

PROTOCOL ON WATER AND HEALTH

BUREAU/2010/1

BUREAU OF THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES

Fourth meeting
Geneva, 23-24 February 2010

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FOURTH MEETING

Prepared by the joint secretariat

The fourth meeting of the Bureau of the Protocol on Water and Health will take place in the Palais des Nations in room S4 (on the third floor, next to the offices of the UNECE secretariat). The meeting will start at 10.00 on 23 February and end on 24 February 2010 at 16.00.

The meeting will be held in English.

Bureau members should be in possession of a long-duration badge to enter the Palais des Nations, valid until March 2010. If this is not the case please contact: madeleine.cieniewicz@unece.org

The fourth meeting of the Bureau will be an important step in the preparations of the second session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol. It will mostly focus on:

- Ensuring that the Working Group on Water and Health at its third meeting has all the elements to provide the needed directions/decisions for the Meeting of the Parties (deadline for documents for the WGWH: 8 March)
- Preparing a draft programme of work for 2010-2013 for submission to the Working Group on Water and Health
- Discuss the preparations of the second session of the Meeting of the Parties, in particular documentation to be produced

Tuesday, 23 February 2010

- 1. Adoption of the agenda**
(10.00-10.10)
- 2. Implementation of activities in the current programme of work**
(10.10 -12.00)

The Bureau will be briefed about the developments in implementation of the current work programme. The discussion will focus on the products to be delivered to the third meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health - and successively to the second session of the Meeting of the Parties - and on any difficulties in carrying out the objectives of the current workplan.

(a) Surveillance and early-warning systems, contingency plans and response capacities: Enzo Funari will inform about progress and products produced by the Task Force on Surveillance;

(b) Development of targets and indicators and reporting, including development of guidelines: Pierre Studer will inform about progress and products produced the Task Force on Indicators and Reporting;

- (c) Water supply and sanitation in short-term critical situations and adaptation to climate change: Luciana Sinisi will inform about progress and products produced related to the Task Force on Extreme Weather Events
- (d) Compliance procedure: Tomasz Juszcak will report on the activities of the Compliance Committee;
- (e) Equitable access: Francesca Bernardini will inform about progress in this area of work
- (f) Small-scale water supplies: Roger Aertgeerts will inform on the progress made
- (g) Workshop on public participation, information and education: Ana Drapa will inform about progress in the organization of the workshop.

Comment [B1]: Is there anything new since last Bureau meeting?

3. Ad Hoc Project Facilitation Mechanism (12.00-13.00)

Roger Aertgeerts will inform about the progress in hiring the new facilitator. Carola Bjørklund will brief the Bureau on relevant activities/recent developments related to the functioning of the Facilitation Mechanism. The Bureau will discuss the preparations for the third meeting of the Ad Hoc Project Facilitation Mechanism.

LUNCH BREAK (13.00 -14.00)

4. Areas of work/activities to be included in the programme of work 2010-2013 and their financial implications (14.00 – 17.00 and 9.00 - 10.30 on 24 February)

- (a) On basis of proposals prepared by the chairpersons of the Task Forces, the Compliance Committee and the Ad Hoc Project Facilitation Mechanism and the joint secretariat, the Bureau will examine the activities to be included in the next programme of work. The Bureau will discuss and agree on the following subjects:
 - Areas of work and activities to be included in the work programme 2011-2013, including their objectives and expected outcome, the work accomplished and the work to be undertaken
 - The bodies to implement the work plan and their terms of reference,
 - Lead parties;
 - Financial implications of the different activities
- (b) The Bureau will make arrangements for the finalization of the draft work plan for submission to the third meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health.
- (c) The Bureau will review the document on the alternative options for financing the programme of work: the options for financing to be included, and any other information that should be presented, in particular in relation to the budget of the future programme of work for 2011-2013. The Bureau will make arrangements for finalization of the document in time for submission to the third meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health

3. Second session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol
(10.30-12.30)

(a) Ana Drapa will inform the Bureau about the preparations for the organization of the second session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol in Romania. Ms. Drapa will inform the Bureau members about the costs related to organization of the Meeting, the funds to be provided by Romania and the missing resources.

(b) The Bureau will also examine a list of official documents to be submitted for the second session of the Meeting of the Parties and make arrangements for their preparation.

LUNCH BREAK (12.30 -13.30)

4. Resources to implement the programme of work until the second Meeting of the Parties
(13.30-14.30)

The Bureau will review the financial status of the UNECE Trust Fund and the WHO-EURO Voluntary Fund, the contributions received and the funds used. The Bureau will be informed of the missing resources necessary for implementing of the work programme until the second meeting of the Parties and will discuss and agree on how to secure the missing resources.

The joint secretariat will inform the Bureau members about the activities funded under the UN Development Account.¹

6. Fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health
(14.30-15.30)

The Bureau will be informed about the status of preparation and the main Protocol's inputs to the Fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health, (10 -12, March 2010, Parma, Italy), to this aim the Bureau will be briefed about:

(a) Final draft of the Ministerial Declaration

(b) The organization of a "Protocol Day" prior to the Conference, to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Protocol.

(c) Background document on water and health

11. Future meetings under the Protocol
(15.30-15.45)

The Bureau will review the calendar of future meetings under the Protocol and be informed on the relevant distribution of tasks within the joint secretariat.

¹ For more information on the Un Development Account, see <http://www.un.org/esa/devaccount/index.html>

12. Next Bureau meetings
(15.45-15.50)

At its third meeting the Bureau had tentatively scheduled its fifth meeting on 2-3 June 2010. It will discuss whether to confirm or modify the date taking into account the date of the second session of the Meeting of the Parties and the activities to be fulfilled.

13. Other business
(15.50-16.00)

At the time of writing, the secretariat had no points to propose under this agenda item.

14. Closing

The Chairperson will close the meeting at 16.00
