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BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS UNDER ITEM 5

The Convention 10 years after its entry into force: future directions

Transboundary environmental impact assessment (EIA) and biodiversity

Ms. Joanna Treweek is an independent ecologist specialising in biodiversity-inclusive impact assessment at both project- and strategic levels. She combines work as an impact assessment practitioner with work in training and capacity building. For the past three years she has managed a capacity building programme for biodiversity in impact assessment for the International Association for Impact Assessment, where trans-boundary issues relating to biodiversity were a recurring theme. She is currently working on biodiversity aspects of EIA in West Africa and is a member of the Technical Steering Committee for the Business and Biodiversity Offsets Program.

Environmental assessment and climate change

Ms. Elizabeth Wilson is Principal Lecturer in Environmental Planning at Oxford Brookes University in the United Kingdom, as well as Director of Post-graduate Programmes in the University's School of Built Environment. Her teaching interests cover sustainability, climate change, environmental appraisal, spatial planning and governance. Whereas her research interests and consultancy expertise includes the spatial planning response to climate change in the United Kingdom and Europe; environmental appraisal of plans, and "futures-thinking" and scenarios. For example, her recent work on behalf of Government has addressed biodiversity-, urban- and spatial-planning responses to climate change, topics on which she has written extensively.

EIA and strategic environmental assessment (SEA), notably their interrelationship and their role as instruments for sustainable development

Mr. William Sheate is Reader in Environmental Assessment in the Centre for Environmental Policy at Imperial College London, and an Associate with Collingwood Environmental Planning, a consultancy company. He has some

25 years' experience – in academia, consultancy and the voluntary sector – in the development, implementation and application of EIA and SEA legislation in Europe, including leading a number of major EU research projects on environmental and sustainability assessment and providing advice to companies, agencies and governments. He specialises in the research/practice interface of environmental policy and law with EIA, SEA, and sustainability assessment, and the relationship with other assessment and management tools. He is founder and Editor of the Journal of Environmental Assessment Policy and Management; a member of the academic panel of a legal chambers in London; and an Honorary Senior Fellow in the School of Environment and Development at the University of Manchester, also in the United Kingdom.

Promoting subregional cooperation, with a focus on the Black Sea subregion

Mr. Lyudmil Ikonov is Executive Director of the Institute for Ecological Modernisation, a Bulgarian-American-Dutch joint venture operating in South-East Europe. He graduated from the Faculty of Naval Architecture in the Technical University of Varna in Bulgaria and then studied fluid mechanics as a postgraduate student in the Marine University of St. Petersburg in the Russian Federation. He is an international environmental researcher and consultant with over 30 years' professional experience, including in monitoring and assisting the implementation of and compliance with multilateral environmental agreements. He has also been licensed by the Bulgarian Ministry of Environment and Waters as an independent expert and leader of expert teams on EIA and SEA. Mr Ikonov has been the leader of more than 80 projects in the field of EIA, SEA and Contingency Planning. And he is a co-author of the guide "Methods and Tools for Practical Application of the Espoo Convention in Romania and Bulgaria", published in 2005.

Statement on behalf of the NGOs represented at the meeting.

Mr. Andriy Andrusevych is Assistant Professor and a lecturer in the International Law Department, Faculty of International Relations, Ivan Franko Lviv National University in Ukraine. He is co-founder and Governing Board member of the Resource & Analysis Center "Society and Environment", a Ukrainian non-profit environmental think-tank organization. As law expert he has been member of the European ECO Forum delegation at various meetings under Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters and the Espoo Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context. European ECO Forum is a coalition of environmental NGOs from all around Europe. Since 2003 he has consistently represented European ECO Forum at Espoo Convention negotiations.

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