## **UNECE Monthly**

## **United Nations Economic Commission for Europe**

## CALENDAR OF MEETINGS\* May 2015

Dates and venue	Title	Conf. Room No.	Comments
28 April- 1 May	Expert Group on Resource Classification Focal point: Charlotte Griffiths Phone: +41 (0)22 917 1988 E-mail: charlotte.griffiths [at] unece.org	VII	The UNECE Resource Classification Week 2015 will feature the Expert Group on Resource Classification sixth session, including a UNFC Workshop on 28 April. With the UNFC now operational for a full year, the Expert Group meeting will include a special focus on implementation and testing. The significant work undertaken to broaden the application of the UNFC to renewable energy resources will also be discussed. The Expert Group will additionally review the draft documentation to apply the UNFC to injection projects for the geological storage of CO <sub>2</sub> .  Website: www.unece.org/index.php?id=36110
29 April- 1 May Washington, D.C.	Workshop on Statistical Data Collection: Riding the Wave of the Data Deluge Focal point: Taeke Gjaltema Phone: +41 (0)22 917 1272 E-mail: taeke.gjaltema [at] unece.org	_	Website: www.unece.org/index.php?id=37220
4(pm)-7(am)	Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15) Focal point: Sabrina Mansion Phone: +41 (0)22 917 3271 E-mail: sabrina.mansion [at] unece.org	XI	The Working Party (WP.15) will discuss the status of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) and questions relating to its implementation and interpretation. It will also discuss proposals of amendments to the annexes of ADR.  Website:  www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/wp15/wp15age.ht ml  www.unece.org/index.php?id=36512

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4-8	Statistical Meetings on Poverty Measurement			
4	Workshop on Measuring Poverty and Vulnerability Focal point: Vania Etropolska Phone: +41 (0)22 917 4120 E-mail: vania.etropolska [at] unece.org	VIII	The recent discussions on the post-2015 development agenda have further strengthened the importance of measuring poverty, inequality and vulnerability. The objective of the Workshop is to exchange experience and build statistical capacity for the measurement of multidimensional poverty and vulnerability to poverty, with focus on the countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia.  Website: <a href="https://www.unece.org/index.php?id=38133">www.unece.org/index.php?id=38133</a>	
5-6	Seminar on Poverty Measurement Focal point: Vania Etropolska Phone: +41 (0)22 917 4120 E-mail: vania.etropolska [at] unece.org	VIII	The main purpose of this Seminar is to allow countries to exchange experiences and discuss issues of poverty measurement in the UNECE region and beyond. The Seminar will also provide the opportunity to discuss the results achieved by the CES Task Force on Poverty Measurement and propose further methodological work.  Website: <a href="https://www.unece.org/index.php?id=37879">www.unece.org/index.php?id=37879</a>	
7-8	Task Force on Poverty Measurement Focal point: Vania Etropolska Phone: +41 (0)22 917 4120 E-mail: vania.etropolska [at] unece.org	S4	The objective of the Task Force is to develop guidelines and provide recommendations for improving the international comparability and availability of statistics on poverty and the related metadata. During its May 2015 meeting, the Task Force will discuss the survey results on countries approaches to poverty measurement and the availability of data. Steps will be undertaken towards defining a coherent set of indicators to measure absolute and relative poverty, taking into account the need to measure poverty among women, children and older persons.  Website: www.unece.org/index.php?id=37880	
4(pm)-8(am)	Working Party on General Safety Provisions (GRSG) Focal point: Romain Hubert Phone: +41 (0)22 917 2402 E-mail: romain.hubert [at] unece.org	VII	As a subsidiary body of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29), the Working Party on General Safety Provisions (GRSG) will resume, during its 108 <sup>th</sup> session, the consideration of a range of items proposed to improve regulatory provisions concerning the safety of buses and coaches, particularly with regard to trolleybuses and automatic fire suppression systems.  GRSG is expected to consider the need for adaptation to the technical progress of existing technical provisions for vehicles on the prevention of fire risks, burning behaviour, safety glazing, devices for indirect vision, rear underrun protection, international whole vehicle type approval, odometer equipment, vehicle alarm systems, accident emergency call systems as well as identification of controls, tell-tales and indicators.  GRSG will also consider the follow-up on amendments to UN Regulation No. 67 on	

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		110	equipment for vehicles using liquefied petroleum gases (LPG) and UN Regulation No. 110 on Compressed or Liquid Natural Gas (CNG or LNG).  Website: <a href="https://www.unece.org/index.php?id=38619">www.unece.org/index.php?id=38619</a>
5-6 Vienna	Fifth meeting of the Implementation Committee of the Water Convention Focal point: Nicholas Bonvoisin Phone: +41 (0)22 917 1193 E-mail: nicholas.bonvoisin [at] unece.org		At its fifth meeting, the Implementation Committee is expected to discuss the work of a core group to develop a proposal on reporting mechanisms under the Water Convention. The Committee will also consider information gathered regarding transboundary water cooperation in the Irtysh and Ili River Basins. Finally, the Committee will prepare its report to the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties (Budapest, 17–20 November 2015).  Website: www.unece.org/index.php?id=38160
5-7	Workshop of the Modernization Committee on Standards: International Collaboration for Standards-Based Modernization  Focal point: Christopher Jones  Phone: +41 (0)22 917 2413  E-mail: christopher.jones [at] unece.org	V	This workshop will be organized as part of the Conference of European Statisticians' work programme for 2015, within the context of the High-level Group for the Modernization of Statistical Products and Services. The objective of the workshop is to exchange experiences and best practices in the field of standards-based modernization of statistical production.  Website:  www.unece.org/stats/documents/2015.05.standards. html
5-8 Krakow, Poland	Annual Meeting of the EMEP Task Force on Measurements and Modelling (TFMM) (Air Pollution Convention)  Focal point: Krzysztof Olendrzynski Phone: +41 (0)22 917 2722  E-mail: krzysztof.olendrzynski [at] unece.org		The annual meeting of the EMEP Task Force on Measurements and Modelling (TFMM) offers a forum to the Parties, the EMEP centres and other international organizations for scientific discussions to evaluate measurements and modelling and to further develop working methods and tools.  Website:  www.unece.org/env/lrtap/taskforce/tfmm/welcome. html
6-8 Istanbul, Turkey	Workshop on the Implementation of the 2008 SNA in EECCA Countries and Linkages with BPM6 and GFSM 2014 Focal point: Tihomira Dimova Phone: +41 (0)22 917 1906 E-mail: tihomira.dimova [at] unece.org		The Workshop is targeted at representatives from the national statistical offices, Central Banks and Ministries of Finance of the countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia. The purpose is to strengthen the cooperation between these three providers of official macroeconomic statistics, especially in implementing new macroeconomic standards, and discuss good practices. The Workshop is organized together with EFTA, with the support of the Turkish Statistical Institute and in collaboration with the European Central Bank, Eurostat and other regional partners.  Website: www.unece.org/index.php?id=38312
7-8 Gdansk, Poland	Seventh meeting of the Bureau of the Working Group on Ageing Focal point: Vitalija Gaucaite Wittich Phone: +41 (0)22 917 1462 E-mail: vitalia.gaucaite [at] unece.org		Website: www.unece.org/index.php?id=38247

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11	Expert Consultation on Smart City Indicators Focal point: Gulnara Roll Phone: +41 (0)22 917 2257	XI	The meeting will discuss a set of indicators developed within the project "United Smart Cities".  Website: www.unece.org/housing/smartcities.html
11	E-mail: gulnara.roll [at] unece.org  Friends of the Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) Focal point: Angela Sochirca & Lukasz Wyrowski Phone: +41 (0)22 917 2064 / 4053 E-mail: efe@unece.org	V	The second meeting of the Group of Friends of SEIS will work on preparing a proposal for organizing and shaping the regular environmental assessment process taking into consideration the benefits of SEIS. The outcomes of the meeting will be submitted to the UNECE Committee on Environmental Policy for consideration and decision at its 21 <sup>st</sup> session (Geneva, 27-30 October 2015).  Website: www.unece.org/index.php?id=39468
11-12 Paris	Third Meeting of the Expert Group on Equitable Access to Water and Sanitation Focal point: Chantal Demilecamps Phone: +41 (0)22 917 2468 E-mail: chantal.demilecamps [at] unece.org		This workshop, co-organized with the French Ministry of Social Affairs, Health and Women's Rights, aims to facilitate the exchange of experiences in carrying out self-assessments of the equity of access to water and sanitation using the <i>Equitable Access Score-card</i> developed under the Protocol on Water and Health. It will also provide inspiration for the development of priority action plans to address inequities in access, building on partners' initiatives.  Website: www.unece.org/index.php?id=39002
11-12 Milan, Italy	Annual Joint Meeting of the EMEP Task Force on Emission Inventories and Projections (TFEIP)/EIONET (Air Pollution Convention)  Focal point: Alina Novikova Phone: +41 (0)22 917 2630  E-mail: alina.novikova [at] unece.org		The annual meeting of the EMEP Task Force on Emission Inventories and Projections (TFEIP)/EIONET provides a forum to assist Parties in the reporting of air pollutant emissions and projections data to the Convention. The TFEIP also provides a technical forum and expert network to harmonize emission factors, establish methodologies for the evaluation of emission data and projections and identify problems related to emission reporting.  Website:  www.unece.org/env/lrtap/taskforce/tfeip/welcome.h tml
11-13	Joint Task Force on Environmental Indicators Focal point: Lukasz Wyrowski & Michael Nagy Phone: +41 (0)22 917 4053 E-mail: lukasz.wyrowski [at] unece.org, michael.nagy [at] unece.org	IX	The Joint Task Force on Environmental Indicators is a cross-sectoral body (environment and statistics) established to assist countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia, the Russian Federation and interested countries of South-Eastern Europe in improving environmental statistics, production of agreed environmental indicators, strengthening environmental reporting and promoting comparability of statistics and indicators in the pan-European region.  Within the activities of the Joint Task Force, a workshop is organized on 11 May to discuss data quality assurance and methodologies for water indicators such as: renewable freshwater resources, freshwater abstraction and total water use.

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		INU.	On 12 and 13 May the 10 <sup>th</sup> session of the Joint Task Force is organized to review the countries' production and publishing of 14 core environmental indicators and their 44 underpinning data flows. This work is done in the context of helping the countries in establishing the Shared Environmental Information System.  Website: www.unece.org/index.php?id=35516
11-13(am)	Working Group on the Development of the Industrial Accidents Convention Focal point: Franziska Ilg-Hirsch Phone: +41 (0)22 917 2480 E-mail: teia.conv@unece.org	VIII	Website: www.unece.org/index.php?id=36736
12	Real Estate Market Advisory Group Meeting Focal point: Gulnara Roll Phone: +41 (0)22 917 2257 E-mail: gulnara.roll [at] unece.org	XI	The meeting will provide an overview of activities of the Committee on Housing and Land Management, discuss and make proposals to the REM Programme of Work for 2015-2016 and elect REM Chair and Vice-Chairs.  Website: www.unece.org/index.php?id=39382
18(am)	Executive Committee (EXCOM) Focal point: Parisudhi Kalampasut Phone: +41 (0)22 917 1045 E-mail: unece.excom@unece.org	XI	Website: www.unece.org/commission/excom/welcome.html
18(pm)- 22(am)	Working Party on Passive Safety (GRSP) Focal point: Edoardo Gianotti Phone: +41 (0)22 917 2422 E-mail: edoardo.gianotti [at] unece.org	XI	As a subsidiary body of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29), the Working Party on Passive Safety (GRSP) will resume, during its 57 <sup>th</sup> session, the consideration of the worldwide harmonization concerning pedestrian protection, strength of seats and head restraint systems, side impact dummy and safety of electric vehicles. GRSP will also consider a range of amendments to current UNECE Regulations related to vehicle passive safety requirements, in particular: safety-belts and its anchorages, child restraints systems, pedestrian safety, frontal collision of passenger cars, strength of seats and their anchorages, protective helmets, as well as Proposals for new Regulations on frontal impacts.  Website: www.unece.org/trans/main/welcwp29.htm
19	Bureau of the Protocol on PRTRs Focal point: Ella Behlyarova Phone: +41 (0)22 917 2376 E-mail: ella.behlyarova [at] unece.org	S-4	At its 8 <sup>th</sup> meeting, the Bureau of the Protocol on PRTRs will consider a number of issues, including:  (a) Implementation of the work programme for 2015-2017;  (b) Draft documents prepared by the Compliance Committee on: (i) Guidance on reporting on the Protocol's implementation, and (ii) Systemic issues with the implementation of the Protocol;  (c) The agenda of the 4 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group of the Parties and  (d) Preparations for the second ECE-OECD Global

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19-22	TIR Seminar	710	Round Table on PRTRs.  Website: www.unece.org/environmental- policy/conventions/public-participation/meetings- and-events/public-participation/public- participation/2015/bureau-of-the-protocol-on-prtrs- 8th-meeting/bureau-of-the-protocol-on-prtrs-8th- meeting.html  Website: www.unece.org/index.php?id=38557
Dushanbe	Focal point: Erik Willems Phone: +41 (0)22 917 2972 E-mail: tirexb@unece.org	_	websuc. www.unece.org/macx.pnp.id=30357
20 Chisinau	Joint meeting of the Steering Committees of a project under the UNECE-WHO/Europe Protocol on Water and Health and of the National Policy Dialogue on Integrated Water Resources Management Focal point: Nataliya Nikiforova Phone: +41 (0)22 917 1927 E-mail: nataliya.nikiforova [at] unece.org		The meeting of the Steering Committee of the project will review the progress with the elaboration of a national programme to implement targets set under the Protocol, including an action plan and a resource mobilization strategy.  It will also consider reports on training events for water operators and the elaboration of norms and standards for small-scale water supply and sanitation systems. The Steering Committee of the National Policy Dialogue will review progress with the implementation of its workplan for 2015.  Website:  www.unece.org/env/water/npd/countrydialogues/md
21 Vilnius	Seminar "Understanding the results of the Active Ageing Index (AAI) in the national context"  Focal point: Olga Kharitonova Phone: +41 (0)22 917 1296  E-mail: olga.kharitonova [at] unece.org		The Seminar, which is organized jointly with the European Commission and the Government of Lithuania, will discuss the results of the AAI to better understand the factors behind the position of Lithuania in the AAI ranking and to set policy priorities in order to improve the country's results in the future.  Website:  www1.unece.org/stat/platform/display/AAI/Meetings+and+Events
26	Workshop "Scenarios for Sustainable Energy"  Focal point: Stefanie Held Phone: +41 (0)22 917 2462  E-mail: stefanie.held [at] unece.org	S-1	The results from the workshop will inform the discussions of the Open-ended Consultations on UNECE Work on Sustainable Energy. The workshop will target twenty to thirty international energy experts interested in developing an instrument for transparent model-based analysis of scenarios for sustainable energy in the UNECE region.  A second workshop to be organized in September 2015 will help formulate and structure the strategic and scenario perspectives for sustainable energy and specify both inputs and potential outputs for subsequent systemic and quantitative scenario modelling exercises.  Website: www.unece.org/index.php?id=38543

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26-27 Lisbon	Geospatial World Forum Workshop "Measuring Progress: Achieving Smarter Cities" Focal point: Amie Figueiredo Phone: +41 (0)22 917 2625 E-mail: amie.figueiredo [at] unece.org		The workshop will discuss the tools and methodologies to measure progress towards smarter and more sustainable cities. Particular focus will be given to the use of geospatial technologies in land administration.  Website: www.unece.org/index.php?id=38886
26-28	Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environment Assessment Focal point: Aphrodite Smagadi Phone: +41 (0)22 917 3294 E-mail: aphrodite.smagadi [at] unece.org	V S4	At its fourth meeting, which is the first meeting it holds after the last sessions of the Meetings of the Parties under the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment, the Working Group on EIA and SEA will consider in particular actions to be taken for the entry into effect of the first amendment to the Convention (in force since August 2014) opening the Convention for accession by non-ECE countries; and the need to ensure sustainable and predictable funding for the implementation of the workplan activities under the two instruments.  The Working Group will also consider the terms of reference for the development of Good practice recommendations on the application of the Convention to nuclear energy-related activities.  Finally, in the context of discussions on subregional cooperation, capacity-building and exchange of good practices, a seminar on post-project analysis will be organized by Belarus in cooperation with Ukraine, and with the support of the secretariat, on 27 May from 10 am to 1pm.  Website: www.unece.org/index.php?id=38654
27-28	Open-ended Consultations on UNECE Work on Sustainable Energy Focal point: Stefanie Held Phone: +41 (0)22 917 24 62 E-mail: stefanie.held [at] unece.org	XXVI	The Open-ended Consultations on UNECE Work on Sustainable Energy offer the possibility for member States to review progress of the implementation of the programme of work 2014-2015 in preparation of the twenty-fourth session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy. Member States are invited to explore their impressions of the work of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies, and to provide honest and constructive feedback about the value added of the subprogramme, what works and what does not, and why, so that relevant actors can deliver according to expectations.  Website: www.unece.org/index.php?id=38541
27-29 Budapest	Implementation Committee (Air Pollution Convention)  Focal point: Alisher Mamadzhanov  Phone: +41 (0)22 917 2442  E-mail: alisher.mamadzhanov [at] unece.org		The Committee will review potential cases of non-compliance by Parties with their emission reduction and reporting obligations under the Protocols to the Convention. It will also follow up on decisions taken by the 33 <sup>rd</sup> session of the Executive Body and provide a progress report to the 34 <sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Body.  Website: www.unece.org/env/lrtap/ic/welcome.html

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28-29 Minsk	Workshop on Migration Statistics Focal point: Jason Schachter Phone: +41 (0)22 917 2152 E-mail: jason.schachter [at] unece.org	_	This two-day workshop on migration statistics for Eastern European and Central Asian countries is being jointly organized by UNECE, Rostat, and CIS-Stat. The objectives of the workshop are to discuss the use of administrative sources and sample surveys to measure international migration in CIS countries, as well as the content of a guide under production on these same topics.  Website: www.unece.org/index.php?id=37886
29 Ispra, Italy	Expert Group Meeting on UNECE Regional Report for Habitat III Conference Focal point: Gulnara Roll Phone: +41 (0)22 917 2257 E-mail: gulnara.roll [at] unece.org		The meeting will discuss the preparation of the UNECE Regional Report for Habitat III Conference.  Website: www.unece.org/housing/urbanplanning

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