach to the restoration of desert ecosystems



12:00-12:20	Kenichi SHONO, Food and Agriculture Organization	The implication of innovative partnerships, financing and technological supports on future cooperation to combat desertification and land degradation
12:00-12:20	Utchang KANG, Liaison Officer, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification	The implication of innovative partnerships, financing and technological supports on future cooperation to combat desertification and land degradation
12:00-12:20	Sangmin NAM, Deputy Head of UNESCAP East and North-East Asia Office	The implication of innovative partnerships, financing and technological supports on future cooperation to combat desertification and land degradation