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Dates	Title	Comments
4-6 Cracow, Poland	21st Task Force meeting of ICP Materials <i>Focal point:</i> Matti Johansson <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2358 <i>E-mail:</i> matti.johansson@unece.org	The meeting reviews the effects of air pollution on materials, including historic and cultural monuments, with particular emphasis on the statistical evaluation of multi-pollutant effects and the initiation of a new exposure programme this year. This International Cooperative Programme (ICP) operates under the Working Group on Effects of the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (LRTAP). <i>Web site:</i> http://www.corr-institute.se/ICP-Materials/
5 (3 p.m.)	Briefing by Executive Secretary to Missions <i>Focal point:</i> Susan Bartolo <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 14 69 <i>E-mail:</i> susan.bartolo@unece.org	Room VIII.
5-6 Essen, Germany	10th UNECE Gas Centre Task Force meeting on the Implementation of the EU Gas Directives <i>Focal point:</i> Tans van Kleef <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2443 <i>E-mail:</i> tans.van-kleef@unece.org	<i>Web site:</i> http://www.gascentre.unece.org
5 (pm)-8	Working Party on Lighting and Light-Signalling, 54th session <i>Focal point:</i> Romain Hubert <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2402 <i>E-mail:</i> romain.hubert@unece.org	As subsidiary body to the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29), GRE will resume, during its 54th session, the consideration on a range of items proposed to improve regulatory provisions concerning the lighting and light-signalling devices of wheeled vehicles. GRE will consider, amongst others, proposals on an emergency brake light display (EBLD), on adaptive front-lighting systems (AFS) as well as a proposal for a global technical regulation (gtr) concerning the installation requirements for lighting and light-signalling devices. <i>Web site:</i> http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29wgs/wp29gre/greage.html
7 (pm)	Making the WTO Doha Round more accessible: presenting the AITIC Glossary of commonly used international trade terms with particular reference to the WTO <i>Focal point:</i> Azhar Jaimurzina <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2660 <i>E-mail:</i> azhar.jaimurzina@unece.org	This event, of particular interest to CIS countries, will launch the Russian version of the <i>Glossary of commonly used international trade terms with particular reference to the WTO</i> , prepared by the Agency for International Trade Information and Cooperation (AITIC).

* Not an official record; for information only. Unless otherwise specified, meetings are held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

<p>7-8 Chisinau</p>	<p>Project meeting: Transboundary Cooperation and Sustainable Management of the Dniester River <i>Focal point:</i> Bo Libert <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2396 <i>E-mail:</i> bo.libert@unece.org</p>	<p>Web site: http://dniester.org/</p>
<p>11-13 11-12</p>	<p>Steering Committee for Transport, Environment and Health Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) <i>Focal point:</i> Tea Aulavuo <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 1723 <i>E-mail:</i> tea.aulavuo@unece.org</p>	<p>At its third session, THE PEP Steering Committee will review progress in the implementation of the activities in its work programme, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - THE PEP Clearing House, which has started its pilot operation phase in early 2005; - Series of workshops on sustainable urban transport (with a particular focus on EECCA); - Analysis of transport related health impacts and their costs; - Guidance on safe walking and cycling in urban areas; - Guidance on supportive institutional conditions for integrated policy and decision-making; - Guidance on energy efficient driving behaviour. <p>In addition, the Committee will hold preliminary discussions on the preparation of the Third High-level Meeting on Transport, Environment and Health, to be held in 2007 and discuss future directions for THE PEP. <i>Web site:</i> http://www.thepep.org</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>Ad Hoc Sessions on the implementation of two individual THE PEP projects <i>Focal point:</i> Tea Aulavuo <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 1723 <i>E-mail:</i> tea.aulavuo@unece.org</p>	<p>(10-13 hrs): Follow-up activities to the project on “Transport related health impacts and their costs and benefits with particular focus on children”. (14-17 hrs): Pilot operation of the Clearing House on Transport, Environment and Health (feedback on the design, content and additional services).</p>
<p>11-14</p>	<p>Expert Meeting on Statistics and Data on Violence against Women <i>Focal point:</i> Angela Me <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 1666 <i>E-mail:</i> angela.me@unece.org</p>	<p>The meeting is jointly organized by the Division for the Advancement of Women of DESA, ECE Statistical Division, and WHO. Its main objectives are to review existing initiatives to collect data and statistics on violence against women (VAW) and to develop recommendations on how to improve data on VAW through administrative sources and survey programmes. The outputs will also include an agreement on a small set of indicators to be used for global monitoring.</p>
<p>11-15</p>	<p>Specialized Section on Standardization of Meat <i>Focal point:</i> Tom Heilandt <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2450 <i>E-mail:</i> tom.heilandt@unece.org</p>	<p>The main topics will be the finalization of the revision of the UNECE Standard for Porcine Meat and the start of discussions on new standards for turkey and goat meat. <i>Web site:</i> http://www.unece.org/trade/agr/meetings/ge.11/a2005_14.htm</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>Side event during CSD-13 on the protection and wise-use of water-related ecosystems <i>Focal point:</i> Rainer Enderlein and Francesca Bernardini <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2373 / 2463 <i>E-mail:</i> rainer.enderlein@unece.org & francesca.bernardini@unece.org</p>	<p>The side event, organized by the UNECE Water Convention secretariat, the Swiss Agency for the Environment, Forests and Landscape and the secretariat of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, will promote the advantages for water management related to the protection and sustainable use of water-related ecosystems. It will present recent trends and specific tools to implement the ecosystem approach.</p>

<p>12-13 Bonn, Germany</p>	<p>8th Joint Task Force meeting on the Health Aspects of Air Pollution <i>Focal point:</i> Matti Johansson <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2358 <i>E-mail:</i> matti.johansson@unece.org</p>	<p>The meeting reviews the two draft reports on health risks of particulate matter and ozone from long-range transboundary air pollution. This Task Force, operating under the Working Group on Effects of the LRTAP Convention, is jointly set up by the Convention and WHO. <i>Web site:</i> http://www.euro.who.int/eprise/main/WHO/Progs/AIQ/Activities/20020419_1</p>
<p>13-15</p>	<p>Working Group on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers <i>Focal point:</i> Michael Stanley-Jones <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2442 <i>E-mail:</i> michael.stanley-jones@unece.org</p>	<p>The Working Group will review the draft guidance on the Protocol on PRTRs and analyses of options for rules of procedure and a compliance mechanism to the Protocol. Relevant documents can be found at: http://www.unece.org/env/pp/prtr.docs.htm</p>
<p>18-20 Bratislava</p>	<p>ECE/Eurostat/OECD Meeting on Management of Statistical Information Systems (MSIS 2005) <i>Focal point:</i> Juraj Riecan <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 3328 <i>E-mail:</i> juraj.riecan@unece.org</p>	<p>The main objectives of the meeting are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To provide a forum for the exchange of experiences among informatics managers from government and international statistical agencies; - To coordinate activities in the area of statistical information systems; - To discuss and make available practices in the management of statistical information processing; - To facilitate and encourage the implementation of standards and recommendations in the field of statistical computing in the UNECE region. <p>The agenda of the 2005 meetings focuses on IT governance in statistical offices and development strategies. <i>Web site:</i> http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2005.04.msis.htm</p>
<p>18 (pm) -22</p>	<p>Working Party on General Safety Provisions, 88th session <i>Focal point:</i> Juan Ramos García <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 1998 <i>E-mail:</i> juan.ramos.garcia@unece.org</p>	<p>GRSG, a subsidiary body of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29), will consider, at its 88th session, a range of amendments to UNECE Regulations related to vehicle general safety requirements, in particular buses and coaches, frontal collision of buses, protection against unauthorized use, drivers' field of vision as well as safety glazing and identification of controls, tell-tales and indicators (including their worldwide harmonization). <i>Web site:</i> http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29wgs/wp29grsg/grsgage.html</p>
<p>19-21 Novy Urengoy, Russian Federation</p>	<p>10th UNECE Gas Centre High-Level Conference on Natural Gas Production <i>Focal point:</i> Tans van Kleef <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2443 <i>E-mail:</i> tans.van-kleef@unece.org</p>	<p><i>Web site:</i> http://www.gascentre.unece.org</p>
<p>21 (3 p.m.) WTO Head- quarters (Room D)</p>	<p>Workshop on “Trade Facilitation: A tool for development” <i>Focal point:</i> Lorenza Jachia <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 5593 <i>E-mail:</i> lorenza.jachia@unece.org</p>	<p>Organized jointly by the UNECE Trade, Development and Timber Division and the Agency for International Trade Information and Cooperation (AITIC) within the WTO Public Symposium. The objective of the workshop is to familiarize participants with the work by the UNECE and other organizations to develop trade-facilitation instruments. These include international conventions, standards and recommendations that aim at simplifying, harmonizing and automating procedures, information flows and paperwork in international trade. These activities will be placed within the context of WTO negotiations that have started in 2004. The workshop will also highlight the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Specific needs of transition economies - Issues relating to landlocked countries

		<p>- Capacity-building for trade facilitation Practitioners, policy-makers, NGOs, the business community, scholars, as well as the Permanent Missions to the United Nations and to the WTO are invited to participate.</p> <p>Web site: http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/events_e/symp05_e/pr_ogramme_2005_e.doc</p>
25-27	<p>UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Monitoring Forest Resources for Sustainable Forest Management in the UNECE Region</p> <p><i>Focal point:</i> Alexander Korotkov <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 28 79 <i>E-mail:</i> alexander.korotkov@unece.org</p>	<p>Web site: http://www.unece.org/trade/timber/FRA%20ToS%20Web/meetings/Geneva%20Apr2005/meetApr2005.htm</p>
25-29	<p>25-26 Meeting of Signatories to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment</p> <p><i>Focal point:</i> Wiecher Schrage <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2448 <i>E-mail:</i> wiecher.schrage@unece.org</p>	<p>The meeting is expected to start the preparations for the first Meeting of the Parties to the SEA Protocol. Representatives will inform the meeting about the ratification process in their countries. The meeting will decide about the content of the work plan and the budget.</p> <p>Web site: http://www.unece.org/env/eia/mos.html</p>
	<p>27-29 Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment</p> <p><i>Focal point:</i> Wiecher Schrage <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2448 <i>E-mail:</i> wiecher.schrage@unece.org</p>	<p>The Working Group will discuss the practical experience with the application of the EIA Convention. Central Asian countries will report on activities to further implement the Convention. It will also review the implementation of the work plan as adopted by the Meeting of the Parties.</p> <p>Web site: http://www.unece.org/env/eia/workinggroup.htm</p>
25-29 Berlin	<p>25-27 15th Workshop of the Coordination Center for Effects (CCE)</p> <p><i>Focal point:</i> Matti Johansson <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2358 <i>E-mail:</i> matti.johansson@unece.org</p>	<p>The workshop reviews recent calls for data on critical loads for sulphur, nitrogen and heavy metals, and on dynamic acidification modelling indicators, i.a. target loads. A special session addresses nitrogen related modelling and mapping. CCE operates for ICP Modelling and Mapping under the Working Group on Effects of the LRTAP Convention.</p> <p>Web site: http://www.rivm.nl/cce/</p>
	<p>28-29 21st Task Force meeting of ICP Modelling and Mapping</p> <p><i>Focal point:</i> Matti Johansson <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2358 <i>E-mail:</i> matti.johansson@unece.org</p>	<p>The meeting reviews the recent activities on the modelling and mapping of critical levels and loads and air pollution effects, risks and trends, with particular emphasis on new maps of critical and target loads and nitrogen-related developments. This ICP operates under the Working Group on Effects of the LRTAP Convention.</p> <p>Web site: http://www.oekodata.com/icpmapping/index.html</p>
26	<p>UNECE-OSCE Workshop on a Joint Early Warning Mechanism in the Economic and Environmental Dimension</p> <p><i>Focal point:</i> Marton Krasznai <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2760 <i>E-mail:</i> marton.krasznai@unece.org</p>	<p>Objective: On the basis of the Progress Report circulated to Missions in Vienna and Geneva after the first UNECE-OSCE workshop held in November 2004 in Vienna, to develop a proposal for a two-year trial implementation of a joint early warning mechanism.</p> <p>Web site: http://www.unece.org/press/specialevent/EW_workshop_agenda.pdf</p>
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27-28	International Coal Mine Methane Project Network Partnership Meeting <i>Focal point:</i> Charlotte Griffiths <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 1988 <i>E-mail:</i> charlotte.griffiths@unece.org	This is a meeting of the Methane to Markets Partnership Subcommittee on Underground Coal Mines (also referred to as the Coal Mine Methane Subcommittee), which focuses on methane recovery and use from underground coal mines. Although membership in the Subcommittee is limited to government officials or designated representatives, a Project Network has been created to serve as an informal mechanism to facilitate communication, project development and implementation, and private sector involvement. <i>Web site:</i> http://www.unece.org/ie/se/coal/cmm.html
29	Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane, Task Force on Mine Safety <i>Focal point:</i> Charlotte Griffiths <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 1988 <i>E-mail:</i> charlotte.griffiths@unece.org	This is the first session of the Task Force on Mine Safety. The purpose of this meeting is to launch a new programme of work to focus on establishing the link between the economic benefits of a safe working environment in a coal mine and the capture and use of coal mine methane. <i>Web site:</i> http://www.unece.org/ie/se/coal/cmm.html

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