

## **AARHUS CONVENTION CAPACITY BUILDING COORDINATION Eleventh meeting**

to be held in Salle XXVII, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland,  
on 9 October 2018, Tuesday, starting at 4.30 p.m.

### **Provisional agenda**

#### **4:30-4:45 Opening**

Opening remarks  
Introduction of the participants  
Adoption of the agenda

#### **4:45-6:10 Activities relating to the implementation of the Convention**

The secretariat and partner organizations will take stock and explore opportunities for cooperation within ongoing initiatives and events to support the implementation of the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs in the light of the decisions of the Meetings of the Parties to the Convention and the Protocol adopted at the latest sessions (Budva, Montenegro, 14-15 September 2017), 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Working Group of the Parties (Geneva, 19-21 June 2018) and upcoming 2019 in-depth review of the progress towards Sustainable Development Goals.

The discussion will focus on the following thematic areas:

- Overall implementation of the Convention and its relevance to SDGs implementation, follow up and review;
- Access to information, including electronic information tools and pollutant release and transfer registers;
  - Public participation in decision-making;
  - Access to justice;
  - Genetically modified organisms;
  - Public participation in international forums;
  - Compliance with the Convention.

#### **Background documents<sup>1</sup>:**

- [Your Right to Build a Sustainable Future: Aarhus Convention, its Protocol on PRTRs and the Sustainable Development Goals](http://www.unece.org/env/pp/aarhusmop6&prtrmopp3/main.html#/) (ECE/MP.PP/2017/18–ECE/MP.PRTR/2017/4)
- Convention's Work Programme for 2018-2021 (Decision VI/5, ECE/MP.PP/2017/2/Add.1)
- Strategic Plan for 2015-2020 (Decision V/5, ECE/MP.PP/2014/2/Add.1)

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<sup>1</sup> Documents are available from <http://www.unece.org/env/pp/aarhusmop6&prtrmopp3/main.html#/> and <http://www.unece.org/env/pp/aarhusmop5&prtrmopp2/main.html> respectively.

- Report on capacity-building (ECE/MP.PP/2017/7) and its accompanying document (AC/MOP-6/Inf.2)
- Protocol's Work Programme for 2017-2021 (Decision III/2, ECE/MP.PRTR/2017/6/Add.1)
- Protocol's Strategic Plan for 2015-2020 (Decision II/2, ECE/MP.PRTR/2014/4/Add.2)

6:10-6:25 **Activities relating to Convention's outreach to other regions and the implementation of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration**

The UNECE Secretariat and partner organisations are expected to provide information on activities relating to Convention's outreach to other regions and the implementation of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration.

6:25-6:30 **Conclusions and closing remarks**