



**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TENTH MEETING
OF THE TASK FORCE ON TARGET SETTING AND REPORTING
(Geneva, 24-25 April 2018)**

to be held at the room VIII, Palais des Nations, starting at 10 a.m.

I. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

The tenth 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, from 24 to 25 April 2018.

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

- Discuss developments with regard to the implementation and follow up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2030 Agenda) and its particular SDG 6 on clean water and sanitation and SDG 3 on good health and well-being.
- Review progress by countries in setting and/or revising their targets under the Protocol on Water and Health and implementing them.
- Discuss the preparation of the practical guide for joint implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health and the 2030 Agenda.
- Discuss opportunities for raising public awareness, access to information and public participation under the Protocol.
- Initiate preparations for the fourth reporting cycle under the Protocol.

III. ANNOTATIONS TO THE AGENDA

I. Opening of the meeting (Tuesday, 24 April, 10–10.10 a.m.)

1. The Chair of the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting will open the meeting and address the participants.

II. Adoption of the agenda (Tuesday, 24 April, 10.10-10.15 a.m.)

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

III. Global developments with regard to the implementation and follow up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Tuesday, 24 April, 10.15 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-4 p.m.)

3. The Task Force will be updated about the developments in the monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 indicators under the UN-Water Integrated Monitoring Initiative. In particular, the Task Force will be informed on plans for consultation on country estimates for water, sanitation and hygiene in health care facilities and households under the WHO/UNICEF Joint

Monitoring Programme for Water Supply and Sanitation (JMP), the UN-Water GEMI and the next reporting cycle of the UN-Water Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking-Water (GLAAS).

4. The Task Force will discuss challenges of monitoring SDG6 and linkages with reporting under the Protocol.

5. Countries submitting their Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) on SDG 6 on clean water and sanitation to the 2018 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (New York, 9-18 July 2018) will be invited to present their experiences on the preparation of their voluntary national reviews, highlighting in particular process organization at national level, including intersectoral cooperation and stakeholder participation, findings in relation to SDG 6 and whether and how activities under the Protocol are considered in the VNRs, as well as the challenges, lessons learned and recommendations to other countries working on their VNRs with respect to water and health issues.

6. The Task Force will be informed about the outcomes of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the UNECE region (Geneva, 1-2 March 2018) and the related contribution to the High-level Political Forum.

7. Participants of the Task Force will be invited to work in groups to discuss their experience in implementing and monitoring the water, sanitation and health-related SDGs in their countries and how to benefit from the Protocol's practical framework to facilitate their achievement.

IV. Review of general progress in setting and/or revising and implementing targets under the Protocol on Water and Health (Tuesday, 24 April, 4–6 p.m.)

8. Delegates will be invited to report on any significant progress in setting and/or revising targets and target dates under the Protocol, focusing in particular on the process followed for setting or revising targets, including with regard to public participation, what kind of targets were set, in particular in relation to areas of work under the Protocol, to what extent these targets relate to the EU Directives and/or Sustainable Development Goals, and the overall usefulness of the process. Countries will be also invited to share any significant achievements in implementing their targets and the impacts achieved in implementing the Protocol.

9. The Task Force will be informed about the Consultation Process with Parties carried out by the Compliance Committee and how such consultations are useful in supporting Parties' efforts in setting targets and target dates.

V. Preparations for the fourth reporting cycle under the Protocol on Water and Health (Wednesday, 25 April, 9.30–10.30 a.m.)

10. The Task Force will discuss preparations and the timeline for the fourth reporting cycle, to be carried out prior to the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, scheduled to be held in Serbia in November 2019.

VI. Development of the practical guide for joint implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health and the 2030 Agenda (Wednesday, 25 April, 10.30 a.m.–12.30 and 2.30-3.30 p.m.)

11. The Task Force will be informed about the progress with development of the practical guide for joint implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health and the 2030 Agenda. Participants will be invited to discuss the main messages of the document and the case studies submitted and will be invited to suggest additional case studies.

12. Participants will be invited to work in groups to discuss their priorities, needs, -challenges and lessons learned with regard to the different steps of the joint implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health and the 2030 Agenda. The outcomes of the group work will feed in the final version of the Guide to be submitted to the eleventh meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health (Geneva, 7-8 November 2018).

13. The Task Force will discuss and agree on the next steps in the development of the practical guide for joint implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health and the 2030 Agenda, including distribution of responsibilities.

VII. Public awareness, access to information and public participation (3.30-4.30 p.m.)

14. The Task Force will be invited to exchange experience on promoting and benefitting from public participation in setting, revising, implementing and reporting on their targets under the Protocol. The Task Force will also discuss possible ways to promote and use the *Guide on public participation under the Protocol on Water and Health*.¹

VIII. Other business (4.30-4.45 p.m.)

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

IX. Closing of the meeting (4.45-5 p.m.)

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

17. The Chair will summarize key outcomes of the discussion and close the meeting at 5 p.m.

¹ See <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=34075>.

III. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The tenth meeting of the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting will start at 10 a.m. on Tuesday 24 April 2018 and will close at 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday 25 April 2018. It will be held in conference room VIII 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=46361>.

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://uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=RFadm> as soon as possible but not later than **13 April 2018**.

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 2018**, 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 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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