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Workshop for journalists

Sava Centre

Tuesday, 9 October

On 9 October in Belgrade, Serbia, back-to-back with the Sixth Ministerial Conference "Environment for Europe", the UNECE is organizing a workshop for journalists.

The workshop will provide journalists from the UNECE region and other countries with information on the major issues that will be discussed at the Ministerial Conference, as well as on the "Environment for Europe" process and its role in addressing key environmental problems.

The workshop aims not only to raise the awareness of journalists on the issues to be addressed by the Belgrade Conference, but also to enhance their capacity to report on the key environmental issues and decisions to be adopted at the Conference.

It is expected that major outcomes of the workshop would be:

- Enhanced capacity of journalists in reporting on environmental issues
- Deepened understanding of participants on key environmental challenges and issues in the UNECE region
- Enhanced visibility of the Conference through effective media coverage.

The workshop will take place in the Sava Centre. The agenda will include short presentations on different subjects as outlined below and will also leave time for questions and discussions.

English/Russian interpretation will be provided.

Requests for more information on the workshop may be addressed to: info.ece@unece.org or efe@unece.org.

The workshop will be followed by a field trip to the Energy Efficiency Project site supported by the Clinical Centre in Belgrade. The project has significant environmental and social results that will be demonstrated to the journalists during their visit. The field trip is organized by the local World Bank office.

Additional questions may be addressed to:

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Each session will comprise a presentation by a key partner (up to 10 minutes) followed by a question-and-answer session.

9.30 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.	Welcoming remarks <i>Host country</i>
9.45 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.	Introduction to the Conference and the EfE process <i>Mr. Kaj Barlund, Director, Environment, Housing and Land Management Division (EHLM), UNECE</i>
OUR ENVIRONMENT: WHERE WE ARE NOW?	
10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	State of the Environment (Belgrade Assessment) <i>Mr. David Stanners, Head of Programme, European Environment Agency</i>
10.30 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.	First Assessment of Transboundary Rivers, Lakes and Groundwaters in the UNECE Region <i>Ms. Francesca Bernardini, Secretary of the UNECE Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, EHLM</i>
10.45 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.	Environmental Policy in EECCA countries <i>Mr. Brendan Gillespie, Head of Division, EAP Task Force Secretariat/OECD</i>
11.15 a.m. – 11.45 a.m.	Environmental Policy in South-Eastern Europe <i>Mr. Garret Tankosic Kelly, Resident Representative a.i., and Mr. Jernej Stritih, Regional Expert, UNDP-Montenegro</i>
OUR ENVIRONMENT: WHAT ACTIONS ARE WE TAKING?	
Noon – 12.30 p.m.	Education for Sustainable Development <i>Mr. Michael Scoullos, Steering Committee of the UNECE Strategy on Education for Sustainable Development</i>
12.30 p.m. – 1 p.m.	Multilateral Environmental Agreements and Environmental Performance Reviews <i>Ms. Christina von Schweinichen Deputy Director, EHLM/UNECE</i>
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
2 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	Biodiversity <i>Ms. Ivonne Higuero, Coordinator, Pan-European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy, UNEP/ROE</i>
OUR ENVIRONMENT: WHAT IS THE ROAD AHEAD?	
2.30 p.m. – 2.50 p.m.	Are we wasting energy? <i>Mr. Gianluca Sambucini, Project Manager, Energy Efficiency 21 (EE21), Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE</i>
2.50 p.m. – 3.10 p.m.	Can we afford a better environment? <i>Mr. Dieter Hesse, Senior Economic Adviser, EHLM/UNECE</i>
3.10 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Do partnerships make a difference? <i>Ms. Monika Linn, Team Leader, Environment for Europe and Sustainable Development Team, EHLM/UNECE</i>
3.45 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.	CLOSING REMARKS AND FINAL DISCUSSION

Side Events by UNECE

Some of these events are organized in cooperation with other EFE Partners

	Event title	Purpose	Type	Organiser	Venue
Tuesday, 9 October 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.					
1	The “Environment for Europe” process and Sixth Ministerial Conference: workshop for journalists from the UNECE region	To raise the awareness of journalists from the UNECE region on the issues to be addressed by the Belgrade Conference and enhance their capacity to report on the key environmental issues and decisions to be adopted at the Conference.	One-day workshop for journalists	UNECE info.eca@unece.org	Media Centre 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Wednesday, 10 October, 1 p.m. - 2.30 p.m.					
2	Future directions after 10 years of implementation of the Espoo Convention	To take stock of relevant experience with the implementation of the Espoo Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in a Transboundary Context and discuss future directions	Informal panel discussion	UNECE nicholas.bonvoisin@unece.org	Amphitheatre 1 p.m. - 2.30 p.m.
3	ESD in addressing energy production and consumption	To share the knowledge and experiences in the UNECE region on the role of ESD in addressing the production and consumption of energy and discuss how these can contribute to the achievement of progress at the global level.	Ministerial panel discussion	UNECE francesca.cenni@unece.org	Room 3/0 1 p.m. - 2.30 p.m.
4	UNECE Protocol on PRTRs: ready for take-off	To promote ratification and future implementation of the UNECE Kiev Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers to the Aarhus Convention.	Expert panel discussion	UNECE and the Federal Ministry of the Environment Switzerland (FOEN) michael.stanley-jones@unece.org	Room 3/1 1 p.m. - 2.30 p.m.
5	Assessment of the status of transboundary waters in the UNECE region	To share information on status of transboundary water resources; analysis of achievements under the UNECE Water Convention to reduce transboundary impact and future priority tasks. Launching of First Assessment of Transboundary Rivers, Lakes and Groundwaters in the UNECE region.	High Level Panel discussion	UNECE rainer.enderlein@unece.org francesca.bernardini@unece.org ella.behlyarova@unece.org	Japanese Salon 1 p.m. - 2.30 p.m.
Thursday, 11 October, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.					
6	Lessons, experiences and remaining challenges in implementing the Aarhus Convention: common approaches and best practices	To present and share results of recently implemented projects for the implementation of the Aarhus Convention, discuss achievements, difficulties and further needs for improving the implementation regarding the three pillars of the Convention	Interactive workshop with panel discussion	UNECE Aarhus Convention Secretariat and Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe (REC-CEE) mariana.bolshakova@unece.org	Room 5/1 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
7	Transboundary water cooperation in South-Eastern Europe: a key to development and security	To present and share experience on progress of cooperation on transboundary waters in South-Eastern Europe as well as challenges and future needed steps to strengthen joint management, sustainable development and security.	High Level Panel discussion	UNECE bo.libert@unece.org	Room 3/1 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
8	Environmental Performance Reviews: launch of the EPRs of Montenegro and Serbia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To launch of the Environmental Performance Reviews of Serbia, and of Montenegro and discussion on the main findings highlighted in the 2nd EPRs reports of the two countries, in particular on the implementation of the recommendations they contain; ➤ Two press conferences by high-level officials of the respective reviewed countries will be organized separately. 	Special Press Conference	UNECE, Serbia, Montenegro catherine.masson@unece.org	Japanese Salon 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
9	Discussion on the work programme for implementation of the proposed Belgrade SEA Initiative	Brainstorming the work programme and the initiation of implementation of the proposed Belgrade SEA Initiative	Expert meeting by invitation	UNECE in collaboration with UNDP and REC-CEE nicholas.bonvoisin@unece.org	Hotel Continental Baltic 1.00 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.
Thursday, 11 October, after 7 p.m.					
10	Payments for ecosystem services: a tool for improving integrated water resources management	Presentation of the Recommendations on payments for ecosystem services in integrated water resources management. Discussion on the potential of PES as a tool for financing environmental protection: challenges and opportunities.	High level panel discussion	UNECE francesca.bernardini@unece.org	Room 5/1 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.
11	The challenge of meeting the water related millennium development goals in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia	To discuss progress in achieving the water-related MDG's and Integrated Water Resources Management in EECCA and the contributions to these objectives that the EU Water Initiative is providing.	Workshop	UNECE, OECD and European Commission francesca.bernardini@unece.org	Room 6/1 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.
Friday, 12 October, before 9.30 a.m.					
12	Implementation of the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment: from Kiev to Belgrade and beyond	To present progress with implementation of the Protocol on SEA, mainly in EECCA and South-East Europe, and to propose a way forward for improving implementation, including a possible work programme for the proposed Belgrade SEA Initiative (and so with emphasis on EECCA)	Workshop – informal presentations	UNECE in collaboration with UNDP and REC-CEE nicholas.bonvoisin@unece.org	Room 3/0 8 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.
13	Dniester cooperation between Moldova and Ukraine, ENVSEC Assessment of Eastern Europe	To give information on progress of transboundary cooperation on the Dniester river basin and on further ENVSEC activities in Eastern Europe.	Panel	UNECE bo.libert@unece.org	UNEP EEA UNDP joint stand 9 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.