

Policy response to the Scientific Assessment Report

Process in 2017

- **WGSR-55 (31 May – 2 June):**

- Exchange of delegations' views on the PRG report
 - Decision on recommendations to be forwarded to EB-37
- Agreement on elements to be included in the policy part of the draft 2018-2019 workplan (incl. techno-economic issues and nitrogen)

- **EB-37 (11-14 December):**

- Decision on future updates of the LTS/Policy response
- Meeting report incl. elements to be considered in the review of the Gothenburg Protocol
- Adoption of the 2018-2019 workplan

Process in 2018

- **Provide input/views on draft revisions/updates to the LTS**
- **Saltsjöbaden workshop (spring):** informal discussion on the draft updates to the LTS
- **WGSR-56 (22-25 May):** discussion of the draft updated LTS
- **EB-38 (10-13 December):** adoption of the updated LTS

Reminder of mandate

- Decision 2016/1 created the PRG and tasked it with preparing a policy response to the SAR
 - Present its findings, conclusions and recommendations to WGSR 55
 - Decided that the PRG will make proposals for a policy response to the SAR and recommendations for whether and how the Convention should take action in the short and long-term
 - Review the priorities for work and action in the long-term strategy in light of the SAR
 - Propose updates and revisions to the LTS based on the finding of the SAR, and the policy recommendations taking into account the report of the ad hoc group of experts on the Action Plan for the implementation of the LTS
- The PRG has not yet completed the task of proposing updates and revisions or taken into account the Action Plan in any systematic way
- When the PRG reported to EB 36 it asked the PRG to propose highlights to EB37 on what it foresees in terms of its updates and revisions to the LTS
- The PRG should complete its mandate to propose revisions and updates to the LTS. So this implies we envisioned an update to the LTS – but we have not formally asked for it
- Decision 2016/1 gave us the mandate, but there are differences of opinion as to what the decision means for the updates to the LTS
- WGSR may want to provide very clear direction to the EB that it should task the PRG – and potentially others – with updating the LTS and provide a timeframe for the completion of that task

- Some recommendations are short-term and some longer-term, and some are longer-term but need to be started in the near-term
- As per my chair's letter I would propose to discuss the items specifically tagged for specific groups, including the WGSR, under the workplan discussion to follow
- EMEP/WGE will discuss their items in the fall
- Plan to open the floor for general views – will want overall views on the report – do we agree with the overall general approach – and then go section by section – taking views for each
- Don't propose to put the recommendations on the screen today – would follow the format of Kimber's presentation
- Then will come back on Friday with some proposals for the working group – conclusions and recommendations to forward to EB
 - Will need to forward recommendations related to what we recommend the EB to task or take action on
 - Will need to forward other recommendations that are more relevant to the updates/revisions to the LTS, which could also include the review of the GP after it enters into force

Ways the recommendations can be taken up by EB in December

- Adoption of the 2018-19 workplan
- Decision on updates to the LTS – EB may want to give both general direction and some specific tasking based on the highlights
 - Some of the more big-picture or strategic issues (e.g., integrated approach to climate and air pollution, global approach to addressing air pollution, etc....)
- EB report, reflecting elements of the issues to be covered in the next review of the Gothenburg Protocol – although we may need some legal advice on this issue