### CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

**March 2015**

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| 3               | Thirty-fifth meeting of the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention | S-4 | At its 35th meeting, the Bureau of the Aarhus Convention will consider a number of issues, including: (a) implementation of the work programme for 2015-2017; (b) future funding of the Convention; (c) agenda of the 19th meeting of the Working Group of the Parties; and (d) promotion of the Convention and its principles. Website: www.unece.org/index.php?id=38085#
|                 | Focal point: Ella Behlyarova |       | Phone: +41 (0)22 917 2376 |
|                 | Phone: +41 (0)22 917 2376 |       | E-mail: ella.behlyarova [at] unece.org |
|                 | Workshop on Big Data |       | The results so far of the UNECE Big Data project will be presented. The workshop will include discussions on next steps and coordination of big data activities by international organizations. The further development of the "sandbox", a shared computing environment for discovering the potential of big data, will also be considered. Website: www.cros-portal.eu/content/ntts-2015-satellite-workshop-big-data www1.unece.org/stat/platform/display/bigdata/2014+ Project |
| Brussels        | Focal point: Steven Vale |       | Phone: +41 (0)22 917 3285 |
|                 | Phone: +41 (0)22 917 3285 |       | E-mail: steven.vale [at] unece.org |
| 9               | Administrative Committee for the Coordination of Work | XII | At its 117th session, the Committee will consider the agenda for the 165th session of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29), as well as a draft agenda for the June 2015 session. AC.2 will provide recommendations to the World Forum on several items needing coordination among its 6 subsidiary Working Parties and its more than 40 informal working groups. Website: www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29wgs/wp29gen/wp29age.html |
|                 | Focal point: Walter Nissler |       | Phone: +41 (0)22 917 2366 |
|                 | Phone: +41 (0)22 917 2366 |       | E-mail: walter.nissler [at] unece.org |
| 10              | National workshop on the Water Convention in Jordan |       | The workshop will discuss the importance of legal frameworks for transboundary water cooperation to promote the sustainable management of transboundary waters. It will increase awareness and understanding of the Water Convention, its work as well as the possible benefits and added value for Jordan to accede to it. Website: www.unece.org/index.php?id=38324 |
| Amman           | Focal point: Chantal Demilecamps |       | Phone: +41 (0)22 917 2468 |
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| 10-13           | **World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations**  
*Focal point:* Walter Nissler  
*Phone:* +41 (0)22 917 2366  
*E-mail:* walter.nissler [at] unece.org | XII | The World Forum will consider its programme of work and is expected to adopt the report of 4 of its subsidiary Working Parties as well as oral reports of 4 of its subsidiary Working Parties. WP.29 will also consider the development of Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) and discuss autonomous vehicles.  
Under the 1958 Agreement, the agenda of the 165th session lists 38 amendments to existing UN Regulations. Amendments to the Agreement and a draft UN Regulation No. 0 for the purpose of the International Whole Vehicle Type Approval will also be considered.  
The global harmonization of vehicle regulations should continue to be considered in the framework of the 1998 Agreement. An amendment to the existing UN GTR No. 3 on motorcycle braking as well as an amendment to UN GTR No. 4 on the Worldwide Heavy-Duty Certification procedure will be considered for possible adoption. In addition, the status of the work on 9 priorities should also be considered as well as 8 items on which the exchange of information and data will continue.  
Regarding the 1997 Agreement on Periodical Technical Inspections (PTI) of Vehicles in use, it is expected to adopt by vote amendments to the two UN Rules annexed to the 1997 Agreement. WP.29 agreed to also consider the future of the Agreement.  
WP.29 is also expected to adopt an amendment to the Consolidated Resolution No. 3 on the Construction of Vehicles.  
During the World Forum session, the Administrative Committee of the 1958 Agreement (AC.1), the Executive Committee of the 1998 Agreement (AC.3) and the Administrative Committee of the 1997 Agreement (AC.4) will convene to vote the above-mentioned proposals.  
The agenda and the documents could be consulted in the World Forum website.  
| 16(pm)-19       | **Joint Meeting of the Extended Bureaux of EMEP Steering Body and Working Group on Effects (Air Convention)**  
*Focal point:* Krzysztof Olenndrzynski  
*Phone:* +41 (0)22 917 2722  
*E-mail:* krzysztof.olenndrzynski [at] unece.org | XI | Representatives of the centres under EMEP and the Working Group on Effects will present the highlights of their activities in 2015 and the expected outputs, for consideration by the Bureaux of the EMEP Steering Body and the Working Group on Effects.  
| 17(pm)          | **Executive Body Bureau (Air Convention)**  
*Focal point:* Albena Karadjova  
*Phone:* +41 (0)22 917 2345  
*E-mail:* albena.karadjova [at] unece.org | IV | The Bureau will discuss the follow-up to decisions by the Executive Body at its thirty-third session in December 2014 and matters in relation to the implementation of the 2014-2015 workplan and the preparation for the 2016-2017 workplan.  
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| 17 Bishkek     | Twelfth meeting of the Steering Committee of the National Policy Dialogue on Integrated Water Resources Management  
*Focal point:* Peep Mardiste  
*Phone:* +41 (0)22 917 3448  
*E-mail:* peep.mardiste [at] unece.org | — | The main purpose of this biannual meeting is to discuss the state of national water resources management policy. A draft study on the most suitable irrigation technologies will be presented.  
*Website:* [www.unece.org/env/water/npd/countrydialogues/kg](http://www.unece.org/env/water/npd/countrydialogues/kg) |
| 17             | ECE/FAO Workshop “Threats to Sustainability of the Forest Sector Workforce”  
*Focal point:* Elina Warsta  
*Phone:* +41 (0)22 917 2872  
*E-mail:* elina.warsta [at] unece.org | V | Website: [www.unece.org/index.php?id=37793](http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=37793) |
| 17             | ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Products  
*Focal point:* Alex McCusker  
*Phone:* +41 (0)22 917 2880  
*E-mail:* alex.mccusker [at] unece.org | S-4 | The Team of Specialists brings together people interested in forest products statistics to improve data collection, reliability and relevance.  
| 17-19          | Implementation Committee (Espoo Convention and Protocol on SEA)  
*Focal point:* Aphrodite Smagadi  
*Phone:* +41 (0)22 917 3294  
*E-mail:* aphrodite.smagadi [at] unece.org | VIII | The Implementation Committee’s objective is to review compliance by the Parties with their obligations under the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment, with a view to assisting them fully to meet their commitments.  
At its thirty-third session, the Committee is expected to follow up, in closed session with decision VI/2 with regard to actions to be taken by individual Parties; to consider general and specific compliance issues identified in the fourth review of implementation of the Convention and the second review of implementation of the Protocol; and to discuss revised versions of the questionnaires on the review of implementation of the Convention and the Protocol for the next reporting period.  
In addition, the United Kingdom has been invited to attend part of the session and present to the Committee information and opinions on the Committee initiative with regard to its compliance with the Convention.  
Finally, the Committee will consider information gathered regarding Ukraine, Serbia, the Netherlands, and Bosnia and Herzegovina.  
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| 17-25 Minsk    | Review mission for the third Environmental Performance Review of Belarus  
**Focal point:** Antoine Nunes  
**Phone:** +41 (0)22 917 2351  
**E-mail:** antoine.nunes [at] unece.org | — | The review mission takes place following the request from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of Belarus to UNECE to undertake a third Environmental Performance Review of the country.  
The review team will meet governmental officials, NGOs, business, academia and international organizations active in Belarus to assess progress in environmental protection and sustainable development made by the country since the second review carried out in 2005 and develop recommendations for future action.  
**Website:** [www.unece.org/env/epr.html](http://www.unece.org/env/epr.html) |
**Focal point:** Florian Steierer  
**Phone:** +41 (0)22 917 1409  
**E-mail:** florian.steierer [at] unece.org | V | **Website:** [www.unece.org/index.php?id=37409](http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=37409) |
| 19-20          | Second Workshop on Transboundary Flood Risk Management  
**Focal point:** Anna Kaplina  
**Phone:** +41 (0)22 917 4328  
**E-mail:** anna.kaplina [at] unece.org | VII | This workshop will provide a forum to exchange good practice examples of successful transboundary cooperation on flood risk reduction and management, analyse lessons learned from the latest flooding events in 2014, consider the experiences in the European Union during the implementation of the EU Floods Directive and review and update the recommendations of the first workshop, held in 2009.  
**Website:** [www.unece.org/index.php?id=37587](http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=37587) |
| 20             | Policy talk – International Day of Forests  
“Forests for Food – Food for Forests”  
**Focal point:** Yana Trofimova  
**Phone:** +41 (0)22 917 2407  
**E-mail:** yana.trofimova [at] unece.org | XIV | **Website:** [www.unece.org/index.php?id=38454](http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=38454) |
| 23             | Regional Consultation on Financing for Development  
**Focal point:** José Palacín  
**Phone:** +41 (0)22 917 1643  
**E-mail:** jose.palacin [at] unece.org | XXV | This regional consultation will take stock of trends and needs regarding financing sustainable development in the UNECE region. It will also discuss solutions to unlock private resources and ways to set conducive frameworks for resource mobilization and renew and strengthen the global partnership for development.  
The outcome of this regional consultation will be a chair's summary of the discussions which will serve as regional input to the debates at the Third International Conference on Financing for Development in Addis Ababa in July. The meeting will be jointly organized by UNECE and the R-UNDG.  
**Website:** [www.unece.org/index.php?id=38587](http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=38587) |
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| 23-26 | Working Party on Road Traffic Safety  
*Focal point:* Robert Nowak  
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*E-mail:* robert.nowak [at] unece.org | XI | WP.1 will continue to consider a variety of road safety policy tools. Its current agenda includes driver assistance systems, driving permits, variable message signs, multidisciplinary crash investigations, distracted driving and secure parking areas.  
On 23 March, WP.1 will hold a special round table on "Powered two wheelers and road safety".  
*Focal point:* Olivier Kervella  
*Phone:* +41 (0)22 917 2456  
*E-mail:* olivier.kervella [at] unece.org | — | Meeting organized jointly by UNECE and the Intergovernmental Organization for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) for the purpose of maintaining full harmonization between regulations applicable to the carriage of dangerous goods by rail (RID), by road (ADR) and by inland waterway (ADN) in the UNECE region.  
The Joint Meeting will discuss matters related to the carriage in tanks and questions related to ISO and EN standards which may be referred to in the regulations (with lunchtime working group sessions), as well as several documents concerning miscellaneous proposals of amendments to RID/ADR/ADN.  
*Website:* [www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/ac1/ac1age.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/ac1/ac1age.html) |
| 23-27 Chisinau | Hazard and crisis management week  
*Focal point:* Nikolay Savov  
*Phone:* +41 (0)22 917 1980  
*E-mail:* nikolay.savov [at] unece.org | — | The hazard and crisis management week, comprising of a workshop on hazard management, a table-top exercise and evaluation workshop addressing complacency, will be organized in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, in the week of 23 March 2015.  
The main purpose of the event is to review and finalise the draft national action plans for improving the crisis and hazard management in the Danube Delta, to finalize the trilateral agreement on cooperation related to industrial pollution crises and hazard management in the Danube Delta region, to review, test and improve the draft Joint Contingency Plan for the Danube Delta through a table-top exercise and to give feedback on the checklist for contingency planning for transboundary waters, developed by the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents.  
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<td>Fifth meeting of the Project Management Group for the Project on hazard and crisis management in the Danube Delta</td>
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<td>The fifth meeting of the Management Group of the project on hazard and crisis management in the Danube Delta for the Republic of Moldova, Romania and Ukraine is held back-to-back with the Hazard and Crisis Management Week (23-26 March 2014) and aims at agreeing on actions to take in the follow-up to the preceding event. In particular, participants will discuss and agree on the next steps to take for the update of the draft Joint Contingency Plan for the Danube Delta, including its testing during a field exercise in June 2015; and on the finalization and signing of the trilateral agreement at the final project workshop in September 2015. Website: <a href="http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=38475">www.unece.org/index.php?id=38475</a></td>
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<td>24-25</td>
<td>Compliance Committee (Protocol on Water &amp; Health)</td>
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<td>The main objective of the eleventh meeting of the Compliance Committee will be to discuss the preparations and the expected outcomes of a Consultation Process under the Committee, as well as to consider implementation of and compliance with the reporting requirements under the Protocol. Website: <a href="http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=37940">www.unece.org/index.php?id=37940</a></td>
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<td>24-27</td>
<td>Forty-eighth meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Aarhus Convention</td>
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<td>Among other things, the Committee will discuss in open session the subject matter of communications ACCC/C/2013/81 (Sweden) and ACCC/C/2013/98 (Lithuania). Also in open session, it will review any developments regarding decisions V/9a-n of the Meeting of the Parties concerning compliance by individual Parties and will continue its discussion of its modus operandi and the updating of the Guide to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee. It will also consider the admissibility of any new communications received. In closed session, the Committee will prepare its first progress reviews of decisions V/9a-n concerning the compliance by individual Parties. It will also continue its deliberations on communications ACCC/C/2012/69 (Romania), ACCC/C/2012/71 (Czech Republic), ACCC/C/2012/12/76 (Bulgaria), ACCC/C/2013/85 (United Kingdom), ACCC/C/2013/86 (United Kingdom), ACCC/C/2013/88 (Kazakhstan), ACCC/C/2013/89 (Slovakia), ACCC/C/2013/91 (United Kingdom), ACCC/C/2013/92 (Germany) and ACCC/C/2013/93 (Norway). Website: <a href="http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=36724">www.unece.org/index.php?id=36724</a></td>
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<td>26 Washington, D.C.</td>
<td>Joint UNECE/FAO/World Bank session “Improving Governance of Land Tenure in UNECE region” at the Annual World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty</td>
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<td>This session is aimed to discuss the cooperation on land administration and land management in the UNECE region. The focus of the discussion will be on experiences and achievements in improving governance of tenure of land in the UNECE region as well as on the next priorities of the cooperation between UNECE, FAO, the World Bank and other international organizations. Website: <a href="http://www.worldbank.org/en/events/2014/08/06/landconference2015">www.worldbank.org/en/events/2014/08/06/landconference2015</a></td>
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<td>Core Group on Reporting (Water Convention)</td>
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<td>The Core Group on Reporting was established by the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention through its Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management and mandated to prepare a proposal for a possible reporting mechanism under the Convention, taking into account the capacity of countries and other relevant reporting mechanisms. At its second meeting, the Core Group will discuss the draft template for the possible reporting mechanism and the comments received. Website: <a href="http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=38687">www.unece.org/index.php?id=38687</a></td>
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