

Task Force 4: DPRK's Environment Problem

Executive Summary

To begin, we addressed the major environmental challenges faced by DPRK at present, namely, issues surrounding deforestation, managing economic developmental pressures in its wetland reserves, food insecurity and energy shortages. Simultaneously, we evaluated the opportunities within DPRK with regards to its potential in wetlands conservation efforts, the mining industry and the possibilities in joint ventures for new industries with foreign investments/countries, particularly with ASEAN countries.

Thereafter, we justified the use of SDGs #2, #9, #11 and #15 for our policy recommendations. While we acknowledge the assumptions made for this report in this section, we also mapped out the principles for our targeted sectors that set the foundation for our report.

We then moved onto our general policy recommendations for DPRK, as well as policies to be implemented across a total of four phases based on different criteria and the maturity of each sector in each phase. Our policies are synergistic, and many recommendations of subsequent phases either improve upon or require preparation that takes place in the earlier phases. Finally, we provided an objective evaluation for our proposed policies, which provides a more holistic review of our report. We hope that our recommendations can serve as the basis for countries facing similar challenges.

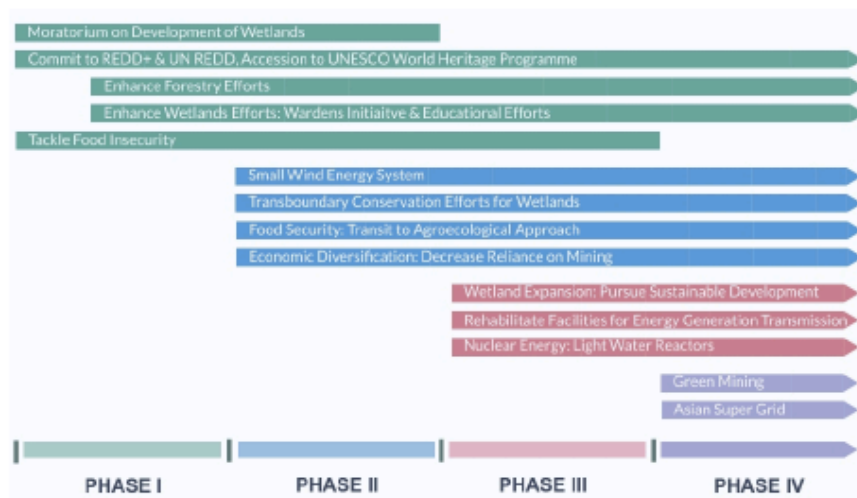


Figure 1: Timeline of Policy Recommendations