

CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION AND USE OF TRANSBOUNDARY WATERCOURSES AND INTERNATIONAL LAKES

PROTOCOL ON WATER AND HEALTH

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JOINT BUREAUX MEETING

Second meeting
Geneva, 18 September 2008

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SECOND MEETING

Prepared by the joint secretariat

The second joint meeting of the Bureaux of the Water Convention and of the Protocol on Water and Health will take place in the Palais des Nations in room A-206. The meeting will be held on 18 September 2007 from 11.30 to 17.00.

The meeting will be held in English.

It will be devoted to (a) exchange information on activities carried out under one of the two bodies which have a relevance or need an input from the other body; (b) decisions on the future programme of work for activities on water and climate which are under both bodies, (c) promotion and communication of both the Convention and the Protocol on Water and Health.

The meeting will be co-chaired by the two chairpersons.

- 1. Adoption of the agenda**
(Thursday 18 September, 11.30-11.40)
- 2. Activities in the programme of work of the Water Convention which have relevance for the Protocol**
(Thursday 18 September, 11.40-12.30)

The two Bureaux will be informed about progress to date and future plans concerning the following activities carried out under the Water Convention:

- EU Water Initiative and National Policy Dialogues (secretariat);
- Project “Capacity for Water Cooperation” (CWC) (secretariat).
- Second Assessment of Transboundary Waters.¹

¹ An in depth discussion on the Assessment will also take place during the meeting of the Bureau of the Water Convention. The focus under this item should only be on the cooperation aspects.

3. Activities in the programme of work of the Protocol which have relevance for the Water Convention

(Thursday 18 September, 13.30-14.15)

The two Bureaux will be informed about progress to date and future plans concerning the following activities carried out under the Protocol:²

- Elaboration of guidelines for setting targets, indicators and reporting (Pierre Studer);
- Improved formulation of projects and Ad Hoc Project Facilitation Mechanism (Kjetil Tveitan/Secretariat).

4. Common activity: water and climate adaptation

(Thursday 18 September, 14.15-14.45)

As decided at the last Bureau meeting and endorsed by the Working Group on Water and Health, the Task Force on Water and Climate Change under the Water Convention (lead by the Netherlands and Germany) and the Task Force on Extreme Weather Events (lead by Italy) under the Protocol are currently collaborating in the development of a guidance on Water and Climate Adaptation for presentation and possible adoption by the two Meetings of the Parties (Water Convention in November 2009, Protocol in June 2010 (date tbc)).

The two Bureaux will be updated on the progress in the preparation of the guidance and will be invited to comment on the ongoing and planned processes and on the further cooperation between the two Task Forces.

5. Promotion of the Convention and of the Protocol and communication plans

(Thursday 18 September, 14.45-17.00)

The two Bureaux will discuss draft communication strategies prepared by the two chairpersons.

They will agree on ways and means to improve the visibility of the two tools, in particular addressing:

- (a) How to involve other countries/focal points/experts in this task
- (b) What specific tools need to be developed and how;
- (c) Which international events should be used to promote the two tools (e.g. Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Water (29 October 2008, Jordan), Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health (November 2009), fourth World Water Forum (March 2009)) and how;
- (d) Other opportunities to promote the two tools.

The Bureaux will agree on specific actions to be carried out by the Bureau itself, all Parties and the secretariat.

² An in depth discussion on these activities will also take place during the meeting of the Bureau of the Protocol. The focus under this item should only be on the cooperation aspects.