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Dates	Title	Comments
3	Advisory Group on the Protection and Implementation of Intellectual Property Rights for Investment – Seventh session <i>Focal point:</i> Michiko Enomoto <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 5989/1354 <i>E-mail:</i> michiko.enomoto@unece.org	At its seventh annual session the Advisory Group will review its activities and progress made on support projects in 2004/2005. The provisional programme of work for 2005/2006 will be submitted to the session. Part of the session will be dedicated to cooperation of the Advisory Group with other international organizations so as to identify the areas where synergies could be achieved between the work of the Advisory Group and other organizations. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/ie/Wp5/ http://www.unece-ipr.org/
3-6 Bialowieza, Poland	The 13th meeting of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists: Forest Communicators Network (FCN) <i>Focal point:</i> Christopher Prins <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2874 <i>E-mail:</i> christopher.prins@unece.org	The FCN was established by the UNECE Timber Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission in support of the overall goal to improve the ability of the forest and forest products sector to communicate effectively, within and outside the sector, and to raise the awareness of sector policy makers of the potential of effective communication strategies and tools. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/trade/timber/pr/meetings/meetings.htm
3-7	3 Ad hoc Expert Group on Phase III of the TIR revision process (WP.30) (4th session) <i>Focal point:</i> Poul Hansen <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 3258 <i>E-mail:</i> poul.hansen@unece.org	The UNECE Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport, at its one-hundred-and-tenth session (Geneva, June 2005), decided to convene the third session of the Ad hoc Expert Group to consider the amendment proposals that have been transmitted by Contracting Parties to the Working Party which are considered as being of a strategic nature for the TIR system. Agenda: http://www.unece.org/trans/bcf/wp30/documents/TRANS-WP30-2005-GE2-1e.pdf <i>Website:</i> http://border.unece.org

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4-7	<p>Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) (111th session) <i>Focal point:</i> Poul Hansen <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 3258 <i>E-mail:</i> poul.hansen@unece.org</p>	<p>The Working Party will review the status of the 14 United Nations Conventions in the field of border crossing facilitation, which are administered by the Working Party. In particular, the Working Party will consider the status of the Conventions on Temporary Importation of Private and Commercial Road Vehicles, the International Harmonization Convention and the progress in the current revision of the TIR Convention as well as a large number of issues relating to the application of the TIR Customs transit procedure. Agenda: http://www.unece.org/trans/bcf/wp30/documents/TRANS-WP30-221e.pdf <i>Website:</i> http://border.unece.org</p>
3 (pm)-7	<p>Working Party on Lighting and Light-signalling 55th session <i>Focal point:</i> Juris Dzintars <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2106 <i>E-mail:</i> juris.dzintars@unece.org</p>	<p>As subsidiary body to the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29), GRE will resume, during its 55th session, the consideration on a range of items proposed to improve regulatory provisions concerning the lighting and light-signalling devices of wheeled vehicles. GRE will consider, amongst others, proposals on light-emitting diode modules (LED), on adaptive front-lighting systems (AFS) as well as a proposal for a global technical regulation (gtr) concerning the installation requirements for lighting and light-signalling devices. <i>We site:</i> http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29wgs/wp29gre/greage.html</p>
4 (pm)-7	<p>Expert Group on Environmental Performance Reviews <i>Focal point:</i> Catherine Masson <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 23 56 <i>E-mail:</i> catherine.masson@unece.org</p>	<p>The Environmental Performance Review Programme is pursuing its activities with its second round of reviews. The Expert Group will review the reports on the environmental performance of Belarus and the Republic of Moldova. The review takes stock of the implementation of the recommendations in the first review (1997-1998) and address a new set of recommendations which takes into account the progress made and reflects the current policies and objectives in environmental management. The Expert Group will also define its next objectives for 2006. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/env/epr/meetings.htm</p>
6-7	<p>TIR Administrative Committee (AC.2) (39th session) <i>Focal point:</i> Poul Hansen <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 3258 <i>E-mail:</i> poul.hansen@unece.org</p>	<p>The TIR Administrative Committee, the highest administrative organ representing all 65 Contracting Parties to the TIR Convention is convened at least twice a year and is serviced by the ECE secretariat. At its autumn session, the Committee will review the activities of its executive organ, the TIR Executive Board (TIRExB), provide guidance for all work to be undertaken under the present Phase III of the TIR revision process and adopt amendment proposals and comments to the text of the TIR Convention, 1975. Agenda: http://www.unece.org/trans/bcf/ac2/documents/TRANS-WP30-AC2-78e.pdf <i>Website:</i> http://border.unece.org</p>

6-7	<p>Administrative Committee for the “Harmonization” Convention (AC.3) (8th session) <i>Focal point:</i> Poul Hansen <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 3258 <i>E-mail:</i> poul.hansen@unece.org</p>	<p>The Administrative Committee for the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, 1982, the highest administrative organ representing all 44 Contracting States and the European Community to the "Harmonization" Convention is serviced by the UNECE secretariat. At its session in June 2005, the Committee will review and possibly adopt a new annex on efficient border crossing procedures for heavy goods vehicles, consider a new annex on rail transport and contemplate a new annex on security controls at border crossings as well as provide guidance for all work to be undertaken in relation to the Convention and adopt any amendment proposals and comments to the text of the Convention. Agenda: http://www.unece.org/trans/bcf/ac3/documents/TRANS-WP30-AC3-15e.pdf <i>Website:</i> http://border.unece.org</p>
10-11	<p>Seminar on Environmental Services and Financing for the Protection and Sustainable Use of Water-related Ecosystems <i>Focal point:</i> Francesca Bernardini <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2463 <i>E-mail:</i> francesca.bernardini@unece.org</p>	<p><i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/env/water/meetings/payment_ecosystems/seminar.htm</p>
10-11 Kiev	<p>Workshop on Trade Facilitation <i>Focal point:</i> Mario Apostolov <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 1134 <i>E-mail:</i> mario.apostolov@unece.org</p>	<p>The UNECE, the Ministry of Economy, State Customs Service and Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Ukraine are organizing a Workshop on Trade Facilitation, with participation from Armenia, Georgia, and the Republic of Moldova. The Workshop will focus on: the status of market reforms in Ukraine and the other participating countries; implementation of trade facilitation measures; strengthening public-private partnerships for trade facilitation; transit policy and practical issues; and definition of concrete projects on trade facilitation implementation, including harmonization with international standards. It will review some new concepts, such as Single Window and electronic trade documents, existing trade facilitation and transit issues; collaboration with such regional initiatives as TRACECA and GUAM, as well as a regional collaboration among national trade facilitation bodies (PRO committees).</p>
10-12 (am)	<p>COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY <i>Focal point:</i> Christina von Schweinichen <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2388 <i>E-mail:</i> christina.schweinichen@unece.org</p>	<p><i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/env/cep/12thsession.html</p>
11-14 OECD, Paris	<p>Joint ECE/OECD Meeting on National Accounts <i>Focal point:</i> Tiina Luige <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 1097 <i>E-mail:</i> tiina.luige@unece.org</p>	<p>The meeting will focus on the review of the 1993 System of National Accounts (1993 SNA). It deals with financial issues, general government accounts, non-financial assets, measuring capital stock, capital services and productivity. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2005.10.sna.htm</p>

<p>11 (pm)-14</p>	<p>Working Party on General Safety Provisions, 89th session <i>Focal point:</i> Juris Dzintars <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2106 <i>E-mail:</i> juris.dzintars@unece.org</p>	<p>GRSG, a subsidiary body of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29), will consider, at its 89th session, a range of amendments to UNECE Regulations related to vehicle general safety requirements, in particular buses and coaches, "sleeping coaches", safety of wheelchair passengers, protection against unauthorized use, drivers' field of vision as well as safety glazing and identification of controls, tell-tales and indicators (including their worldwide harmonization). <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29wgs/wp29grsg/grsgage.htm</p>
<p>12 (pm)-13</p>	<p>Ad Hoc Preparatory Working Group of Senior Officials "Environment for Europe" <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 first session of the Working Group will launch the preparatory process for the Sixth Ministerial Conference 'Environment for Europe' which is scheduled to take place in Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro, in September or October 2007. The meeting will decide on the schedule for the preparatory process, receive information about host country preparations, establish its Bureau (Execom) and start considering the agenda for the Belgrade Conference. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/env/wgso/Belgrade.prep.meetings.html</p>
<p>12-14</p>	<p>Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee <i>Focal point:</i> Jeremy Wates <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2384 <i>E-mail:</i> jeremy.wates@unece.org</p>	<p><i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/env/pp/compliance.htm</p>
<p>12-14 Almaty</p>	<p>Two Workshops "Air quality management and the international legal framework" and "Economic, Legal, Environmental, Institutional, and Regulatory Policy Measures Supported by Appropriate Energy Pricing Reforms Needed for Deployment of Appropriate, Cost-effective and Commercially Available CCTs" <i>Focal points:</i> Bo Libert & Evgenii Nadezhdin <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2396/1390 <i>E-mail:</i> bo.libert@unece.org evgenii.nadezhdin@unece.org</p>	<p>The workshops are organized within the framework of the project Capacity Building for Air Quality Management and the Application of Clean Coal Combustion Technologies in Central Asia (CAPACT) that will be held in Almaty, Kazakhstan on 12-14 October 2005. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/ie/capact/</p>
<p>17-19</p>	<p>Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1) <i>Focal points:</i> Marie-Noëlle Poirier & Christopher Smith <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 3259 <i>E-mail:</i> marie-noelle.poirier@unece.org christopher.smith@unece.org</p>	<p>The 99th session of the Working Party on Road Transport (SC.1) will consider for adoption a draft additional Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR) introducing the possibility of using an electronic consignment note into its procedures. It will also review the need for amendments to the UNECE legal instrument dealing with driving and rest periods for professional drivers as a consequence of modifications to EU legislation on the subject. Proposals for new E roads in Bulgaria, Sweden and Turkey will be examined. The Working Party is also expected to adopt its terms of reference and rules of procedure and its programme of work for 2006-2010. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/trans/main/sc1/sc1.html</p>

17-19 Tallinn	21st Task Force meeting of ICP Waters <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 assessment and monitoring of acidification of rivers and lakes, including biological responses, dynamic modelling and assessment of heavy metals and persistent organic pollutants. This International Cooperative Programme (ICP) operates under the Working Group on Effects of the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (LRTAP). <i>Website:</i> http://www.iis.niva.no/ICP-waters/
17-19 Riga	Workshop on Forests – Common Benefits Shared Responsibilities, Multiple Policies <i>Focal point:</i> Christopher Prins <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2874 <i>E-mail:</i> christopher.prins@unece.org or Gunta.Liepina@zm.gov.lv	The workshop is organized by the MCPFE Liaison Unit/Warsaw in cooperation with UNECE/FAO Timber Branch and the Governments of Switzerland and Latvia. The workshop aims to strengthen synergies for sustainable forest management in Europe through cross-sectoral cooperation. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/trade/timber/docs/efsos/LatviaEfsos.htm
17-20	Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards, 61st session <i>Focal point:</i> Claudio Meza <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 1366 <i>E-mail:</i> claudio.meza@unece.org	The Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards will examine 11 standards for revision and adoption, and the deletion of the UNECE Recommendation for Plums. It will also discuss policy matters such as the revision of the working procedures and the standard layout as well as cooperation with other organizations. All relevant information about the meeting can be found at http://www.unece.org/trade/agr/meetings/hist2005.htm
17-21 Rovaniemi, Finland	Meeting and workshops of the Task Force on Emission Inventories and Projections, under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution <i>Focal point:</i> Brinda Wachs <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2452 <i>E-mail:</i> brinda.wachs@unece.org	The Task Force will hold its fifteenth meeting (the sixth to be held jointly with the European Information Observation Network (EIONET), maintained by the European Environment Agency (EEA). The meeting (19-21 October) will focus on emission inventory review and improvement, and will be preceded by a capacity building workshop on air emission inventories (17-18 October) (http://www.treip-secretariat.org) and a scientific workshop on heavy metals and POPs emissions (18-19 October), organized by the ESPREME project of the European Commission (http://espreme.ier.uni-stuttgart.de/workshop).
18-19 Debe, Poland	Workshop on Transboundary Water Management at the North-Eastern Border of the European Union <i>Focal point:</i> Francesca Bernardini <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2463 <i>E-mail:</i> francesca.bernardini@unece.org	The workshop will examine the complementary role of the UNECE Water Convention and the European Union Water Framework Directive (EU WFD) for the integrated management of transboundary waters in the UNECE region and how these two tools can support the management of waters shared by EU and non-EU countries. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/env/water/
18-20	Working Party on Inland Water Transport <i>Focal point:</i> Viatcheslav Novikov <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2478 <i>E-mail:</i> viatcheslav.novikov@unece.org	Consideration and adoption of: (i) amendments to AGN Agreement; (ii) Europe-wide Harmonized Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels; and (iii) International standards for River Information Service (RIS). <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/sc3/sc3age.html

<p>19-20 Belgrade</p>	<p>Workshop on WTO Accession, Trade Facilitation and Transit <i>Focal point:</i> Mario Apostolov <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 1134 <i>E-mail:</i> mario.apostolov@unece.org</p>	<p>UNECE, in collaboration with the Ministries of International Economic Relations of Serbia and Montenegro and the Chamber of Commerce of Serbia, AITIC and the WTO secretariat, is organizing a Workshop on WTO Accession, Trade Facilitation and Transit. The objective is to raise awareness of the importance of integration of Serbia in the international rules-based trading system and of trade and transport facilitation for the economic and political development of Serbia and Montenegro. The Workshop will also look at such issues as the Single Window in Serbia and Montenegro, implementation of major international transit instruments (such as TIR) and the implications of the WTO trade facilitation agenda for the country.</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>Steering Group for Preparation of a Pan-European Conference on Inland Water Transport <i>Focal point:</i> Viatcheslav Novikov <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2478 <i>E-mail:</i> viatcheslav.novikov@unece.org</p>	<p><i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/sc3/sc3age.html#PanEUro</p>
<p>24-25 London</p>		
<p>24 (pm) starting at 3.00 pm</p>	<p>Working Party on International Legal and Commercial Practice <i>Focal point:</i> Geoffrey Hamilton <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2838/1354 <i>E-mail:</i> geoffrey.hamilton@unece.org mitja.jarh@unece.org</p>	<p>At its 52nd session the Working Party on International Legal and Commercial Practice will review its activities and progress made on its activities in 2004/2005. The provisional programme of work for 2005/2006 will be submitted to the session. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/ie/Wp5/</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>Fourth PPP Alliance Meeting <i>Focal point:</i> Geoffrey Hamilton <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2838/1354 <i>E-mail:</i> geoffrey.hamilton@unece.org mitja.jarh@unece.org</p>	<p>The topic for this year's 4th PPP Alliance meeting is "Making Public-Private Partnerships a reality", and is organized in cooperation with the UK Trade & Investment Department. The conference will focus on the extensive UK experience in PPPs as well as new opportunities for PPPs in emerging markets. A particular emphasis this year will be the opportunities for PPPs in the Russian Federation. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/ie/Wp5/ http://www.unece.org/ie/ppp</p>
<p>24-25</p>	<p>28th Session of the UN/CEFACT International Trade Procedures Working Group (ITPWG-TBG15) <i>Focal point:</i> Tom Butterly <i>Phone:</i> + 41 (0) 22 917 1178 <i>E-mail:</i> tom.butterly@unece.org</p>	<p>The ITPWG-TBG15 will hold a two-day meeting in Geneva to consider broad trade facilitation issues and implementation and coordination issues. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/cefact/forum_grps/itp/welcome.htm</p>
<p>24-26</p>	<p>Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies <i>Focal point:</i> Serguei Kouzmine <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2771 <i>E-mail:</i> serguei.kouzmine@unece.org</p>	<p>During its 15th session, the Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies will hold a second International Forum on Market Surveillance and Consumer Protection (on the afternoon of 24 and the morning of 25 October 2005). Expected outcome: the collection of information on national market surveillance experiences with a view to elaborating recommendations to UNECE Governments on this matter. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/trade/ctied/wp6/documents/wp6-05-list.htm</p>

<p>24-28 Prague, Krtiny, Czech Republic</p>	<p>Workshop on Building Capacity for Sharing Forest and Market Information <i>Focal point:</i> Douglas Clark <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2870 <i>E-mail:</i> douglas.clark@unece.org</p>	<p>The workshop will help to extend the capacity of countries to collect and share information in the field of forest resources, forest products, marketing and policy. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/trade/timber/mis/2005Krtinyv.htm</p>
<p>26-28 Brighton, United Kingdom</p>		
<p>26-27</p>	<p>Workshop on dynamic nitrogen processes <i>Focal point:</i> Matti Johansson <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2358 <i>E-mail:</i> matti.johansson@unece.org</p>	<p>The workshop reviews the current knowledge on nitrogen modelling and biodiversity. It will recommend appropriate avenues for nutrient nitrogen dynamic modelling, as well as its role in acidification models, and define nitrogen status measures linked to observed occurrences of plant species and communities. The workshop is organized by the Joint Expert Group on Dynamic Modelling, which operates under the Working Group on Effects of the LRTAP Convention.</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>6th meeting of the Joint Expert Group on Dynamic Modelling <i>Focal point:</i> Matti Johansson <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2358 <i>E-mail:</i> matti.johansson@unece.org</p>	<p>The meeting reviews recent activities on the dynamic modelling of ecosystem effects of acidification, eutrophication and heavy metals, with focus on nitrogen modelling and links between biogeochemical models and biodiversity.</p>
<p>28 Italy</p>	<p>Fourth meeting of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Gender and Forestry <i>Focal point:</i> Simmone Rose (FAO Rome) <i>Phone:</i> +39 06 57055299 <i>E-mail:</i> Simmone.Rose@fao.org</p>	<p>The aim of the meeting is to report on the work completed by the Team and to discuss plans for the future.</p>
<p>31-2 Nov.</p>	<p>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</p>	<p><i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/env/esd/SC.EGL.htm</p>
<p>31-2 Nov. Tbilisi</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>31-3 Nov.</p>	<p>Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs <i>Focal point:</i> O. Sid'Ahmed Tel: +41 (0) 22 917 2421 E-mail: ould.khou.sid'ahmed@unece.org</p>	<p>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</p>

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