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## **PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

### **Strategic workshop on future priorities under the Protocol on Water and Health**

(Geneva, 7–8 March 2016)

The main objective of the Strategic workshop is to identify future priorities under the Protocol on Water and Health through critically reviewing current activities and defining new strategic directions to respond to emerging trends and challenges in the pan-European region. Future work also needs to align with regional and global policy commitments, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the 2015–2030 Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the 2010 Parma Declaration on Environment and Health and future regional priorities to be identified under the European Environment and Health Process.

The workshop's outcomes will contribute to shaping the future programme of work of the Protocol for 2017–2019, to be adopted at the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties (Bern, 14–16 November 2016). The discussion will rely on the expertise of a wide range of stakeholders, including governments, non-governmental organizations, academia and partners active in the pan-European region.

#### **Monday, 7 March 2016**

##### **10.00–10.30 Welcome and introduction**

Welcome speech

*Pierre Studer, Chair of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health*

Setting the scene: introduction to the objectives of the workshop

*Oliver Schmoll, WHO/Europe secretariat*

Interactive introduction round

##### **10.30–12.00 Current areas of work: achievements, lessons learned and way forward**

This session will promote a critical analysis of the current areas of work under the Protocol highlighting the achievements, lessons learned and possible future directions. Invited discussants from countries and other stakeholders will reflect on the usefulness of such work, how it adds value to the work carried out by others and needs and opportunities for future efforts.

*Safe and efficient management of water supply and sanitation systems*

Presentation by the secretariat

*Oliver Schmoll, WHO/Europe*

Feedback on past and future activities

*Jelka Appelmann, Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment, the Netherlands, and Laura Moss, Drinking Water Inspectorate, United Kingdom*

### ***Small-scale water supplies and sanitation***

Presentation by lead Parties

*Bettina Rickert, Federal Environment Agency, Germany, Dragana Jovanovic, Institute of Public Health, Serbia, and Sascha Gabizon, Women in Europe for a Common Future*

Feedback on past and future activities

*Bubuzhan Arykbaeva, State Sanitary and Epidemiological Surveillance, Kyrgyzstan, and Stef Smits, IRC, the Netherlands*

### ***Prevention and reduction of water-related diseases***

Presentation by lead Parties on water, sanitation and hygiene in schools

*Marta Vargha, National Public Health Center, Hungary, and Nana Gabriadze, National Center for Disease Control and Public Health, Georgia*

Feedback on past and future activities

*Ion Salaru, National Centre of Public Health, Republic of Moldova, Dovile Adamonyte, European Environment and Health Youth Coalition, and Jan Schlenk, GIZ Sector Programme Sustainable Sanitation*

Presentation by lead Parties on water-related disease and water quality surveillance

*Alena Drazdova, Republican Scientific-Practical Centre of Hygiene, Belarus, and Kjetil Tveitan, Ministry of Health and Care Services, Norway*

Feedback on past and future activities

*Mihail Kochubovski, Institute of Public Health, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Christof Mainz, European Commission*

### ***Equitable access to water and sanitation: translating the human right to water and sanitation into practice***

Presentation by lead Parties

*Marta Vargha, National Public Health Center, Hungary, and Yannick Pavageau, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, France*

Feedback on past and future activities

*Mihail Kochubovski, Institute of Public Health, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Jean-Benoît Charrin, WaterLex*

**12.00–13.30** Group work: discussion on concrete proposals for future activities in the current areas of work

**13.30–15.00 Lunch**

**15.00–15.45 Reporting back from the group work**

**15.45–16.30 Improving governance for water and health: support for setting targets and implementing measures**

This session will discuss the work on setting and implementing targets and reporting on progress which represents the backbone of the Protocol's implementation. It will explore how such work should evolve in the future, now that many Parties have set their targets. It will also promote a discussion on the interlinkages between the Protocol's implementation and the water-related targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the implications for future work.

Presentation by lead Parties

*Pierre Studer, Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office, Switzerland, and Ana Drapa, "Romanian Waters", Romania*

The future: linking the Protocol implementation to the implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda  
*Francesca Bernardini, UNECE secretariat*

Feedback on past and future activities

*Biljana Filipovic, Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection, Serbia, and Arne Panesar, GIZ Sector Programme Sustainable Sanitation*

Moderated plenary discussion on linkages between setting and implementing targets and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

**16.30–18.00 New potential areas for the Protocol's programme of work for 2017–2019**

This session will explore a number of thematic areas that were highlighted by the participants to the eighth meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health as policy priorities for the pan-European region requiring attention and action under the Protocol, specifically the entire sanitation chain, climate change related issues, water resources management and protection as well as water, sanitation and hygiene in health care facilities. Discussants from countries and possible future partners will be invited to discuss the rationale for these areas and what is already being done in the region to address these issues. Participants will also reflect on the potential contribution and added value of the action under the Protocol on Water and Health.

**16.30–16.40** Introduction to the objectives of the session  
*Francesca Bernardini, UNECE secretariat*

**16.40–17.00** Discussion on identified priority themes:

***Sanitation***

Introductory presentation

*Kate Medlicott, World Health Organization*

Feedback  
*Christian Zurbrügg, EAWAG, Switzerland*

***Healthcare facilities***

Introductory presentation  
*Margaret Montgomery, World Health Organization*

Feedback  
*Irina Rudenko, State Sanitary and Epidemiological Service, Ukraine*

**17.00–18.00** Group work: Identifying and defining possible future directions and activities under the Protocol in groups

**Tuesday, 8 March 2016**

**10.00–10.30** **Reporting back from the group work**

**10.30–12.00** **Future priorities in the programme of work for 2017–2019 (continued)**

**10.30–10.50** Discussion on identified priority themes (continued):

***Freshwater quality***

Introductory presentation  
*Peter Kovacs, Ministry of Interior, Hungary*

Feedback  
*Serafima Tronza, Ministry of Environment, Republic of Moldova, and Lifeng Li, World Wide Fund for Nature International*

***Increasing resilience to climate change, in particular in urban areas***

Introductory presentation  
*Fernando Nardi, University of Perugia, Italy*

Feedback  
*Josefina Maestu, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment, Spain, and Gulnara Roll, UNECE secretariat*

**10.50–12:00** Group work: Identifying and defining possible future directions and activities under the Protocol in groups

**12.00–12.30** **Reporting back from the group work**

**12.30–13.00** **Conclusions and way forward**

*Pierre Studer, Chair of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health*

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