



**Economic and Social  
Council**

Distr.  
GENERAL

MP.WAT/WG.1/2004/1

7 October 2004  
ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

---

**ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE**

**MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION  
ON THE PROTECTION AND USE OF TRANSBOUNDARY  
WATERCOURSES AND INTERNATIONAL LAKES**

**Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management**

First meeting

Geneva, 15 December 2004

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIRST MEETING\***  
to be held at the Palais des Nations\*\*

---

\* Late submission to take into account the outcome of consultations with countries on capacity building and assistance programmes and the outcome of meetings, organized under the auspices of the United Nations, such as UN-WATER.

\*\* New accreditation procedures have been introduced for all delegates attending meetings held at the Palais des Nations. Delegates are therefore requested to complete the attached registration form also available from the Water Convention's web site (<http://www.unece.org/env/water/meetings/registrationmeeting.htm>) and to transmit it to the UNECE secretariat, at the latest 10 days prior to the meeting, i.e. by **5 December 2004**, either by fax (+ 41 22 917 0107) or by e-mail ([water.convention@unece.org](mailto:water.convention@unece.org)) with a copy to [francesca.bernardini@unece.org](mailto:francesca.bernardini@unece.org)). Prior to the meeting, delegates are requested to present themselves at the Pass and Identification Unit of the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Villa Les Feuillantines, 13, Avenue de la Paix (a map is attached) for the issuance of an identification badge.

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Progress in the ratification process.
3. Achievements of the Working Group and further activities:
  - (a) Seminar on flood protection, prevention and mitigation;
  - (b) Seminar on the role of ecosystems as water suppliers;
  - (c) Implementation of the Water Framework Directive;
  - (d) Water and industrial accidents.
4. The Convention's "Capacity for Water Cooperation - CWC" project.
5. Partnership on water for sustainable development and health-related assistance.
6. Activities of the United Nations and other bodies:
  - (a) Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD);
  - (b) UN-WATER and the UN World Water Development Report;
  - (c) Environment and Security Initiative;
  - (d) International Conference on Integrated Water Resources Management.
7. Resource mobilization.
8. Work plan.
9. Election of officers.
10. Date and venue of the second meeting of the Working Group.
11. Other business.
12. Closure.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

The meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management will be held in Geneva at the Palais des Nations (see the annex for the venue of the meeting, registration and other contact information).

The Working Group meeting will start on 15 December 2004 at 9.30 a.m. and close at 5.30 p.m.

Ms. Sibylle Vermont, Switzerland, elected member of the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention, will chair the meeting.

The working languages will be English, French and Russian. Meeting documents and working papers can be downloaded from the Convention's web site at <http://www.unece.org/env/water/meetings/documents.htm>.

### Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

The Working Group is expected to adopt its agenda as set out in the present document.

### Item 2: Progress in the ratification process

As of September 2004, Hungary has ratified the Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters; and Sweden has submitted its instrument of acceptance of the amendment of articles 25 and 26 of the Convention.

Representatives of the other countries will report on the progress in the ratification process. Upon request by these delegations, the Working Group may wish to make arrangements for assistance in the ratification process.

### Item 3: Achievements of the Working Group and further activities

#### (a) Seminar on flood protection, prevention and mitigation

The delegation of Germany, host country, will inform the Working Group about the outcome of the Seminar, held in Berlin on 21-22 June 2004 (MP.WAT/SEM.3/3). It will also report on activities undertaken by the task force on flood prevention, with Germany as lead country, to draw up a common framework for flood protection, prevention and mitigation, which consists of three pillars: (i) a legal component, developed by the task force member from Greece with the assistance of the Legal Board; (ii) a soft-law component developed by Germany in consultation with the European Commission; and (iii) a capacity building component developed by the task force member from Hungary.

The Working Group is expected to provide its advice to the further elaboration of the common framework.

(b) Seminar on the role of ecosystems as water suppliers

The delegation of Switzerland, lead country, will inform the Working Group about the outcome of the Seminar on the role of ecosystems as water suppliers (Geneva, 13-14 December 2004), prepared in cooperation with the secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971) and the UNECE Timber Committee. The Working Group will provide its assistance in the preparations for the follow-up Seminar on environmental services and financing for the protection and sustainable use of ecosystems (Geneva, 2005). It will also make arrangements for the wide dissemination of the results of, and the follow up to, both Seminars.

(c) Implementation of the Water Framework Directive

The Working Group will be informed by Italy, Poland and the European Commission about the arrangements made to develop, with the help of a group of experts, a plan of activities to introduce the concepts and principles of the EU Water Framework Directive into the water management of non-EU countries, particularly those on the fringe of the enlarged EU. The lead countries/organizations will also inform the Working Group about preparations for the two subregional workshops, one for North-Eastern Europe (lead country: Italy) and the second for South-Eastern Europe (lead country/organization: Poland and the European Commission), to facilitate cooperation and an exchange of experience and best practices in the Water Framework Directive's implementation

(d) Water and industrial accidents

The secretariat will inform the Working Group about the outcome of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the joint ad hoc expert group on water and industrial accidents (Budapest, 26 October 2004), in particular about the arrangements made to report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Seminar on the Prevention of Chemical Accidents and Limitation of their Impact on Transboundary Waters (Hamburg, Germany, 4-6 October 1999) in countries with market economies.

The Working Group will make arrangements for the preparations of joint reports by the focal points for the Water Convention and the Industrial Accidents Convention in the first half of 2005.

Item 4: The Convention's "Capacity for Water Cooperation - CWC" project

At their third meeting, the Parties included in their work plan for 2004-2006 a capacity-building initiative to improve transboundary water management in countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) and increase coordination and cooperation between different countries, actors and projects (MP.WAT/WG.1/2004/4). The CWC project will be developed through a series of workshops, the first of which will take place in Kiev on 22-24 November 2004.

The Working Group is expected to examine the outcome of the first workshop and provide its assistance in the preparation and fundraising for the other capacity-building workshops.

Item 5: Partnership on water for sustainable development and health-related assistance

The Chairperson and the secretariat will inform the Working Group about the current status of the Partnership on Water for Sustainable Development's component of IWRM.

The delegation of Norway will inform the Working Group about the outcome of the Roundtable on Water and Health in Europe (Oslo, 28-29 September 2004) and the decisions of the fourth meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health (Geneva, 9-10 December 2004) on possible follow-up activities (see (MP.WAT/WG.4/2004/8 - EUR/5047016/2004/8).

The Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management will agree on its contribution to programme implementation.

Item 6: Activities of the United Nations and other bodies

(a) Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD)

The secretariat will inform the Working Group about activities undertaken at the regional level to prepare for the 13<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, which includes the consideration of policies, strategies and actions on water and sanitation, based on the deliberations at the 12<sup>th</sup> session and the outcome of the Regional Implementation Forum in Geneva on 19-20 January 2004 (see <http://www.unece.org/env> and select "[Regional Implementation Forum, January 2004](#)"). Special reference will be made to the report "Responding to strategies, policies and actions on water and sanitation", which will be prepared by the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties with the assistance of the secretariat for consideration by the ECE Commission in early 2005 and for submission to the 13<sup>th</sup> session of CSD (11-22 April 2005). The Working Group will discuss possible policy decisions to speed up the implementation of action on water and sanitation the UNECE region.

(b) UN-WATER and the UN World Water Development Report

The secretariat will inform the Working Group about the draft terms of reference of UN-WATER under which 24 UN system organization are working together on water issues. This will also include information about the ongoing discussions to establish regional bodies of UN-WATER, as it is already the case for the UNECA region, and possible activities of UN-WATER on transboundary issues.

The secretariat will also inform the Working Group about progress made in the drafting of the second edition of the World Water Development Report under the leadership of UN-WATER and activities of UNECE to guide the work of the United Nations system organizations on indicators for the water sectors.

The Working Group will provide its advise to the secretariat for future activities.

(c) Environment and Security Initiative

The secretariat will inform the Working Group on the UNECE contribution to the Environment and Security Initiative, launched by the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Development Programme and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe in May 2003 at the fifth Ministerial Conference "Environment for Europe", in particular concerning: (i) the development of integrated water resources management in Central Asia; and (ii) transboundary cooperation and sustainable development of the Dniestr river.

The Working Group will provide its comments and give guidance on future cooperation with the initiative.

(d) International Conference on Integrated Water Resources Management

The Chairperson of the Working Group will inform participants about the outcome of the conference, organized by the Japan Water Forum in Tokyo on 6-9 December 2004. The Working Group will examine the outcome of the conference and complement, as appropriate, the work plan under the Convention.

Item 7: Resource mobilization

The secretariat will provide information on the use of the trust fund in 2004. Following the decisions of the Parties at their third meeting (ECE/MP.WAT/15/Add.1 and Add.2), the Working Group will make arrangements to make the necessary human and financial resources available for the implementation of its activities in 2005.

Item 8: Work plan

Based on the decisions on the above items of the provisional agenda, the Working Group will update its work plan for the period 2005-2006 (see ECE/MP.WAT/15/Add.2).

Item 9: Election of officers

The Working Group will elect its officers for the second meeting.

Item 10: Date and venue of the second meeting of the Working Group

The Working Group will agree on the venue and set the indicative dates for its second meeting.

Item 11: Other business

At the time of writing, the secretariat had no points to propose under this item.

Item 12: Closure

The Chairperson will close the meeting of Working Group on 15 December at 5.30 p.m.



**UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AT GENEVA** *Please Print*  
**Conference Registration Form**      Date

Please fax this completed form to the Host Secretariat and **BRING THIS ORIGINAL** with you to Geneva.  
An additional form is required for spouses.

Title of the Conference

**WORKING GROUP ON INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT**

Delegation/Participant of Country, Organisation or Agency

Participant

Family Name

First Name

Mr.

Mrs.

Ms

Date Of Birth

/  /

(DD/MM/YYYY)

Participation Category

Head of Delegation Members

Observer Organisation

Participating From / Until

Delegation Member

NGO (ECOSOC Accred.)

From

Observer Country

Other (Please specify below)

Until

**Do you have a badge issued as a Mission diplomat or employee, NGO card issued in Geneva or a Long Duration conference badge issued at Geneva if so PLEASE TICK HERE**

Document Language Preference

English

French

Other

Origin of Identity Document

Passport or ID Number

Valid Until

Official Telephone No.

Fax No.

Official Occupation

Permanent Official Address

Address in Geneva

Email Address

**On Issue of ID Card**

Participant Signature

Date

Participant photograph if form is sent in advance of the conference date.

Please PRINT your name on the reverse side of the photograph

*PLEASE NOTE ONLY CERTAIN CONFERENCES REQUIRE A PHOTO, IF YOU ARE NOT ASKED TO PROVIDE ONE BY THE CONFERENCE STAFF YOUR CONFERENCE IS NON PHOTO*

**Security Use Only**

Card N°. Issued

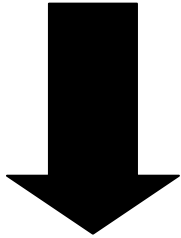
Initials, UN Official





# Security Identification Section

Open 0800 – 1700 non stop



Villa  
Les Feuillantines



**DOOR 1**  
SAFI

## DOOR 11

Security

SALLES  
4 TO 12

IV TO XII

Security ID  
Section Entry

Entry for  
authorized  
persons only  
on foot

**DOOR 2**  
MEDICAL  
SERVICE

SALLE  
C3 & A-R

**DOOR 6**  
NAVILLE  
POSTE  
BANK

SALLES  
1 TO 3  
H3 & F3

**ENTRY/EXIT  
CARS AND  
PEDESTRIANS**

SALLE DES  
ASSEMBLEES  
& Salle 16  
**DOOR 13 OR 15**

## DOOR 40

SALLES  
17 TO 27

XVII  
TO  
XXVII

LA PELOUSE

**DOOR 20**  
BIBLIOTHEQUE  
LIBRARY

MP.WAT/WG.4/2004/6  
EUR/5047016/2004/6  
Annex  
Page 10