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Thirty-third session

Geneva, 17–19 September 2014

Item 2 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the thirty-third session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 3 p.m. on
Wednesday, 17 September 2014*

I. Provisional agenda

Joint session with the Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe

1. Assessment report and other common issues for the Steering Body and the Working Group on Effects.

Regular session

2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Adoption of the report on the thirty-second session.

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4. Election of officers.
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6. Proposed call for data by the Coordination Centre for Effects and the International Cooperative Programme on Modelling and Mapping of Critical Loads and Levels and Air Pollution Effects, Risks and Trends.
7. Progress in activities in 2014 and further development of effects-oriented activities.
8. Information sharing by Parties on their national effects-oriented activities.
9. Cooperation with other organizations and programmes.
10. Outreach and sharing information with other regions.
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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

Joint session with the Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe

1. Assessment report and other common issues for the Steering Body and the Working Group on Effects

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 17 September, 3–5.30 p.m.

1. Representatives of the Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP) and the Working Group on Effects (WGE) communities will present and discuss issues relevant for both subsidiary bodies of the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution. It is expected that the discussion will focus on a joint EMEP-WGE Assessment Report, planned for completion in early 2016, country reports, common websites and other issues of common interest.

2. The Steering Body is expected to consider the information presented under this agenda item and to provide recommendations for future joint activities by the EMEP and WGE communities.

Regular session

2. Adoption of the agenda

Tentative timing: Thursday, 18 September at 10–10.05 a.m.

3. The Working Group will be invited to adopt its agenda as set out in the present document.

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda for the thirty-third session (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2014/1)

3. Adoption of the report on the thirty-second session

Tentative timing: Thursday, 18 September, 10.05–10.10 a.m.

4. The Working Group will be invited to adopt the report on its thirty-second session.

Documentation

Report of the Working Group on Effects on its thirty-second session (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2013/2)

4. Election of officers

Tentative timing: Thursday, 18 September, 10.10–10.20 a.m.

5. At its thirty-second session in 2013, the Working Group re-elected Mr. Peringe Grennfelt (Sweden) as Chair. Following the request from the Chair, his second term of office has been limited to one year. At its thirtieth session in 2011, the Working Group elected Ms. Sonja Vidič (Croatia), Mr. Jesper Bak (Denmark), Mr. Christian Nagl (Austria), Ms. Isaura Rabago (Spain) and Ms. Gudrun Schuetze (Germany) as Vice-Chairs for three-year terms of office. At its thirty-first session in 2012, Ms. Isaura Rabago (Spain) stepped down from the post of Vice-Chair and the Working Group elected Ms. Sabine Augustin (Switzerland) as Vice-Chair.

6. The Working Group is expected to elect its Chair and three or more Vice-Chairs for the second term of office following the rules of procedure adopted by the Executive Body to the Convention at its twenty-eighth session (ECE/EB.AIR/106/Add.1, decision 2010/19), which apply also to the Working Group (*ibid.*, rule 21, para. 1). In accordance with rule 17 of the rules of procedure, chairs and vice-chairs are elected for a two-year term of office and are eligible for re-election, but may not serve more than two consecutive terms unless the Executive Body decides otherwise. Exceptionally, the first term of office for the first vice-chairs elected under the rules (*i.e.*, the present Vice-Chairs of the Working Group) is three years.

Documentation

Report of the Working Group on its thirtieth session (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2011/2)

Report of the Working Group on its thirty-first session (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2012/2)

Report of the Working Group on its thirty-second session (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2013/2)

5. Matters arising from recent meetings of the Executive Body and its subsidiary bodies and activities of the Bureau of the Working Group on Effects

Tentative timing: Thursday, 18 September, 10.20–10.30 a.m.

7. The secretariat and the Chairs of the Working Group on Strategies and Review and the EMEP Steering Body will inform the Working Group about matters arising from the thirty-second session of the Executive Body (Geneva, 9–13 December 2013), as well as relevant issues arising from the fifty-second session of the Working Group on Strategies and Review (Geneva, 30 June–3 July 2014) and the thirty-seventh and eighth sessions of the EMEP Steering Body (Geneva, 9–11 September 2013 and 15–17 September 2014,

respectively). The WGE Chair will present a summary of the work of the Extended Bureau between the Working Group's thirty-second and thirty-third sessions.

8. The Working Group is expected to discuss and provide guidance for further work on cooperation with other bodies under the Convention and the future activities of the Bureau.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Body on its thirty-second session (ECE/EB.AIR/122 and Add.1)

Report of the Working Group on Strategies and Review on its fifty-second session (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/112, forthcoming)

Report of the Steering Body to EMEP on its thirty-seventh session (ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2013/2)

6. Proposed call for data by the Coordination Centre for Effects and the International Cooperative Programme on Modelling and Mapping of Critical Loads and Levels and Air Pollution Effects, Risks and Trends

Tentative timing: Thursday, 18 September, 10.30–10.45 a.m.

9. Representatives of the Coordination Centre for Effects (CCE) and the International Cooperative Programme on Modelling and Mapping of Critical Loads and Levels and Air Pollution Effects, Risks and Trends (ICP Modelling and Mapping) will present a proposal for a 2014–2015 call for data that will address the need to adapt the critical loads database to the new longitude-latitude — $0.50^\circ \times 0.25^\circ$ — EMEP deposition grid. The call will offer the possibility to National Focal Centres to update their national data with a novel approach to calculate sulphur and nitrogen critical load functions taking into account their impact on biodiversity, as proposed by CCE. The call will also enable the National Focal Centres to submit a list of typical and relevant species for the ecosystems and habitat classes considered.

10. Following the recommendation of CCE and ICP Modelling and Mapping, the Working Group is expected to welcome the proposed call for data to National Focal Points. The details of the call are summarized in informal document No. 1.

Documentation

Call for data 2014–2015 on critical loads and biodiversity indicators (Informal document No. 1)

7. Progress in activities in 2014 and further development of effects-oriented activities

Tentative timing: Thursday, 18 September, 10.45 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m.; and Friday, 19 September, 10–11 a.m.

11. The Working Group will discuss the 2014 joint summary progress report, which will highlight the main outcomes of the work under WGE, and two thematic reports — on the air pollution impacts on vegetation in countries of Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central and South-East Asia and on the health impacts and policy options of residential heating with wood and coal. It will also consider technical documents from the International Cooperative Programmes (ICPs), which cover effects-oriented activities based on the 2014–2015 workplan, as well as other documents and publications made available by the ICPs. Lead countries will draw attention to recent activities, in particular publications and task force meetings.

12. The Working Group is expected to take note of the progress made. It may wish to provide guidance for future activities. The review of recent results is expected to cover the following pollution-specific topics: (a) cross-cutting items; (b) acidification and nutrient nitrogen; (c) ozone; and (d) particulate matter, heavy metals and persistent organic pollutants. Under each topic, representatives of ICPs will make contributions regarding implementation of the relevant workplan items and the other work carried out. The presentations will also include issues from the technical reports of the ICPs and workshops.

13. The Working Group is expected to take note of the technical reports and the completion of the respective 2014–2015 workplan items. It may wish to provide guidance for future work.

Documentation

2014–2015 workplan for the implementation of the Convention (ECE/EB.AIR.122/Add.2)

2014 joint progress report on the activities of the International Cooperative Programmes and the Joint Task Force on the Health Aspects of Air Pollution (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2014/3)

Effects of air pollution on forests (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2014/5)

Effects of air pollution on rivers and lakes (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2014/6)

Effects of air pollution on materials (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2014/7)

Effects of air pollution on natural vegetation and crops (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2014/8)

Integrated monitoring (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2014/9)

Modelling and mapping (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2014/10)

Effects of air pollution on health (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2014/11)

Dynamic modelling (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2014/12)

Thematic report on the air pollution impacts on vegetation in countries of Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central and South-East Asia (exact title to be determined) (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2014/13)

Thematic report on the health impacts and policy options of residential heating with wood and coal (exact title to be determined) (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2014/14)

8. Information sharing by Parties on their national effects-oriented activities

Tentative timing: Friday, 19 September, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

14. Representatives of Parties are invited to prepare and present their national effects-oriented activities. Parties are requested to present both successes in implementation as well as obstacles to it.

15. The Working Group is expected to consider the national experiences presented at the session and to recommend that similar exchanges of information are continued in the future sessions of the Working Group.

9. Cooperation with other organizations and programmes

Tentative timing: Friday, 19 September, 3–3.15 p.m.

16. The organizations and programmes represented at the session will be invited to briefly present their work and their cooperation with WGE.

17. The Working Group is expected to take note of the information and to decide on further cooperation.

10. Outreach and sharing information with other regions

Tentative timing: Friday, 19 September, 3.15–3.30 p.m.

18. The secretariat will draw attention to the decision taken at the Executive Body's twenty-fifth session in 2007 encouraging subsidiary bodies to share their experience and information with experts from other regions (ECE/EB.AIR/91, para. 94 (f)). The secretariat will inform the Working Group about the current and planned outreach activities under the Convention.

19. Centres and subsidiary bodies are expected to draw attention to relevant current outreach activities and to suggest opportunities for developing further outreach links in the future.

11. 2014–2015 workplan for the implementation of the Convention

Tentative timing: Friday, 19 September, 3.30–4 p.m.

20. The Working Group will discuss the content of the 2014–2015 workplan for the implementation of the Convention in relation to it. Parties, WGE Task Forces and Centres will present their views and comments on the respective parts of the workplan.

21. Following the discussions under agenda items 4 to 10, the Working Group is expected to discuss and possibly propose some modifications to the workplan for 2014–2015, which will be presented to the Executive Body for adoption at its thirty-third session (Geneva, 8–12 December 2014).

Documentation

2014–2015 workplan for the implementation of the Convention (ECE/EB.AIR.122/Add.2)

Decision 2011/14 on Action Plan for the Implementation of the Long-term Strategy for the Convention (see ECE/EB.AIR/109/Add.1)

12. Financial and budgetary matters

Tentative timing: Friday, 19 September, 4–4.45 p.m.

22. The secretariat will introduce the note on financing of effects-oriented activities and will report on any updates regarding the payment of voluntary contributions for effects-oriented activities in 2013 and 2014 and the contracts for the centres under the Working Group in 2014. The secretariat will also inform WGE about the data provided by the centres on the total costs of their operation.

23. The Working Group is expected, inter alia, to adopt the detailed budget for co-funding the centres in 2015, and to submit it to the Executive Body for approval.

Documentation

Financing of effects-oriented activities (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2014/4)

13. Other business

Tentative timing: Friday, 19 September, 4.45–5 p.m.

24. At the time of writing, the secretariat had no points to propose under this agenda item. Delegations wishing to propose points under this item are requested to inform the secretariat as soon as possible.

14. Closing of the thirty-third session

Tentative timing: Friday, 19 September, 5–6 p.m.

25. The secretariat will present an outline of the report on the Working Group's thirty-third session with the main decisions.

26. The Working Group is expected to adopt its decisions agreed during the session and give directions to the secretariat for finalizing the report.

III. Organization of work

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10:45 a.m.–1 p.m.	7	Progress in activities in 2014 and further development of effects-oriented activities
3–6 p.m.	7	Progress in activities in 2014 and further development of effects-oriented activities (continued)

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
<i>Friday, 19 September 2014</i>		
10–11 a.m.	7	Progress in activities in 2014 and further development of effects-oriented activities (continued)
11 a.m.–1 p.m.	8	Information sharing by Parties on their national effects-oriented activities
3–3.15 pm.	9	Cooperation with other organizations and programmes
3.15–3.30 p.m.	10	Outreach and sharing information with other regions
3.30–4 p.m.	11	2014–2015 workplan for the implementation of the Convention
4–4.45 p.m.	12	Financial and budgetary matters
4.45–5 p.m.	13	Other business
5–6 p.m.	14	Closing of the thirty-third session
