

**Third Briefing Meeting**  
**24 June 2020**  
**Fact Sheet**

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### New Date:

Considering the unpredictable and ongoing global effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ministerial Meeting has been postponed. **The new date is 08-09 May 2021 in Tokyo, Japan.** The Arctic Circle Japan Forum will continue to be planned in cooperation with ASM3 and in coordination with the new dates.

### Ministerial Format:

1. An in-person meeting in Tokyo with a 5-person delegation for Countries, and 3-person delegation for Organizations is preferred.
2. A reduced delegation size and/or hybrid Ministerial may be necessary.
3. An online-only Ministerial format could take place if no other safe options are available in May 2021.

A decision on the format of the Ministerial will be made by the hosts in early 2021.

### Extended Deadline:

The deadline for finalizing the Request for Information packages for countries and organizations has been extended from 30 June 2020. **The new deadline is 31 July 2020**, emailed to [ml-asm3@mext.go.jp](mailto:ml-asm3@mext.go.jp).

### Large International Project Updates:

When preparing updates as part of the Request for Information packet for large international projects, we ask that the lead country/organization submit an overall update on the project and that participating countries/organizations submit an update based on their specific contribution to the project. This will help show not only the overall contribution of these large projects, but also identify the specific areas where various countries/organizations contributed. This applies to projects such as MOSAiC, YOPP, EU-PolarNet, Edu-Arctic and most of the EU funded projects. If you have further questions or need clarification, please let us know. (For further information, see the ASM3 Third Briefing Meeting Q&A document).