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Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention  
Task Force on Access to Justice  
Second meeting, Geneva, 10 – 12 September 2007

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE 2<sup>nd</sup> MEETING  
OF THE TASK FORCE ON ACCESS TO JUSTICE**

Palais des Nations, Geneva  
10 - 12 September 2007

**MONDAY, 10 September 2007**

***Morning session (10.00am – 1.00pm)***

10.00 – 10.10am      Opening and Welcome

*Chair: Mr. Håkan Bengtsson, Sweden*

**“MINI CONFERENCE”:**

**“Opening the doors to justice: the challenge of strengthening public access”**

*Chair: Prof. Vasyl Kostytsky, Academic Director of the Institute of Legislative Initiative and Legal Assessment; Incoming judge at the Constitutional Court of Ukraine*

10.10 – 10.30 am      Key challenges in implementing access to justice – an overview (*Prof. Dr. Ludwig Kraemer, Universities of Bremen, Germany and Copenhagen, Denmark, former judge at the Landgericht Kiel, Germany*)

10.30 – 11.00 am      - Access for whom? – The issue of legal standing (*Ms. Carol Hatton, WWF-UK, United Kingdom*)  
- Effective remedies – Do they exist? (*Prof. Jan Darpö, University of Uppsala, Sweden*)

11.00 – 11.35 am	Plenary Discussion
11.35 – 11.55 am	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11.55 – 12.25 pm	- Public interest advocacy: a key to better implementation? ( <i>Ms Olga Melen, Lawyer, International Foundation Environment People Law, Ukraine</i> )  - The costs of justice and “Getting SLAPPED”( <i>Prof. John Bonine, University of Oregon, USA</i> )
12.25 – 1.00 pm	Plenary Discussion
1.00 – 3.00 pm	<i>Lunch Break</i>
<b><i>Afternoon Session (3.00pm – 6.00pm)</i></b>	
<u><i>Chair:</i></u> <i>Prof. Marc Pallemmaerts, Free University of Brussels, Belgium; Senior Fellow at the Institute of European Environmental Policy</i>	
3.00 – 3.15 pm	Providing access to justice in transboundary cases ( <i>Prof. Jonas Ebbesson, University of Stockholm, Sweden</i> )
3.15 – 3.25 pm	Plenary Discussion
3.25 – 3.50 pm	Implementation challenges in the regions and how to address them? ( <i>Prof. Svitlana Kravchenko, University of Oregon, USA; Dr. Csaba Kiss, Environmental Management and Law Association, Hungary</i> )
3.50 – 4.15 pm	Plenary Discussion
4.15 – 4.30 pm	<i>Coffee break</i>
4.30 – 5.10 pm	Judges and the Convention – how the judiciary can further the implementation of the third pillar: An EU perspective and an EECCA perspective ( <i>Hon. Luc Lavrysen, Constitutional Court, Belgium, Hon. Vera Macinskaia, Supreme Court, Moldova</i> )
	Enhancing the capacity of judiciaries:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The role of judicial training centres (<i>Ms Iryna Voytyuk, President of the Academy of Justice, Ukraine</i>)</li> <li>• Networking and sharing of experiences (<i>Hon. William Birtles, South Eastern Circuit Court, United Kingdom</i>)</li> </ul>
5.10 – 5.45 pm	Plenary Discussion
5.45 – 6.00 pm	Concluding remarks by the Chairpersons
6.00 pm	Closing of the “Mini-Conference”

## **TUESDAY, 11 September 2007**

### ***Morning session (10.00 am – 1.00 pm)***

- 10.00 – 10.10 am Adoption of the agenda.
- 10.10 – 10.20 am Election of Vice-Chair(s)
- 10.20 – 11.20 am Relevant developments
- 11.20 – 11.40 am *Coffee Break*
- 11.40 – 1.00 pm Information, training and analytical materials and activities:
- a) Report on workshop for the high-level judiciary in Kiev
  - b) Other capacity building activities, in particular workshops in Central Asia and South Eastern Europe
- 1.00 – 3.00 pm *Lunch Break*

### ***Afternoon session (3.00 pm – 6.00 pm)***

- 3.00 – 3.45 pm Information, training and analytical materials and activities (continued):
- c) Comprehensive analysis in order to identify gaps in materials related to the various elements contained in article 9
- 3.45 – 4.00 pm Mechanisms for information exchange and dissemination
- 4.00 – 4.20 pm *Coffee Break*
- 4.20 – 5.10 pm Alternative Dispute Resolution
- 5.10 – 6.00 pm Remedies and Assistance Mechanisms

## **WEDNESDAY, 12 September 2007**

### ***Morning session (10.00 am – 1.00 pm)***

- 10.00 – 11.30 am Future work of the Task Force
- 11.30 – 12.00 pm *Coffee Break*
- 12.00 – 1.00 pm
- a) Any other business
  - b) Adoption of Report
- 1.00 pm Closing of the Meeting