Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters

Task Force on Access to Information

Sixth meeting
Geneva, 3-4 October 2019

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Opening and adoption of the agenda

Addendum

Provisional list of speakers for the sixth meeting
(v. 25 September 2019)

To be held in Salle XXII, Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Thursday, 3 October 2019

Chair: Ms. Valentina Tapis, Republic of Moldova

1. Opening and adoption of the agenda.
Timing: Thursday, 3 October, 10–10.10 a.m.

2. Thematic focus: Active dissemination of environmental information
(a) Effective provision of information in case of an imminent threat to human health and the environment
Timing: Thursday, 3 October, 10.10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Speakers:
Setting the scene
Ms. Stephanie SPECK, Chief of Service, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction
Mr. James DOURIS, Project Officer, World Meteorological Organization
Mr. Kersten GUTSCHMIDT, Technical Officer, World Health Organization

Discussion
**Promoting involvement of the public in the preparedness and response**

Ms. Claudia KAMKE, Secretariat of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention

Mr. Christian MELIS, Environmental Governance Officer, Organization for Security and Co-Operation in Europe (OSCE)

Ms. Laure SINGLA, Expert, Cabinet Juris Eco Conseil

**Discussion**

**Tools for information dissemination**

Mr. Tom DE GROEVE, Deputy Head of the Disaster Risk Management Unit, Joint Research Centre, European Union (remotely)

Ms. Enkelejda MALAJ, Director, European Integration Directorate, Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, Albania

Mr. Joaquin CARRIL, Technical Advisor, Ministry for Ecological Transition, Spain

Ms. Shahlo AZIZBEKOVA, Chief Specialist, Committee of Environmental Protection under the Government of Tajikistan

**Discussion**

(b) **The use of modern technologies by the public**

**Timing:** Thursday, 3 October, 3 – 4.30 p.m.

**Speakers:**

Mr. Johannes MAYER, Head of Department, Environment Agency, Austria

Mr. Martin SKALSKY, Project Manager, Arnika

Mr. Mordechai HAKLAY, Professor, University College London

**Discussion**

(c) **Update of the Recommendations on electronic information tools**

**Timing:** Thursday, 3 October, 4.30 – 6 p.m.

**Speakers:**

Mr. Adam Daniel NAGY, Administrator, DG Environment, European Commission
Mr. Stein Magne OS, Product Manager, Electronic Public Records, Norway

Discussion

Mr. Dejan LEKIC, Head of Department, Environmental Protection Agency, Serbia

Ms. Madina TAUYEKELOVA, Head of Department, RSE on REM “Information and Analytical Center of Environment Protection”, Kazakhstan

Ms. Tamara MALKOVA, Director, ICO "Green Dossier" and delegate, EaP Civil Society Forum

Discussion

Timing: Friday, 4 October, 9.30 – 11 a.m.

Ms. Marie-Pierre MEGANCK, Conseillère Environnement - Transport, Permanent Mission of France in Geneva, France

Discussion on the update of the Recommendations on electronic information tools, taking into consideration outcomes of the previous agenda items.

3. Stocktaking of recent and upcoming developments

Timing: Friday, 4 October, 11 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Recent developments on access to environmental information and the application of restrictions

Speakers:

Ms. Lena HEHEMANN, Scientific Employee, Federal Office of the Environment, Switzerland

Ms. Melanie CAMPBELL, Investigator, Office of the Commissioner for Environmental Information, Ireland

Ms. Gordana PETKOVIC, Center for Ecology and Sustainable Development, Serbia

Ms. Olga PODOSENOVA, Executive Director, NGO “Gamarjoba”

Discussion
**Timing:** Friday, 4 October, 2.30 – 3.30 p.m.

Protection of whistle-blowers and other persons exercising their rights in conformity with the Convention

Speakers:
Mr. Alvin GACHIE, the Office of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Hazardous substances and Wastes
Ms. Tahmina KARIMOVA, International Labour Organization
Mr. Yves LADOR, Earthjustice

Discussion

4. **Activities under other international forums.**

**Timing:** Friday, 4 October, 3.30 – 5 p.m.

Speakers:
Ms. Tiina LUIGE, Chief, Environment and Multi-domain Statistics Section and Secretary of the CES, UNECE Statistical Division
Mr. Pierre BOILEAU, Head, Global Assessment Unit, United Nations Environment Programme
Mr. Steven RAMAGE, Head, External Relations, GEO secretariat
Mr. Andrea CARARO, Consultant, United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Discussion

5. **Other business.**

**Timing:** Friday, 4 October, 5 – 5.10 p.m.

6. **Closing.**

**Timing:** Friday, 4 October, 5.10 – 5.30 p.m.