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Dates	Title	Comments
31 Oct. - 2 Nov.	UNECE Expert Group on Indicators for Education for Sustainable Development, Second meeting <i>Focal point:</i> Ella Behlyarova <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2376 <i>E-mail:</i> ella.behlyarova@unece.org	<i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/env/esd/SC.EGI.htm
31 Oct. - 2 Nov. Tbilisi	International Workshop on Joint monitoring and assessment of shared water basins, including early warning and alarm systems <i>Focal points:</i> Francesca Bernardini & Bo Libert <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2463/2396 <i>E-mail:</i> francesca.bernardini@unece.org bo.libert@unece.org	The workshop will be held in the framework of the UNECE project Capacity for Water Cooperation (CWC) in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA). <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/env/water/cwc.htm
31 Oct. - 3 Nov.	Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs <i>Focal point:</i> O. Sid'Ahmed <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2421 <i>E-mail:</i> ould.khou.sid'ahmed@unece.org	The Working Party will consider the proposal of the amendments to the ATP Agreement, the drafting of an ATP Handbook and the facilitation of the international transport of perishable foodstuffs. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp11/wp11age.html
1 (3 p.m.)	Briefing by Executive Secretary to Missions <i>Focal point:</i> Susan Bartolo <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 1469 <i>E-mail:</i> susan.bartolo@unece.org	Room V.
3	UNECE Gas Centre Bureau Meeting <i>Focal point:</i> Tans van Kleef <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2443 <i>E-mail:</i> tans.van-kleef@unece.org	<i>Website:</i> http://www.gascentre.unece.org
7-8	Task Force on Electronic Information Tools <i>Focal point:</i> Michael Stanley-Jones <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2442 <i>E-mail:</i> michael.stanley-jones@unece.org	The task force is expected to review decision II/3 on Electronic Information Tools and the Clearing-house Mechanism, prepare a programme of capacity-building workshops and review draft guidance for national nodes of the Aarhus Clearinghouse for Environmental Democracy. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/env/pp/electronictools.htm http://aarhusclearinghouse.unece.org/

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<p>7-8 London</p>	<p>Second Meeting of the Expert Group on Particulate Matter <i>Focal point:</i> A. Karadjova / K. Bull <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2345/2354 <i>E-mail:</i> albena.karadjova@unece.org keith.bull@unece.org</p>	<p>In accordance with the work plan agreed at its first meeting, the Expert Group on Particulate Matter under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution will consider in more depth specific scientific issues raised at its first meeting and will identify priorities and tasks for providing further scientific information. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/env/pm/welcome.htm</p>
<p>7-11</p>	<p>Working Party 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</p>	<p><i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/wp15/wp15age.html#184</p>
<p>8 Riga</p>	<p>14th UNECE Gas Centre Task Force GATE 2010 on Transportation and Tariffs <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</p>
<p>9-10 Almaty</p>	<p>Ad hoc Session of the SPECA Project Working Group on Water and Energy Resources <i>Focal point:</i> Bo Libert <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2396 <i>E-mail:</i> bo.libert@unece.org</p>	
<p>9-11</p>	<p>Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Harmonization of Energy Reserves and Resources Terminology <i>Focal point:</i> Charlotte Griffiths <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 1988 <i>E-mail:</i> charlotte.griffiths@unece.org</p>	<p>Since the UNFC was first developed for solid fuels and mineral commodities and recommended for worldwide use by ECOSOC in 1997, a strengthening of the need for one common global code covering extractive activities has been identified. Work is now underway by this Group of Experts to fully extend the UNFC to petroleum and uranium resources and to further enhance efficiency in international and national resources management, in corporate business processes and in finance. Implementation and facilitation of the above issues will be discussed at the meeting. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/ie/se/reserves.html</p>
<p>9-11</p>	<p>UNECE/Eurostat Work Session on Statistical Data Confidentiality <i>Focal point:</i> Juraj Riecan <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 3328 <i>E-mail:</i> juraj.riecan@unece.org</p>	<p>The main objectives of the meeting are to facilitate the exchange of experience and identify the best practices in dealing with technical issues related to statistical data confidentiality in national statistical offices. The meeting is primarily intended for experts from national and international statistical offices dealing with statistical disclosure limitation. Topics discussed range from general data confidentiality issues to remote (in particular Web) access and software for disclosure control. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2005.11.confidentiality.htm</p>
<p>14-15</p>	<p>Implementation Committee <i>Focal point:</i> Wiek Schrage <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2448 <i>E-mail:</i> wiecher.schrage@unece.org</p>	<p>The Implementation Committee under the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context will review the implementation of the provisions of the Convention. It will also review the compliance reporting system as well as the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee when considering matters under the Protocol on SEA. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/env/eia/implementation.htm</p>

14-16 Budapest	Joint ECE/WHO/Eurostat Seminar on Measurement of Health Status <i>Focal point:</i> Linda Hooper <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 3255 <i>E-mail:</i> linda.hooper@unece.org	The Meeting will have the following major objectives: 1) Review the work of the Task Force on Health Status, 2) Review the criteria and selection of domains to measure health status, 3) Discuss proposed questions to measure specified domains on health status, and 4) Continue discussions of possible ways of joining national and international efforts in measuring health status. Expected outcomes of the meeting are: 1) final document on the common approach to measuring health status and 2) a work plan for pretesting the agreed upon questions to measure the domains. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2005.11.health.htm
14-18	World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29)	
14	Administrative Committee for the Coordination of Work (WP.29/AC.2) <i>Focal point:</i> Juan Ramos García <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 1998 <i>E-mail:</i> juan.ramos.garcia@unece.org	The 89th meeting of WP.29/AC.2 is scheduled to consider the programme of work of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) and its six subsidiary bodies and give its advice concerning work to be undertaken.
15-18	World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) <i>Focal point:</i> Juan Ramos García <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 1998 <i>E-mail:</i> juan.ramos.garcia@unece.org	Under the 1958 Agreement, the agenda of the 137 th session lists 35 amendments to UNECE Regulations and proposals for 4 new UNECE Regulations. The global harmonization should continue to be considered in the framework of the 1998 Global Agreement with the consideration of 5 regulations to be listed in the Compendium of Candidates global technical regulations (gtrs). The status of the work on the 15 priorities for the development of gtrs should also be considered. Besides, WP.29 will receive reports of its six subsidiary bodies and consider their programme of work. Documents could be consulted in: http://www.unece.org/trans/main/welcwp29.htm
15-16	14th UNECE Gas Centre Technical Database Committee <i>Focal point:</i> Alain Tournebise <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2474 <i>E-mail:</i> alain.tournebise@unece.org	<i>Website:</i> http://www.gascentre.unece.org
15-19 Oberurgl, Austria	Workshop "Critical levels of ozone: further applying and developing the flux-based concept" <i>Focal point:</i> Matti Johansson <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2358 <i>E-mail:</i> matti.johansson@unece.org	The meeting aims to validate new flux methods that describe harmful ozone impacts on crops, (semi-) natural vegetation and forest trees, and to further develop the scientific basis for policy applications. This workshop, hosted by Austria, is organized under the Working Group on Effects of the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (LRTAP). <i>Website:</i> http://www.uni-graz.at/ozone_workshop_oberurgl_2005/
17-18 Beirut	Workshop on Instruments for managing shared groundwater resources in the Euro-Mediterranean (MEDA) region <i>Focal point:</i> Francesca Bernardini and Bo Libert <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2463 / 2396 <i>E-mail:</i> francesca.bernardini@unece.org or bo.libert@unece.org	The workshop is jointly organized by ESCWA, ECE, ECA, UNESCO and UN-DESA, within the framework of an inter-regional project on “Capacity building for the sustainable utilization, management and protection of internationally shared groundwater in the Mediterranean region”. The project aims at strengthening the capacity of water management institutions in the Mediterranean region to implement sustainable forms of use, management and protection of internationally shared groundwater resources. The workshop aims to increase awareness and application by Euro-Mediterranean Partnership (MEDA) countries of the international norms in the sustainable management of shared aquifers.

21-22	Working Party on Land Administration <i>Focal point:</i> Guennadi Vinogradov <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2374 <i>E-mail:</i> guennadi.vinogradov@unece.org	<i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/env/hs/wpla/4thSession_LA.htm
21-23 Braun-schweig, Germany	Workshop "Causal relations of nitrogen in the cascade" <i>Focal point:</i> Matti Johansson <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2358 <i>E-mail:</i> matti.johansson@unece.org	The meeting aims to assess the state of knowledge of the different causal relationships of nitrogen, which support the development of different emission abatement policies in Europe. This is a joint workshop of the European Science Foundation's "Cost action 729" and the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (LRTAP). <i>Website:</i> http://www.cost729.org/workshop_nov05.html
24-25	Task Force on Public Participation in International Forums <i>Focal point:</i> Jeremy Wates <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2384 <i>E-mail:</i> jeremy.wates@unece.org	The Task Force, established by the Parties to the Convention at their second meeting by virtue through decision II/4, is expected to enter into consultations with relevant international forums regarding the Almaty Guidelines on Promoting the Application of the Principles of the Aarhus Convention in International Forums. At its first meeting, the Task Force will prepare a proposed plan of consultation, including a list of international forums to be consulted, the modalities of consultation and a time schedule, having regard to the internal procedures of these forums. This plan will be submitted for approval to the Working Group of the Parties at its next meeting (5-7 April 2006). <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/env/pp/ppif.htm
24-25 Paris <u>Postponed to 10-12 January 2006</u>	Working Party on Rail Transport <i>Focal point:</i> Miodrag Pesut <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 4136 <i>E-mail:</i> miodrag-pesut@unece.org	<i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/trans/main/sc2/sc2.html
28-7 Dec.	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

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