



REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON ACHIEVING EQUITABLE ACCESS TO WATER AND SANITATION: FROM ASSESSMENT TO ACTION

21-22 March 2016

Palais des Nations, room XII, Geneva, Switzerland

DRAFT AGENDA

Monday 21 March 2016	
10.00-10.30	<p>Opening session</p> <p>Welcoming remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Sergiusz Ludwiczak, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe- Ms. Madoka Saji, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights- Mr. Yannick Pavageau, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, France- Ms. Ágnes Sebestyén, National Public Health Center, Hungary
10.30-11.15	<p>Session 1 – International commitments to ensuring equitable access to water and sanitation</p> <p><i>Chair: Mr. Yannick Pavageau, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, France</i></p> <p>Access to water and sanitation: human rights <i>Ms. Madoka Saji, OHCHR</i></p> <p>Universal access to clean water and sanitation: a development priority underpinning the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development <i>Ms. Maria Schade, UN-Water</i></p> <p>The UNECE-WHO/Europe Protocol on Water and Health: a framework to improve equitable access to water and sanitation <i>Ms. Francesca Bernardini, UNECE</i></p> <p>Questions and answers</p>

11:15-13:00	<p>Session 2 – Assessing equitable access to water and sanitation: Assessment methodologies and main equity gaps identified</p> <p><i>Chair: Mr. Yannick Pavageau, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, France</i></p> <p><i>The Equitable Access Score-card: outcomes of recent equitable access self-assessments in the pan-European region</i></p> <p>Ms. Iryna Rudenko, State sanitary and Epidemiological Service, Ukraine Ms. Daniela Bordeianu, NGO Solidarity Water in Europe, Republic of Moldova Mr. Mihail Kochubovski, National Institute of Public Health, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Ms. Ágnes Sebestyén, National Public Health Center, Hungary</p> <p>Comments by representatives of countries planning to engage into equitable access assessments</p> <p>Questions and answers</p> <p><i>Other methodologies to assess the equity of access to water and sanitation and main findings</i></p> <p>Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking-Water (GLAAS) in the pan-European region and future plans <i>Ms. Marina Takane, World Health Organization</i></p> <p>Country review by the Special Rapporteur on the Human Right to Water and Sanitation <i>Mr. Mahmadali Tabarov, Ministry of Health and Social Protection, Tajikistan</i></p> <p>Experience from Africa: Country Status Overviews on water supply and sanitation <i>Mr. Kitchinme Bawa, African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW)</i></p> <p>Questions and answers</p>
13:00-15:00	Lunch break
15:00-17:00	<p>Session 3 – Translating the outcomes of the assessments into action to ensure equitable access</p> <p><i>Chair: Ms. Ágnes Sebestyén, National Public Health Center, Hungary</i></p> <p>Mr. Yannick Pavageau, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, France Mr. Jack Moss, Aquafed Ms. Anna Tsvietkova, MAMA-86, Ukraine Ms. Ana Sirbu, Ministry of Environment, Republic of Moldova</p> <p>Questions and comments from the floor on actions taken to ensure equitable access to water and sanitation</p> <p><i>Group Work:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are examples of important actions that would need to be carried out to improve equitable access to water and sanitation in your country?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are priority measures for the water and sanitation sector agreed upon in your country? What could be the process to make equitable access measures become priority actions?
17.00-18.00	<p>Special event on forests and drinking water (room VII) in the framework of the International Day of Forests</p> <p>Address by Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary, UNECE</p> <p>Alpeau Project - ecosystem services for drinking water <i>Mr. Nicolas Wilhelm, Syndicat Intercommunal des Eaux des Moises</i></p> <p>Linkages and synergies of forests and water and closing remarks <i>Mr. Christoph Dürr, Chair, UNECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry</i></p> <p>Discussion with the audience</p>
18:00-19:30	<p>Reception Building A, 8th Floor – UN Delegates’ restaurant</p>

Tuesday 22 March 2016	
9:30 – 10:00	<p>Session 3 – Translating the outcomes of the assessments into action to ensure equitable access (cont.)</p> <p>Reporting back from the group work</p>
10:00 – 12:30	<p>Session 4 – Broadening the range of actors engaged in improving equitable access: mainstreaming equitable access in non-water sector policies and plans</p> <p><i>Chair: Ms. Madoka Saji, OHCHR</i></p> <p>Access to water and sanitation for all as priority for regional policy development <i>Ms. Jasminka Lukovic Jaglicic, Regional Economic Development Agency for Sumadija and Pomoravlje, Serbia</i></p> <p>Ensuring equitable access to water and sanitation in schools <i>Mr. Parviz Yusifov, Ministry of Education, Azerbaijan</i></p> <p>The possible facilitating role of the national human rights institutions <i>Ms. Amanda Loeffen, WaterLex</i></p> <p>The role of local communities and municipalities (experience from Latin America) <i>Mr. Diego Fernandez, Econtec, Columbia</i></p> <p>The facilitating role of NGOs <i>Ms. Bistra Mihaylova, Women in Europe for a Common Future</i></p> <p>Questions and answers</p>

	<p>Group Work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What actors should take the lead for the implementation of measures to ensure equitable access to water and sanitation? • What other actors need to be engaged? How to engage them in improving equitable access?
12.30-14:30	Lunch break
14.30 – 15:45	<p>Session 5 – Financing equitable access to water and sanitation</p> <p><i>Chair: Mr. Roberto Martin Hurtado, consultant to UNECE</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much does it cost to achieve equitable access to water and sanitation? • How can the costs of achieving equitable access to water and sanitation be financed? <p>Mr. Harald Schölzel, European Investment Bank Representative from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) (tbc) Mr. Sébastien Apothéloz, Water Department of Lausanne, Switzerland Mr. Kitchinme Bawa, African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW)</p>
15:45 - 17:15	<p>Session 6 – Developing action plans to achieve equitable access to water and sanitation</p> <p><i>Chair: Mr. Roberto Martin Hurtado, consultant to UNECE</i></p> <p>Introduction of the draft Strategic note on action plans to achieve equitable access to water and sanitation <i>Ms. Chantal Demilecamps, Environmental Affairs Officer, UNECE</i></p> <p>Group work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What should be the nature and objectives of an action plan? • What are the key steps for the development of an action plan? • What type of support do countries need to develop an action plan?
17:15-17:30	<p>Next steps and closing of the workshop</p> <p><i>UNECE, OHCHR, France and Hungary</i></p>