

Economic Commission for Europe

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 Justice

Twelfth meeting

Geneva, 28 February and 1 March 2019

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Opening and adoption of the agenda

Provisional list of speakers for the twelfth meeting¹

To be held in Salle VII, Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 3 p.m. on Thursday, 28 February 2019

I. Provisional agenda

1. Opening and adoption of the agenda.

Timing²: Thursday, 28 February, 3–3.10 p.m.

2. Thematic focus: Access to justice in cases relating to air quality.

Timing: Thursday, 28 February, 3.10–6 p.m.

- (a) Setting the scene

Mr. David BOYD, the Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment (video-message)

Ms. Albená KARADJOVA, secretary to the UNECE Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (presentation)

- (b) Experience in the European Union

Mr. Daniele FRANZONE, Senior Expert, European Commission (presentation)

Mr. Ugo TADDEI, ClientEarth (presentation)

- (c) Experience in individual Parties to the Convention

Mr. Joost PIKKEMAAT, Senior Legal Counsel, Ministry of Infrastructure and Water management, the Netherlands (presentation)

Mr. Daniel LAMFRIED, Research Assistant, Environment Agency, Germany (presentation)

Mr. Aidos ZHAKIYALIN, Head of the Department, General Prosecutor's Office, Kazakhstan (presentation)

Ms. Regina STOILOVA, Environmental Association Za Zemiata (presentation)

Mr. Pavel ČERNÝ, Frank Bold Society (presentation)

¹ The document was not formally edited.

² Coffee breaks might be held during the meeting if time permits.

3. Follow up to the previous thematic session on access to justice in cases on the right to environmental information.

Timing: Friday, 1 March, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

- (a) Progress report on the survey

Mr. Jan DARPO, Chair of the Task Force on Access to Justice (presentation)

- (b) Recent developments

Ms. Edlira DERSHA, Statistic Officer, Ministry of Tourism and the Environment, Albania (presentation)

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

Mr. Thomas SCHOMERUS, Professor, Leuphana University, Germany (presentation)

Mr. Siarhei MAHONAU, Ecohome (statement)

4. Stocktaking of recent and upcoming developments.

Timing: Friday, 1 March, 12–1 p.m. and 3–4 p.m.

- (a) International level

Ms. Angela KARIUKI, Programme Management Officer, United Nations Environment Programme (presentation)

- (b) National level

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

Justice Sofia MAGOULA-KARISTINEOU, Judge, Supreme Court, Greece (statement)

- (c) Addressing existing challenges

Mr. Plamen PEEV, Bluelink Foundation and Justice and Environment (presentation)

Ms. Sofyia SHUTIAK, Environment-People-Law (presentation)

Ms. Mari CHAKRYAN, Public Awareness and Monitoring Centre (statement)

(d) Open microphone – *general discussion on recent and upcoming developments. The discussion will also contribute to the preparations of the thematic session of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Working Group of the Parties planned for 2020.*

5. Tools to promote effective access to justice.

Timing: Friday, 1 March, 4–4.45 p.m.

- (a) Monitoring the effectiveness of justice

Ms. Tsvetelina FILIPOVA, Senior Policy Analyst, Institute for European Environmental Policy (presentation)

Mr. Plamen PEEV, Bluelink Foundation and Justice and Environment (statement)

- (b) Judicial cooperation

Justice Anders BENGTTSSON, Land and Environment Court Växjö, Sweden and the Association of European Administrative Judges (presentation)

Justice Beibut SHERMUKHAMEDOV, Supreme Court, Kazakhstan (statement)

6. Other business.

Timing: Friday, 1 March, 4.45–4.50 p.m.

7. Closing.

Timing: Friday, 1 March, 4.50–5 p.m.