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Water and Health to the Convention on
the Protection and Use of Transboundary
Watercourses and International Lakes

Working Group on Water and Health

Seventh meeting

Geneva, 26 and 27 November 2014

Item 2 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the seventh meeting

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting on Wednesday,
26 November 2014, at 10 a.m.*

I. Provisional agenda

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- (b) Improving the quality of reporting.
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II. Annotations

1. The main objective of the seventh meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health under the Protocol on Water and Health to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes is to review the implementation of the programme of work for the period 2014–2016, adopted at the third session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (Oslo, 25–27 November 2013), and to provide guidance on its further development, with particular consideration to the financial situation.
2. The meeting will begin on Wednesday, 26 November 2014 at 10 a.m. and will close on Thursday, 27 November 2014 at 5 p.m. It will be held back to back with the tenth meeting of the Protocol's Compliance Committee,¹ which will take place in Geneva on 25 November 2014, and a meeting of the Bureau on 28 November 2014.
3. The working languages of the meeting will be English, French and Russian.
4. All relevant documentation for the meeting of the Working Group will be available online from the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) website.²

1. Election of officers

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 26 November, 10–10.05 a.m.

5. The Working Group will elect its Chair and Vice-Chair(s) for the triennium 2014–2016.

¹ For information on the Compliance Committee meeting, please see www.unece.org/env/water/10th_compliance_committee_2014.html.

² See www.unece.org/env/water/7th_wgwh_2014.html.

2. Adoption of the agenda

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 26 November, 10.05–10.10 a.m.

6. The Chair of the Working Group on Water and Health will open the meeting and welcome participants. The Working Group is expected to adopt its agenda as set out in the present document.

3. Progress in the ratification process

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 26 November, 10.10–10.30 a.m.

7. As of 15 August 2014, the following 26 countries were Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health: Albania, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland and Ukraine. There were no new accessions since the third session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

8. Representatives of Signatories and other States not yet Party to the Protocol will be invited to report on any recent or anticipated developments in their respective countries with respect to becoming a Party to the Protocol.

4. Setting targets, implementing measures and reporting under the Protocol

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 26 November, 10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–3.30 p.m.

(a) Setting targets and implementing measures

9. The Chair of the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting will report on the outcomes of the seventh meeting of the Task Force (Geneva, 4 July 2014), in particular with regard to the exchange on the progress in setting targets and implementing them.

10. The Working Group will be invited to provide comments as needed and to report on the advancement of the target-setting process in their countries, if there have been any significant developments.

11. A representative of Kazakhstan will present the outcomes of the National Workshop on the Protocol on Water and Health for Kazakhstan held in Borovoe on 23 and 24 April 2014. A representative of Turkmenistan will likewise present the outcomes of a similar event for Turkmenistan scheduled to be held in Ashgabat in October 2014.³

12. The Chair of the Task Force will also inform the Working Group about the decision to establish an informal review group to work on an addendum to the *Guidelines on the Setting of Targets, Evaluation of Progress and Reporting*⁴ as well as to define the scope of a possible further revision of the guidelines after the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, scheduled to take place in 2016.

³ Information on these national workshops is available from <http://www.unece.org/env/water/npd/countrydialogues.html>.

⁴ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.10.II.E.12. Available from www.unece.org/env/water/publications/pub.html.

13. The Working Group will also be informed about developments in the framework of the World Health Organization (WHO)/United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply and Sanitation (JMP) and the UN-Water Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking Water (GLAAS), in particular the JMP progress report for 2014 and development of country highlights for GLAAS. In addition, the proposed targets and indicators for drinking water, sanitation and hygiene linked to the post-2015 sustainable development goals will be presented.

14. The WHO Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe) secretariat will update the Working Group about the planned capacity-building activities on global monitoring programmes in Serbia and Azerbaijan. A representative of Serbia will inform the Working Group about the planned national workshop on target setting and reporting in Serbia.

15. A representative of Romania will inform the Working Group about the planned activities on public participation in implementing the Protocol and will invite the Working Group to discuss possible ways to promote and use the *Guide to Public Participation under the Protocol on Water and Health*.⁵

(b) Improving the quality of reporting

16. The Working Group will be briefed on the main conclusions from the regional workshop on linkages with other existing monitoring and reporting mechanisms related to water and health, which was held in Geneva on 3 July 2014.

17. The Working Group will be informed about the relevant decisions of the seventh meeting of the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting, in particular the decision to revise the guidelines and template for summary reports by the eighth meeting of the Task Force, scheduled to take place on 2 and 3 July 2015. The Working Group will be invited to review the Task Force's decisions.

Documentation

Programme of work for 2014–2016 (ECE/MP.WH/11/Add.1–EUDCE/1206123/3.1/2013/MOP-3/06/Add.1)

Guidelines on the Setting of Targets, Evaluation of Progress and Reporting

Guide to Public Participation under the Protocol on Water and Health

Draft guidelines and template for summary reports in accordance with article 7 of the Protocol on Water and Health (ECE/MP.WH/2010/L.5–EUDHP/1003944/4.2/1/7)

Report of the seventh meeting of the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting (informal document, forthcoming)⁶

Report of the National Workshop on the Protocol on Water and Health for Kazakhstan (informal document)⁷

Conclusions of the regional workshop on linkages with other existing monitoring and reporting mechanisms related to water and health (informal document)

⁵ ECE/MP.WH/9. Available from www.unece.org/env/water/publications/pub.html.

⁶ This document will be available from the web page for the Task Force meeting, http://www.unece.org/env/water/7th_meeting_taskforce_target-setting_2014.html.

⁷ The notation “informal document”, unless otherwise specified, indicates an unofficial document (i.e., with no formal editing or formatting) that will be submitted to the seventh meeting and which will be posted on the web page for the meeting in due course.

5. Prevention and reduction of water-related diseases

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 26 November, 3.30–5 p.m.

18. The WHO/Europe secretariat together with representatives of Georgia and Hungary, lead Parties for programme area 2.4, on strengthening water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in schools, will inform the Working Group about the outcomes of the meeting on advancing WASH in schools (Bonn, 18–19 September 2014), as well as the findings of a review of available evidence related to the situation of WASH in schools in the pan-European region.

19. The representatives of Georgia and Hungary will also present the outcomes of a strategic planning meeting, including the plans for future work for 2014–2016 under this thematic area. The Working Group will be invited to discuss proposed activities.

20. The WHO/Europe secretariat together with representatives of Belarus and Norway, lead Parties for programme area 2.1, on strengthening water-related disease surveillance, outbreak detection and management, will inform the Working Group about the outcomes of the meeting on strengthening surveillance of water-related diseases (Bonn, 23–24 October 2014), as well as key findings of a literature review on water-related diseases and outbreaks in the pan-European region.

21. The representatives of Belarus and Norway, the lead Parties for programme areas 2.1 and 2.3, on supporting cost-effective drinking-water quality surveillance, will present the outcomes of a strategic planning meeting, including the plans for future work for 2014–2016 under these thematic areas. The Working Group will be invited to discuss proposed activities.

Documentation

Programme of work for 2014–2016 (ECE/MP.WH/11/Add.1–EUDCE/1206123/3.1/2013/MOP-3/06/Add.1)

Conclusions of the meeting on advancing water, sanitation and hygiene in schools (informal document)

Conclusions of the meeting on strengthening surveillance of water-related diseases (informal document)

6. Small-scale water supplies and sanitation

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 26 November, 5–6 p.m.

22. The representatives of Germany, Serbia and Women in Europe for a Common Future, the lead Parties and lead organization for work on small-scale water supplies and sanitation, will inform the Working Group about the work carried out and the future plans with regard to this programme area, in particular the progress in the development of a policy guidance document, and findings of the survey on small-scale water supplies in the pan-European region.

23. The WHO/Europe secretariat will inform the Working Group about the outcomes of a subregional meeting for countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (Bishkek, 26–27 June 2014) under the joint auspices of the WHO International Small Community Water Supply Network and the Protocol on Water and Health.

Documentation

Programme of work for 2014–2016 (ECE/MP.WH/11/Add.1–EUDCE/1206123/3.1/2013/MOP-3/06/Add.1)

Progress report on the work on small-scale water supplies and sanitation (informal document)

Draft of the policy guidance document (informal document)

Report of the analysis of the survey results (informal document)

Report of the meeting of the WHO Small Community Water Supply Management Network (informal document)

7. Safe and efficient management of water supply and sanitation systems

Tentative timing: Thursday, 27 November, 9.30–10.30 a.m.

24. The WHO/Europe secretariat will inform the Working Group about the key outcomes of the subregional workshop for countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia on building capacities for the development of water safety plans (Bishkek, 24–25 June 2014).

25. The Working Group will be informed about the outcomes of the water safety plan advocacy workshop and capacity-building training organized jointly by Oxfam Great Britain and WHO/Europe in Tajikistan (Dushanbe, 11–14 August 2014).

26. The ECE secretariat will inform the Working Group about the plans to conduct, jointly with International Water Association (IWA) and WHO/Europe, a training session on water safety plans for water operators within the project “Implementation of targets and target dates set under the Protocol on Water and Health in the Republic of Moldova”, funded by Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.

27. A representative of Portugal and IWA, lead Party and organization for this programme area, will present plans for future work in this area.

Documentation

Programme of work for 2014–2016 (ECE/MP.WH/11/Add.1–EUDCE/1206123/3.1/2013/MOP-3/06/Add.1)

Summary report of the workshop on building capacities for the development of water safety plans (informal document)

*Water safety plan: a field guide to improving drinking-water safety in small communities*⁸

8. Equitable access

Tentative timing: Thursday, 27 November, 10.30–11 a.m.

28. A representative of France, one of the lead Parties for equitable access activities, will present plans for future work in this area. In particular, the Working Group will be

⁸ Bettina Rickert and others (Copenhagen: WHO Regional Office for Europe, 2014). Available from <http://www.euro.who.int/en/publications/abstracts/water-safety-plan-a-field-guide-to-improving-drinking-water-safety-in-small-communities>.

informed about ongoing and foreseen activities to raise awareness on the challenges faced in achieving equitable access to water and sanitation, to assessing the equity of access to water and sanitation in some countries and to developing action plans to address inequities in access.

29. Representatives from Hungary and the Republic of Moldova will report on progress made in assessing the situation of access to water and sanitation in terms of equity at the national level in their countries.

30. The Working Group will be invited to express interest in engaging in the development of a coordinated baseline analysis of the equity of access to water and sanitation, using as a basis *The Equitable Access Score-card: Supporting policy processes to achieve the human right to water and sanitation*.⁹

Documentation

The Equitable Access Score-card: Supporting policy processes to achieve the human right to water and sanitation

Programme of work for 2014–2016 (ECE/MP.WH/11/Add.1–EUDCE/1206123/3.1/2013/MOP-3/06/Add.1)

9. Assistance to support implementation at the national level

Tentative timing: Thursday, 27 November, 11–11:30 a.m.

31. The ECE secretariat will inform the Working Group about the support to implementation at the national level provided by the ECE-led National Policy Dialogues on Integrated Water Resources Management and Water Supply and Sanitation operating under the European Union Water Initiative in countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia.

32. The Working Group will also be briefed about the opportunity offered through the United Nation Development Account project to support in-country situation assessments and capacity-building related to small-scale water supply and sanitation systems, as well as the strengthening of Governments' and water operators' capacity to ensure the equity of access to water and sanitation in eligible countries.

33. The WHO/Europe secretariat will inform the Working Group about the progress in cooperation with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Documentation

Programme of work for 2014–2016 (ECE/MP.WH/11/Add.1–EUDCE/1206123/3.1/2013/MOP-3/06/Add.1)

⁹ ECE/MP.WH/8. Available from <http://www.unece.org/env/water/publications/pub.html>.

10. Compliance procedure

Tentative timing: Thursday, 27 November, 11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.

34. The Chair of the Compliance Committee under the Protocol will inform the Working Group about the outcome of the Committee's tenth meeting (Geneva, 25 November 2014) and the different follow-up actions planned as the result of the decisions taken by the Meeting of the Parties at its third session.

Documentation

Report of the Compliance Committee to the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health (ECE/MP.WH/2013/4–EUDCE/1206123/3.1/2013/MOP-3/11)

Decision III/1 on general issues of compliance (ECE/MP.WH/11/Add.2–EUDCE/1206123/3.1/2013/MOP-3/06/Add.2)

11. Implementation of and prospects for the programme of work for 2014–2016

Tentative timing: Thursday, 27 November, 2.30–3.30 p.m.

35. On the basis of the discussion under previous agenda items, the Working Group will review progress made with regard to the implementation of the Protocol's programme of work for 2014–2016 and discuss prospects for further implementation. The Working Group will be reminded that the implementation of planned activities is subject to the availability of resources and the mandate given by the Meeting of the Parties to the Bureau to prioritize activities according to the financial resources available.

Documentation

Programme of work for 2014–2016 (ECE/MP.WH/11/Add.1–EUDCE/1206123/3.1/2013/MOP-3/06/Add.1)

Progress report on the implementation of the programme of work (ECE/MP.WH/WG.1/2014/3–EUDCE/1408105/1.10/2014/WGWH/07)

12. Financial arrangements to support the implementation of the Protocol

Tentative timing: Thursday, 27 November, 3.30–4.50 p.m.

36. The Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol entrusted the Working Group to oversee the management of the funds of the Protocol under the ECE Technical Cooperation Trust Fund and the WHO/Europe Voluntary Fund. On the basis of an information document prepared by the joint secretariat, the Working Group will be informed about the financial status of the two funds, the contributions received, the funds used and the resources that will be required for the implementation of the programme of work for 2014–2016.

37. The Chair of the Working Group will brief participants on the efforts undertaken by the Bureau towards fundraising and on developing a strategy to raise the resources needed for the implementation of the programme of work for 2014–2016. The Chair of the Working Group will also report on discussions in the Bureau on the drafting of a proposal for a new decision on financial arrangements. The Working Group will be invited to comment on the information provided and to discuss ways and means to attain the level of financial support needed to implement the Protocol's programme of work.

38. Representatives of Parties, non-Parties, relevant international organizations, non-governmental organizations and other partners will be invited to inform the meeting of their intention to contribute to the activities contained in the programme of work, inter alia, through financial and in-kind contributions.

Documentation

Overview of contributions and expenditures related to the Protocol and resources required up to the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties compared with funds raised (informal document)

13. Other business

Tentative timing: Thursday, 27 November, 4.50–4.55 p.m.

39. Delegates wishing to propose points under this item are requested to inform the joint secretariat as soon as possible.

14. Date and venue of the eighth meeting

Tentative timing: Thursday, 27 November, 4.55–5 p.m.

40. The Working Group will set a tentative date and venue for its eighth meeting.

15. Closure of the meeting

41. The Chair will close the meeting at 5 p.m. on Thursday, 27 November 2014.
