

Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment

Committee on Environmental Policy



Nineteenth session
Geneva, 27-28 June 2017
Palais des Nations
Meeting room IX

Provisional timetable

23 June 2017

Tuesday, 27 June 2017	
09:30–09.50	1. Opening and adoption of the agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Opening Statement- Election of a new Chair and Vice-Chair- Adoption of the agenda
09:50–10.15	2. Adoption of the report of the eighteenth session of the Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Outcomes of the eighteenth session of the Working Group.- Status of implementation of the decisions and recommendations.
10:15–11:00	3. Addressing the new mandate and terms of reference for the Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Presenting the new terms of reference and the vision document for the Working Group. Filip Aggestam, UNECE.- Presenting the annual timetable of activities for 2018 and the draft outline of activities leading up to 2021. Filip Aggestam, UNECE.- Discussion: Next steps
11:00–11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30–12:30	4. Streamlining monitoring and reporting obligations in environment policy <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Opening Statement. Filip Aggestam, UNECE.- Streamlining planning and reporting: Examples from the EU Energy Union framework. Katharina Umpfenbach, Ecologic.- Progress towards the streamlining environmental monitoring and reporting. Adriana Gheorghe, EEA.- Streamlining reporting obligations in Austria – experiences from air quality monitoring and reporting from enterprises. Johannes Mayer, Austria.- Q&A
12:30–14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30–15:30	Continuation of item 4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Latest developments in Serbia on environmental reporting. Dejan Lekic, Serbia.- SDG custodians and reporting on progress towards the 2030 Agenda:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Tomas Marques, UNEP.▪ Annukka Lipponen, UNECE.- Q&A

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15: 30–16:30	5. Establishing a regional environmental information and assessment network-of-networks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Results from the national consultation. Ivanna Kolisnyk, UNECE. - Introducing possible strategies for establishing the regional network-of-networks. Filip Aggestam, UNECE. - Discussion: Next steps
16:30–16:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:45–17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upgrading the National Environmental Monitoring System (NEMS) of Azerbaijan on the base of EU practices. Matanat Avazova, Azerbaijan. - Updates from the United Nations Environment Assembly. Manzione Pierluigi, Italy. - ENI SEIS II: recent developments. Jean Nicolas Poussart, EEA.

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09:30–11:00	6. Integration of economic, social and environmental data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opening Statement. Filip Aggestam, UNECE. - UNSD/UN Environment Questionnaire. Marcus Newbury, UNSD. - Country experiences in providing data to the UNSD/UNEP Questionnaire on Environment Statistics (2016 round): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Yurik Poghosyan, Armenia. ▪ Rana Lazimova, Azerbaijan. - Q&A
11:00–11:30	<i>Coffee break (WGEMA group photo)</i>
11:30–12:30	Continuation of item 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aarhus Convention: scoping environmental information and promoting integration. Maryna Yanush, UNECE. - Geospatial and environmental data: reporting on the SDGs. Steven Ramage, Group on Earth Observations (GEO). - The European Investment Banks Public Register. Piera Laloux, EIB. - Q&A
12:30–14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30–15:30	7. SEIS reporting: Data quality, comparability and self-assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opening Statement. Filip Aggestam, UNECE. - Developing a National Profile on Rio Principle 10 – A Self-Assessment Framework. Sueli Giorgetta, UNITAR. - The role of public access to environmental information to improve data quality, comparability and interoperability. Maryna Yanush, UNECE. - Indicator Reporting Information System (IRIS) pilot in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Sevala Korajcevic, Bosnia and Herzegovina. - Q&A
15:30–16:30	Continuation of item 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introducing the updated SEIS assessment framework. Filip Aggestam UNECE. - Showcasing the pilot SEIS reporting application. Matt Billot (UNEP). - Piloting the SEIS reporting application. Johannes Mayer, Austria.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Presenting objectives of the mid-term SEIS assessment. Filip Aggestam UNECE.- Discussion: Next steps
16:30–16:45	8. Additional information <ul style="list-style-type: none">- United Nations Development Account project on capacity-building for Sustainable Development Goals.- Next WGEMA Newsletter.- Q&A
<i>16:45–17:00</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>
17:00–17:15	9. Other business <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Any other business.
17:15–17:30	10. Closing of the meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Summary of decisions and recommendations to the CEP.- Closing statements

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