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Dates	Title	Comments
31 August - 2 Sept.	Working Group on Effects <i>Focal point:</i> Matti Johansson <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2358 <i>E-mail:</i> matti.johansson@unece.org	In its twenty-fourth session the Working Group on Effects of the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution will review, inter alia, recent results of the effect-oriented work of its International Cooperative Programmes and Task Forces. Documents are available at the website: http://www.unece.org/env/wge/documents.htm
5-7	Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP) <i>Focal point:</i> Keith Bull <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2354 <i>E-mail:</i> keith.bull@unece.org	The twenty-ninth session of the Steering Body to EMEP will review its activities, in particular those of its task forces and programme centres, and plan its future work taking into account the priorities of the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap
5 (pm)-7	Working Party on Noise <i>Focal point:</i> Juris Dzintars <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2106 <i>E-mail:</i> juris.dzintars@unece.org	As subsidiary body to the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29), GRB will focus, during the 42nd session, its consideration on a range of amendments to UNECE Regulations Nos. 41, 51 and 59 annexed to the 1958 Agreement and related to the sound emissions of motor vehicles and their silencing systems. <i>Website:</i> select GRB on http://www.unece.org/trans/main/welcwp29.htm
12-15	Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) <i>Focal points:</i> Marie-Noëlle Poirier and Christopher Smith <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 3259/3298 <i>E-mail:</i> marie-noelle.poirier@unece.org / christopher.smith@unece.org	At its 47th session, the Working Party will work towards the adoption of recommendations on a number of road safety issues including roadside checks, driving under the influence of alcohol, improving motorcycle and moped safety, increasing seatbelt usage, overtaking, pedestrian rules and signs, communication and road safety campaigns, daytime running lamps, driving at night, speed, safety in tunnels, and variable message signs. WP.1 is also expected to adopt terms of reference and rules of procedure and to discuss the organization, in cooperation with WHO and the other UN regional commissions, of the First Global UN Road Safety Week to be held in April 2007 on the theme of young road users. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/trans/main/welcwp1.html
13 (10 am)	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 VIII.

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13-23	<p>Joint Meeting of the RID Safety Committee and the ECE Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods <i>Focal point:</i> Olivier Kervella <i>Tel:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2456 <i>E-mail:</i> olivier.kervella@unece.org</p>	<p>The Joint Meeting (organized jointly by the UNECE and the Intergovernmental Organization for International Carriage by Rail) will consider proposals of harmonization of RID, ADR and ADN with the new recommendations made by the ECOSOC Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals at its December 2004 session. The Joint Meeting will also consider new proposals concerning aspects of transport of dangerous goods by road, rail and inland waterway specific to the European context. A Working Group on carriage in tanks and a Working Group on standards will be held in parallel. The Joint Meeting will also consider the outcome of the work of informal groups convened intersessionally (carriage of gas receptacles; dangerous goods safety adviser; overpacks). This session will conclude a two-year cycle of work (2004-2005) aimed at preparing new provisions, or amendments to existing provisions which are common to the three legal instruments, for entry into force on 1 January 2007. The Joint Meeting will discuss its draft programme of work for 2006-2010. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/ac1/ac1age.html Agenda: TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/99</p>
14-16	<p>Expert Meeting on the Update of 1993 SNA: Canberra II Group <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 Canberra II Group was created in 2002 by the Inter-Secretariat Working Group on National Accounts (ISWGNA) under the auspices of the United Nations Statistical Commission. Its key objective is to examine and improve the measurement and treatment of non-financial assets as part of the update of the 1993 System of National Accounts (SNA). This is the sixth meeting of the Group. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2005.09.sna.htm</p>
15-16	<p>Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics <i>Focal point:</i> Miodrag Pesut <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 4136 <i>E-mail:</i> miodrag.pesut@unece.org</p>	<p>Among other issues, the Working Party will continue discussing ways in which it could continue contributing to the development of Euro-Asian transport links. In this context, the Working Party is organizing a Workshop – “Euro-Asian transport links – Feedback from users” starting at 10 a.m. on 16 September 2005. Documents for the session of the Working Party are available at: http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp5/wp52005.html</p>
16 Krakow, Poland	<p>Workshop on Sustainable Development of Competitive Forest Operations in Europe <i>Focal point:</i> Helena Guarin <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 3922 <i>E-mail:</i> helena.guarin@unece.org</p>	<p><i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/trade/timber/website%20JEN/seminars/sem3-Poland-Sep05/sem3.htm</p>
19-21	<p>COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS <i>Focal point:</i> Guennadi Vinogradov <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2374 <i>E-mail:</i> guennadi.vinogradov@unece.org</p>	<p><i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/env/hs/sessions/66thsession.htm</p>

20 (pm)-23	Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear <i>Focal point:</i> Romain Hubert <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2402 <i>E-mail:</i> romain.hubert@unece.org	The 58th session of GRRF is scheduled to consider a range of items proposed to improve regulatory provisions concerning vehicle braking, handling and stability, steering, and tyres. A report on the work of a special working group on worldwide harmonization of passenger vehicle braking requirements will be considered. The proposals, listed in the agenda, refer to all categories of vehicles, including motorcycles, agricultural tractors, buses and trucks. <i>Website:</i> select GRRF in http://www.unece.org/trans/main/welcwp29.htm
21-23 Vienna	Joint Eurostat-UNECE Work Session on Demographic Projections <i>Focal point:</i> Paolo Valente <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 3306 <i>E-mail:</i> paolo.valente@unece.org	The objective of the Work Session is to bring together policy makers, demographic researchers, academics, producers and users of population projections in order to: (i) evaluate the current practices and experiences with respect to demographic projections at the national and international level; (ii) discuss new approaches and research strategies in the field; (iii) improve the communication between policy makers and the community of demographers and producers of population projections. <i>Websites:</i> http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2005.09.projections.htm http://forum.europa.eu.int/irc/dsis/jointestatunece/info/data/
22-23	Sub-regional TIR Seminar for Central Asian countries, member States and observer countries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and neighbouring countries <i>Focal point:</i> Poul Hansen <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 3258 <i>E-mail:</i> poul.hansen@unece.org	The Seminar will provide detailed information on the functioning of the TIR Customs transit regime, its advantages for Customs authorities and international transport and trade in the region. The Seminar will also inform about the status of transit transport in the participating countries. The Seminar will inform participants on the roles and responsibilities of the various actors involved in TIR Customs transit operations (Governments, transport operators, national associations, insurance companies, the International Road Transport Union (IRU), the TIR Administrative Committee and the TIRExB). The major part of the Seminar will be dedicated to an open discussion and exchange of views on the present situation with regard to Customs transit in the region and on the application of the TIR procedure in particular. <i>Web site:</i> http://border.unece.org
26-30	TIMBER COMMITTEE WEEK <hr/> Meeting of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on forest products markets and marketing <i>Focal point:</i> Ed Pepke <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2872 <i>E-mail:</i> ed.pepke@unece.org	<hr/> The ToS meeting aims to: (1) provide a forum for exchange of information on the forest products markets in the UNECE region; and (2) report on market-related topics to the UNECE Timber Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission and to provide input to the secretariat in this field. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/trade/timber/mis/tos/tos-meetings.htm
27-30	TIMBER COMMITTEE <i>Focal point:</i> Christopher Prins <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2874 <i>E-mail:</i> christopher.prins@unece.org	The UNECE Timber Committee meets on its 63 rd annual session. Main items on the agenda are the following: (1) UNECE/FAO in a changing international environment: briefing and discussion of recent developments; (2) Market developments in 2005 and prospects for 2006; (3) Review of activities since the 62 nd session and programme of work to 2008. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/trade/timber/docs/tc-sessions/tc-63/tc-63.htm

29	<p>Policy Forum: Forest certification – do governments have a role? <i>Focal point:</i> Cynthia de Castro <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 3254 <i>E-mail:</i> cynthia.de.castro@unece.org</p>	<p>The policy forum (which is part of the 63rd session of the Timber Committee) aims to focus discussion on the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Should governments use forest certification to promote sustainable forest management, and if so, how? 2. Forest certification is an obstacle to international trade: do its benefits outweigh its disadvantages, and how can governments promote trade in wood and forest products which is sustainable in all respects? <p><i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/trade/timber/docs/tc-sessions/tc-63/tc-63.htm</p>
26-28 Ede, Netherlands	<p>First meeting of the ad hoc Expert Group on ESD Indicators <i>Focal point:</i> Ella Behlyarova <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2376 <i>E-mail:</i> ella.behlyarova@unece.org</p>	<p>Pursuant to the adoption of the UNECE Strategy for education for sustainable development, the High-level Meeting (Vilnius, 2005) established the ad hoc group of experts to develop indicators to measure the effectiveness of the implementation of the Strategy. At its meeting the Group is expected to prepare a first draft of indicators on the basis of the background paper prepared by the secretariat in consultation with the Chairperson.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/env/esd/welcome.htm</p>
26-28	<p>Interregional Consultation on the Preparation for the First Cycle of the Review and Appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA) <i>Focal point:</i> Inna Verbina <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 1324 <i>E-mail:</i> inna.verbina@unece.org</p>	<p>Room H.3. The objectives of the Inter-Regional Consultation is to contribute to the elaboration of national and regional modalities for review and appraisal of MIPAA.</p>
26-28	<p>Joint ECMT/UNECE Working Party/Group on Intermodal Transport and Logistics & UNECE Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics <i>Focal point:</i> Martin Magold <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2453 <i>E-mail:</i> martin.magold@unece.org</p>	<p>The 44th session of the Working Party will consider, <u>inter alia</u>, the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Border crossing facilitation procedures and problem encountered in international intermodal and rail transport; - Implementation of "Model" action plans and partnership agreements setting examples of good practices for efficient intermodal transport operations; - Status of Amendment proposals to the AGTC Agreement (first package) adopted by the Working Party, as well as status of Protocol on Combined Transport on Inland Waterways to the AGTC Agreement. <p>The Working Party will also consider and review its programme of work for the period 2006 to 2010.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/trans/wp24/welcome.html</p>
26 (pm) -30	<p>Working Group on Strategies and Review <i>Focal points:</i> Albena Karadjova, Keith Bull <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2354 <i>E-mail:</i> albena.karadjova@unece.org, keith.bull@unece.org</p>	<p>At its thirty-seventh session the Working Group on Strategies and Review of the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution will consider progress in the review of the Convention's Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants and its Protocol on Heavy Metals. It will also consider its preparations for the expected review of the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol that entered into force in 2005.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap</p>

<p>29-30 Luxembourg</p>	<p>Joint ECE/Eurostat/OECD Meeting on Social Statistics <i>Focal point:</i> Angela Me <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 1666 <i>E-mail:</i> angela.me@unece.org</p>	<p>The main objective of the meeting is to initiate a forum where directors of social statistics can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - identify emerging issues in societies that affect the content and methods of data collection; - discuss strategies used in different countries to address the emerging issues; - provide an umbrella framework for developing guidelines/best practices to help countries to address the emerging issues and developing common data collection methodology (survey modules) to collect data on the emerging issues. <p><i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2005.09.social.htm</p>
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