

**MISSION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE AARHUS CONVENTION
COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE AND UNECE SECRETARIAT**

Ashgabat, Turkmenistan

19-21 April 2011

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 19 April 2011		
09.30 -12.00	<p>High level segment Venue: Ministry for Nature Protection</p>	<p>Participants:</p> <p>(a) Officials and experts from Turkmenistan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister for Nature Protection • High level officials and other representatives from the following ministries and organizations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ministry of Foreign Affairs ○ Minister for Justice ○ Minister for Nature Protection ○ Minister for Education ○ Ministers responsible for economic and social development ○ Centre for Human Rights and Democracy <p>(b) Members of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee</p> <p>(c) UNECE secretariat</p>
12.00-14.00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14.00 - 18.00	<p>Working session with drafters of the Law on Public Associations Venue: Ministry for Nature Protection</p>	<p>Participants :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drafters of Turkmenistan's Law on Public Associations • Members of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee • UNECE secretariat

Wednesday, 20 April 2011		
09.00-10.30	Meeting with civil society Venue: To be confirmed	Participants : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representatives of civil society of Turkmenistan, including environmental non-governmental organizations • Members of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee • UNECE secretariat
10.30-13.00	Multi-stakeholder training on the Aarhus Convention Venue: To be confirmed	Participants : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representatives of civil society, including environmental non-governmental organizations of Turkmenistan • Representatives of local authorities and ministry officials of Turkmenistan involved in planning and permitting decisions • Public interest lawyers and representatives of Bar Associations • Professors in environmental law and environmental management of Turkmenistan • Members of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee • UNECE secretariat
13.00-14.00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14.00-18.00	Multi-stakeholder training on the Aarhus Convention (continued)	As above

Thursday, 21 April 2010		
09.00-13.00	Special training for judiciary Venue: To be confirmed	Participants : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judges dealing with environmental matters from Turkmenistan, from all judicial levels (Supreme Court, High Commercial Court, Ashgabad City Courts and any other courts or tribunals judging environmental matters) • Members of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee • UNECE secretariat
13.00-15.00	<i>Lunch</i>	
15.00-17.00	Wrap-up meeting Venue: Ministry of Nature Protection	Participants: <p>(a) Officials and experts from Turkmenistan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister for Nature Protection • Representatives from the following ministries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ministry of Foreign Affairs ○ Ministry for Justice ○ Ministry for Nature Protection ○ Ministry for Education ○ Ministry responsible for economic and social development <p>(b) Members of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee</p> <p>(c) UNECE secretariat</p>