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**Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health to  
the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary  
Watercourses and International Lakes**

**Working Group on Water and Health**  
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**DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES  
TO THE PROTOCOL ON WATER AND HEALTH**

The present document was prepared by the joint secretariat to inform the Working Group on Water and Health on the programme and documents of the second session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health that will be held in Bucharest on 23-25 November 2010. The agenda and programme of the session will be finalized by the Bureau at its fifth meeting that will be held in Geneva on 29-30 June 2010.

**I. Provisional agenda and official documents**

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda.  
*Doc: Provisional agenda*
3. Constitution of the second Meeting of the Parties.
4. Elections of officers for the second Meeting of the Parties.
5. Status of implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health
  - (a) Reports by Parties, Signatories and other observers
  - (b) Reports on activities of relevance under UNECE, including the Water Convention

- (c) Report on activities of relevance under the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (WHO-EURO) and mainstreaming of activities under the Protocol into the policymaking of WHO-EURO

6. Work of the Task Forces

*Doc: Report on the implementation of the programme of work for 2007–2010, including an overview of contributions and expenditures  
Draft programme of work for 2011–2013*

- (a) Setting targets and reporting under the Protocol

*Doc: Guidelines on the setting of targets, evaluation of progress and reporting (publication)*

- (b) Surveillance and early-warning systems, contingency plans and response capacities.

*Doc: Draft policy guidance on water-related disease surveillance  
Draft technical guidance for setting up, implementing and assessing surveillance systems of water-related disease  
Status of water-related diseases surveillance in the UNECEWHO-Euro region*

- (d) Water supply and sanitation in short-term critical situations and adaptation to climate change.

*Doc: Draft guidelines on water supply and sanitation in extreme weather events*

7. Procedure and mechanisms facilitating the implementation of the Convention

- (a) Compliance procedure (including election of Compliance Committee)

*Doc: Report of the Compliance Committee to the Meeting of the Parties (including recommendations)*

- (b) Reports on implementation

*Doc: Draft guidelines and template for summary reports in accordance with article 7 of the Protocol on Water and Health  
First regional report on the implementation of the Protocol*

- (c) Ad Hoc Project Facilitation Mechanism.

8. Capacity building and sharing of experience

- (a) Public awareness, education, training, research and development, and information.

*Doc: Access to information and public participation under the Protocol on Water and Health (tbc)*

- (b) Equitable access.

(c) Small-scale water supplies.

*Doc: Small Scale Water Supplies in the European Region: Background - Challenges – Improvements (brochure)*

(d) Regional and sub-regional workshops  
(man-made recreational waters, protection of groundwaters, CWC workshop on the Protocol)

9. Partners in cooperation: links with other organizations and programmes

10. Promotion of the Protocol and the role of focal points.

*Doc: How to better promote the Convention and its Protocol on Water and Health: a guide for focal points (already available)*

11. Programme of work for 2011–2013 and resources needed for its implementation.

*Doc: Financing options for the Protocol on Water and Health (tbc)*

12. Date and venue of the third session of the Meeting of the Parties.

13. Other business.

14. Presentation of the main decisions.

15. Closing of the session.

## **II. Other organizational issues**

In the margins of the second session, a number of other events will be organized. To date there is no final decision on this however in preliminary discussions it was suggested to organize:

- A donor meeting for funding the Protocol's programme of work for 2011-2013
- A limited number of side events  
Partners interested in organizing a side event are invited to approach the secretariat, preferably before 21 June.
- A workshop for journalists on water and health issues.

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