



**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE NINTH MEETING
OF THE TASK FORCE ON TARGET SETTING AND REPORTING
(Geneva, 5 May 2017)**

to be held at the room V, Palais des Nations, starting at 2.30 p.m.

I. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

The ninth meeting of the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting under the Protocol on Water and Health will be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, in the afternoon of 5 May 2017. The meeting will take place back to back with the Workshop on setting targets under the Protocol to support implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (Geneva, 4–5 May (morning) 2017) and the eighteenth meeting of the Protocol's Bureau (3 May 2017).

The main objectives of the ninth meeting of the Task Force will be to:

- Follow up to the workshop on setting targets under the Protocol to support implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, to discuss future work under the Task Force in supporting Parties and other States in translating the goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda and other global and regional commitments into national targets and action.
- Review general progress by countries in setting and/or revising their targets and implementing them.
- Discuss the implementation of the Task Force's programme of work for 2017-2019.

III. ANNOTATIONS TO THE AGENDA

I. Opening of the meeting (2.30–2.40 p.m.)

1. The Chair of the Bureau of the Protocol on Water and Health will open the meeting and address the participants.

II. Election of officers (2.40–2.45 p.m.)

2. The Task Force will elect its Chair and Vice-Chairs for the triennium 2017–2019.

III. Adoption of the agenda (2.45–2.50 p.m.)

3. The Task Force is expected to adopt its agenda as set out in the present document.

IV. Development of a guidance booklet on how to translate the 2030 Agenda into national targets set under the Protocol (3.50–4.20 p.m.)

4. At its fourth session (Geneva, 14-16 November 2016), the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol adopted the programme of work for 2017–2019 (ECE/MP.WH/13/Add.1 – EUPCR/1611921/2.1/2016/MOP-4/06/Add.1) whereby the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting is expected to support Parties and other States in translating the goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda and other global and regional commitments related to water, sanitation and health into national targets and action.

5. The dedicated workshop on setting targets under the Protocol to support implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals will aim at shedding light on countries' priorities and needs in establishing institutional arrangements and actions to fulfil the water, sanitation and health related Sustainable Development Goals and discussing linkages between these commitments and the targets set under the Protocol on Water and Health.

6. As a follow up to the workshop, the Task Force will discuss the concrete steps for developing a guidance booklet on how to translate the 2030 Agenda into national targets set under the Protocol, including its scope, structure and timeline.

V. Review of general progress in setting and implementing targets (4.20–5 p.m.)

7. Delegates will be invited to report briefly on any significant progress in setting and/or revising targets and target dates under the Protocol and in implementing them.

8. The Task Force will discuss possible ways and means to increase the number of Parties that comply with their obligation to set targets and target dates, as well as the support that the Task Force can provide to countries to assist them in doing so.

VI. Programme of work of the Task Force's for 2017–2019 (5–5:25 p.m.)

9. The Task Force will review its programme of work for 2017–2019. It will advise the secretariat and the Chair on the scope and format of future meetings. It will also consider the financing of future work and meetings of the Task Force and agree on priorities.

VII. Other business (5.25 p.m.)

10. Delegates wishing to propose points under this item are requested to inform the secretariat as soon as possible.

VIII. Closing of the meeting (5.30 p.m.)

11. The Task Force will tentatively agree on the date and venue of its next meeting.

12. The Chair will summarize key outcomes of the discussion and close the meeting at 5.30 p.m.

III. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The ninth meeting of the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting will start at 2.30 p.m. and will close at 5.30 p.m. on Friday 5 May 2017. It will be held in conference room V of the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

The working languages will be English, French and Russian. All relevant documentation for the meeting will be made available in due course at <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=45258#/>.

The meeting is open to experts from Parties to the Protocol and other States representing governmental authorities water and health managers, the private sector, international and non-governmental organizations, as well as other interested stakeholders.

In accordance with the United Nations accreditation procedures, participants should register online at <https://www2.unece.org/uncdb/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=oWOS4c> as soon as possible but not later than **13 April 2017**.

Eligible participants from countries with economies in transition may apply for financial support to facilitate their participation in the meeting. Requests for financial support should be submitted to the UNECE secretariat (cammile.marcelo@unece.org) as soon as possible, but no later than **15 March 2017**, using the financial support request form available on the meeting website. No application will be accepted after this deadline due to visa and travel arrangement regulations.

Participants requiring an entry visa should inform the secretariat as soon as possible. As the minimum amount of time needed for obtaining the Swiss visa is 15 working days, participants needing a visa are requested to submit their application as soon as possible and to initiate visa procedures at least three weeks before the meeting.

On their way to the meeting, participants should obtain an identification badge at the Pass and Identification Unit of the United Nations Office at Geneva Security and Safety Section located at the Pregny Gate, 14 Avenue de la Paix (see map on the ECE website). Please allow time for this. In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone at +41 22 917 1606.

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