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**European Regional Environmental Information Network Conference
Holiday Inn, Istanbul Airport, Turkey
13-17 April 2015**

Organization of work

Registration of participants will take place in the meeting room from 08:00 to 09:00 on Monday 13 April 2015. The meeting will be held over five days: Monday 13 April to Friday 17 April 2015. The meeting will be structured as follows:

- Regional Environmental Information Network Conference (13 - 15 April)
- The first GEO Regional Authors' meeting (16 - 17 April)
- 16th meeting of the UNECE Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment (WGEMA) (16-17 April)

The Regional Environmental Information Network Conference (REIN) and the 16th meeting of the WGEMA will be conducted in English and Russian and the first GEO Regional Authors' meeting in English only.

The provisional timetable for the meeting is provided in Annex I.

Regional Environmental Information Network Conference (13-15 April)

The plenary sessions will be conducted in English and Russian and interpretation will be available in one of the breakout rooms.

Item 1: Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened by Prof. Jacqueline McGlade (Director, Division of Early Warning and Assessment) at 09:00 on Monday 13 April 2015.

Item 2: Organization of the meeting and election of officers

Election of officers for the REIN. The elected officers will serve as the co-chairs of the meeting and the secretariat as the rapporteur.

It is proposed that the meeting should adopt the agenda as set out in document UNEP/GEO-6/REIN/1.1 (17 March 2015)

Item 3: Briefing on GEO-6 global and regional assessments, SEIS & UNEP Live

A presentation will be given by the secretariat on the GEO-6 global and regional mandates and processes; the production milestones and provisional timetable; the availability of SEIS; and the use of UNEP Live to support assessments.

Plenary discussion and questions for clarification.

Item 4: Regional priorities

A presentation will be given by the secretariat on the regional priorities as set out by relevant ministerial fora, the GEO mandate and recent assessment findings.

Plenary discussion and agreement on regional priorities.

Item 5: Assessment scope

A presentation will be given by the secretariat on the proposed scope of the assessment (see UNEP/GEO-6/REIN 1.3 Background Paper).

Questions for clarification.

The meeting will split in to two groups to discuss Part A (State and trends) and Part B (Environmental Policies, Goals and Objectives: A Review of Policy Responses and Options).

The meeting will reconvene in plenary to present and agree on narratives and content for Part A & B.

Item 6: Emerging Issues and Outlooks

A presentation will be given by the secretariat on UNEP's Global Gender and Environment Outlook (regional perspectives) and on Emerging Issues and Outlooks – Part C (see UNEP/GEO-6/REIN 1.3 Background Paper).

Plenary discussions and breakout groups to discuss and agree on the key elements and approaches for developing the outlooks and identifying emerging issues in the region.

Item 7: Assessment process and stakeholder roles

A presentation will be given by the secretariat on the assessment process and stakeholder roles.

Plenary discussion and agreement on roles.

Item 8: UNEP Live & National Reporting Systems

A presentation will be given by the secretariat on the use of UNEP Live and National Reporting Systems for supporting assessments (see UNEP/GEO-6/REIN 1.3 Background

Paper) and how UNEP Live could be one access point to data shared within the SEIS approach.

Plenary discussion followed by 'hands-on' training in breakout groups.

Item 9: Closure of the meeting

GEO Regional Authors' meeting (16-17 April)

The meeting will be conducted in English only.

Provisional Agenda

Item 1: Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened by Ms. Monika MacDevette (Deputy Director, Division of Early Warning and Assessment) at 09:00 on Thursday 16 April 2015.

Item 2: Organization of the meeting

The secretariat will chair the authors' meeting. The secretariat will outline the organization of the assessment (roles and responsibilities, Communities of Practice, UNEP Live) and the work of the meeting for the two days.

Discussion and questions for clarification.

Item 3: Annotated outline

The meeting will discuss the annotated outline and narratives building on the outcomes of the REIN Conference deliberations and agreements.

Item 4: Drafting groups

The meeting will split into drafting groups to develop detailed annotated outlines, identifying sources of knowledge.

Item 5: Next steps

There will be a plenary discussion on the next steps and the way forward.

Item 6: Closure of the meeting

16th meeting of the UNECE Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment (WGEMA) (16-17 April)

The agenda and relevant supporting information can be found at:

<http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=38414#/>

Annex I

Provisional timetable - Regional Environmental Information Network Conference (13-15 April)

Day 1: Monday 13 April 2015

Time	Agenda
08:00 – 09:00	Registration of participants
09:00 – 09:25	Item 1: Opening of the meeting
09:25 – 09:45	Item 2: Organization of the meeting and election of officers Election of officers Adoption of the agenda
09:45 – 11:00	Item 3: Briefing on GEO-6 global and regional assessments, SEIS & UNEP Live Presentation by the UNEP and UNECE secretariat Plenary discussion and questions for clarification
11:00 – 11:30	Tea/Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	Item 4: Regional priorities Presentation by the UNEP and UNECE secretariat Plenary discussion and agreement on regional priorities
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch break
14:30 – 17:00 (Tea/ Coffee break incl.)	Item 5: Assessment scope Presentation by the secretariat Breakout groups Part A and Part B
17:00 – 18:00	Breakout groups report back in plenary
18:00	Closure of the day

Day 2: Tuesday 14 April 2015

Time	Agenda
09:00 – 10:00	Item 6: Emerging Issues and Outlooks Presentation by the secretariat on UNEP's Global Gender and Environment Outlook (regional perspectives) Plenary discussion
10:00 – 11:00	Item 6: Emerging Issues and Outlooks Presentation by the secretariat on Emerging Issues and Outlooks Plenary discussion and questions for clarification
11:00 – 11:30	Tea / Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	Item 6: Emerging Issues and Outlooks (cont.) Breakout groups identify emerging issues
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 17:00 (Tea/ Coffee break incl.)	Item 6: Emerging Issues and Outlooks (cont.) Breakout groups discuss approaches and key elements for the outlooks
17:00 – 18:00	Item 6: Emerging Issues and Outlooks (cont.) Breakout groups report back and plenary discussion and agreement on the key elements of the outlooks and emerging issues in the region
18:00	Closure of the day

Day 3: Wednesday 15 April 2015

Time	Agenda
09:00 – 10:00	Item 7: Assessment process and stakeholder roles Plenary discussion on stakeholder roles
10:00 – 11:00	Item 8: UNEP Live & National Reporting Systems Presentation by the UNEP and UNECE secretariat Breakout groups and detailed briefing and training in the use of UNEP Live, NRS and the Community of Practice
11:00 – 11:30	Tea / Coffee break
11:30 – 12:30	Item 8: UNEP Live & National Reporting Systems (cont.) Breakout groups continue
12:30 – 13:00	Item 9: Closure of the day

Wednesday 15 April (PM)	Free time

Provisional timetable - GEO Regional Authors' meeting (16-17 April)

Day 4: Thursday 16 April 2015

09:00 – 09:15	Item 1: Opening of the meeting
09:15 – 11:00	Item 2: Organization of the meeting Presentation by the secretariat Plenary discussion and questions for clarification.
11.00 – 11.30	Tea/Coffee break
11.30 – 13.00	Item 3: Annotated outline Presentation Plenary discussion
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 18:00 (Tea/ Coffee break incl.)	Item 3: Annotated outline (cont.) Item 4: Drafting groups
18:00	Closure of the day

Day 5: Friday 17 April 2015

09:00 – 11:00	Item 4: Drafting groups (cont.)
11.00 – 11.30	Tea/Coffee break
11.30 – 13.00	Item 4: Drafting groups (cont.)
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:15	Item 5: Next steps
15:15– 15:30	Item 6: Closure of the GEO Regional Authors' meeting
15:30 – 16:00	Tea/Coffee break
16:00 – 17:00	Closure of the REIN Conference Report of the GEO Regional Authors' meeting Report of the WGEMA 16 th Session Report on the key outcomes from the REIN Conference
16:40 - 17:00	Closing remarks