

UNECE Monthly

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS*

No. 70 – December 2005

Dates	Title	Comments
28 Nov. - 7	Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods <i>Focal point:</i> Olivier Kervella <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2456 <i>E-mail:</i> olivier.kervella@unece.org	<i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsubc/c3age.html#55
1-2	Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency Investments <i>Focal point:</i> Gianluca Sambucini <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 1175 <i>E-mail:</i> gianluca.sambucini@unece.org	<i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/ie/se/docs/eneffadhoc7.html
1-2 Odessa, Ukraine	Concluding meeting of the OSCE/UNECE Project “Transboundary Cooperation and Sustainable Management of the Dniester River” <i>Focal point:</i> Bo Libert <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2396 <i>E-mail:</i> bo.libert@unece.org	<i>Website:</i> http://www.dniester.org
1-2 Copenhagen	Workshop on Statistics on the volume of road traffic (vehicle-kilometres) <i>Focal point:</i> Miroslav Jovanovic <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2493 <i>E-mail:</i> miroslav.jovanovic@unece.org	<i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp6/transstatac5agenda.html
2 (3 p.m.)	Ad Hoc Informal Meeting of the Commission <i>Focal point:</i> Susan Bartolo <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 1469 <i>E-mail:</i> susan.bartolo@unece.org	Room VII.
5-7	10th Meeting of the Compliance Committee <i>Focal point:</i> Jeremy Wates <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2384 <i>E-mail:</i> public.participation@unece.org	At its 10th meeting the Committee is expected to finalize findings and recommendations with regard to communications ACCC/C/2004/06 (Kazakhstan) and ACCC/C/2004/08 (Armenia). It will also begin preparing draft findings following consideration of communication ACCC/C/2005/111(Belgium) and will enter into discussions on communication ACCC/C/2005/12 (Albania). <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/env/pp/compliance.htm#tenthmeeting

* Not an official record; for information only. Unless otherwise specified, meetings are held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

5-7	Working Group on Water and Health <i>Focal point:</i> Rainer Enderlein <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2373 <i>E-mail:</i> rainer.enderlein@unece.org	<i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/env/water/meetings/documents.htm #Working Group on Water and Health
6 (pm) -9	Working Party on Passive Safety <i>Focal point:</i> Romain Hubert <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2402 <i>E-mail:</i> romain.hubert@unece.org	As a subsidiary body of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29), GRSP will continue, in its 38th session, consideration of worldwide harmonization concerning pedestrian safety, head restraints, side impact dummy, and vehicle crash compatibility. GRSP will also consider a range of amendments to current UNECE Regulations related to vehicle passive safety requirements, in particular: door latches and hinges, safety-belts and its anchorages, frontal and lateral collision protection, child restraints systems, cabs of commercial vehicles, restraining of children and wheelchair users travelling on buses and coaches and frontal collision of buses. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/trans/main/welcwp29.htm
7 (pm) -9	Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals <i>Focal point:</i> Rosa Garcia Couto <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2435 <i>E-mail:</i> rosa.garcia.couto@unece.org	<i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsubc4/c4age.html#19
7-9 Gothenburg, Sweden		
7-8	Workshop on the importance of non-technical measures for reductions in emissions of air pollutants and how to consider them in integrated assessment modelling <i>Focal point:</i> Matti Johansson <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2358 <i>E-mail:</i> matti.johansson@unece.org	The workshop will discuss the potential and cost of possible local and non-technical measures to reduce emissions and ways to incorporate them in integrated assessment models of air pollution. The workshop is jointly organized by the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (LRTAP) and the Swedish ASTA programme (International and national abatement strategies for TAP). <i>Website:</i> http://asta.ivl.se/workshops/NTM.htm
8-9	31st meeting of the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling (TFIAM) <i>Focal point:</i> Matti Johansson <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2358 <i>E-mail:</i> matti.johansson@unece.org	The meeting reviews the progress in modelling air pollution abatement strategies and setting environmental protection targets. It will also discuss the results of the preceding workshop. TFIAM operates under the Working Group on Strategies and Review of the LRTAP Convention.
8-9	Ad Hoc Meeting on SPECA Working Group on Gender and Economy <i>Focal point:</i> Ewa Ruminska-Zimny <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 1698 <i>E-mail:</i> ewa.zimny@unece.org	The meeting is the follow-up to the decision taken at the International conference on strengthening sub-regional economic cooperation in Central Asia and the future role of SPECA, Astana (May 2005) to consider a setting up of a new thematic group on gender and economy. It will discuss proposals for the Terms of Reference and the programme of work for the new thematic group for 2005-2007. These proposals will be presented to the next Governing Council of SPECA. It will gather representatives of gender bureau, line economic ministries, and NGOs from SPECA member countries, Georgia - as observer country, and international organizations. The meeting is organized in cooperation with OSCE/ODHIR. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/oes/gender/Welcome.html

<p>12-13 Semmering, Austria</p>	<p>11th UNECE Gas Centre Task Force meeting on the Implementation of the EU Gas Directives <i>Focal point:</i> Tans van Kleef <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2443 <i>E-mail:</i> tans.van-kleef@unece.org</p>	<p><i>Website:</i> http://www.gascentre.unece.org/gcagenda.htm</p>
<p>12-15</p>	<p>Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution <i>Focal point:</i> Keith Bull <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2354 <i>E-mail:</i> keith.bull@unece.org</p>	<p>The Executive Body will hold its twenty-third session to consider the Convention's work over the past year and to agree its workplan for 2006. Much emphasis will be on the reviews of the three most recent Protocols to the Convention: the review of the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants should be finalized at the session, that on heavy metals is expected to continue, whilst that for the Gothenburg Protocol will need to be started. In addition, the Executive Body will consider action to be taken regarding Parties that are in non-compliance with their Protocol obligations and it will agree a new strategies and policies questionnaire for 2006. Documents available at: http://www.unece.org/env/eb/welcome.23.html</p>
<p>12-16</p>	<p>Joint ECE/Eurostat Meeting on Population and Housing Censuses <i>Focal point:</i> Paolo Valente <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 3306 <i>E-mail:</i> paolo.valente@unece.org</p>	<p>The main purpose of the meeting is to discuss the draft version of the "Conference of European Statisticians Recommendations for the 2010 Censuses of Population and Housing". On the basis of the discussion at the meeting, the draft census recommendations will be revised and then submitted for adoption by the Conference of European Statisticians in 2006. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2005.12.census.htm</p>
<p>13 (pm) - 14 (am)</p>	<p>Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development <i>Focal point:</i> Ella Behlyarova <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2376 <i>E-mail:</i> ella.behlyarova@unece.org</p>	<p>Following the decisions of the Vilnius High-level Meeting, the Steering Committee is expected to adopt its Work Plan and discuss various issues in relation to the implementation of the UNECE Strategy for ESD. These include capacity building activities, reporting mechanism and indicators to measure the effectiveness of the Strategy's implementation.. It will also address interlinkages and possible mutual benefits of the UNECE process and other ESD processes. Furthermore, the Steering Committee will consider a possible input on ESD for the sixth "Environment for Europe" Conference (Belgrade, October 2007). <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/env/esd/SC.Meet.htm</p>
<p>14 (pm) - 15 (am)</p>	<p>High-level Commitment Meeting <i>Focal point:</i> Sergiusz Ludwiczak <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 3174 <i>E-mail:</i> sergiusz.ludwiczak@unece.org</p>	<p><i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/env/teia/assistprog/prog-hlm.htm</p>

<p>15 (pm) - 16</p>	<p>Second Regional Implementation Forum on Sustainable Development <i>Focal point:</i> Monika Linn <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 1315 <i>E-mail:</i> monika.linn@unece.org</p>	<p>The Forum constitutes the regional preparatory meeting for the fourteenth session of the CSD. The implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg outcomes will be reviewed in the following areas: energy for sustainable development, industrial development, air pollution/ atmosphere and climate change, and cross-cutting issues. The expected outcome would take the form of a Chairman's Summary that would focus on particular obstacles encountered and major breakthroughs made in the implementation of partnerships, actions and measures related to the above issues. The chairperson's summary of the meeting will be presented to the fourteenth session of the CSD. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/env/SustainableDevelopment/2Session/welcome.htm</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents <i>Focal point:</i> Francesca Bernardini / Sergiusz Ludwiczak <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2463 / 3174 <i>E-mail:</i> francesca.bernardini@unece.org sergiusz.ludwiczak@unece.org</p>	<p><i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/env/teia/water.htm</p>

Just issued

Occasional Paper # 6

Sustaining Growth in a Resource-based Economy: The Main Issues and the Specific Case of Russia

Sales # E.05.II.E.19 – ISBN 92-1-116934-8 – US\$ 10

**If you need more information do not hesitate to contact us: Information Unit, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Palais des Nations, Room 356, CH-1211 Geneva 10,
Phone: +41(0)22 917 44 44, Fax: +41(0)22 917 05 05, E-mail: info.ece@unece.org,
or have a look at our website: <http://www.unece.org>**