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Water and Health to the Convention on
the Protection and Use of Transboundary
Watercourses and International Lakes

Working Group on Water and Health

Tenth meeting

Geneva, 15 and 16 November 2017

Item 2 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the tenth meeting

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting on Wednesday,
15 November 2017, at 10 a.m.*

I. Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Role of the Protocol in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
4. Progress in the ratification process.

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 - (a) Setting targets and implementing measures;
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 - (b) Drinking water quality surveillance.
8. Institutional water, sanitation and hygiene.
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9. Small-scale water supplies and sanitation.
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II. Annotations

1. At its fourth session (Geneva, 14-16 November 2016), the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) highlighted the role of the Protocol as a powerful tool to promote and operationalize the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2030 Agenda) and its Sustainable Development Goals (see ECE/MP.WH/13–EUPCR/1611921/2.1/2016/MOP-4/06, forthcoming). The main objectives of the tenth meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health under the Protocol are therefore to take stock of the progress in the implementation of the water, sanitation and health-related Sustainable Development Goals in the pan-European region and to discuss how to benefit from the Protocol's practical framework to facilitate their achievement. The Working Group will also review the implementation of the programme of work for the period 2017-2019 (ECE/MP.WH/13/Add.1–EUPCR/1611921/2.1/2016/MOP-4/06/Add.1, forthcoming) and provide guidance on its further development, while giving particular consideration to the financial situation.
2. The meeting will begin on Wednesday, 15 November 2017, at 10 a.m. and will close on Thursday, 16 November 2017, at 5.30 p.m. It will be held back to back with the fifteenth

meeting of the Protocol's Compliance Committee (Geneva, 13-14 November 2017) and the nineteenth meeting of the Bureau (Geneva, 17 November 2017).

3. The working languages of the meeting will be English, French and Russian.
4. All relevant documentation for the meeting of the Working Group will be available online on the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) website.¹

1. Election of officers

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 15 November, 10-10.05 a.m.

5. The Working Group will elect its Chair and Vice-Chair(s) for the triennium 2017-2019.

2. Adoption of the agenda

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 15 November, 10.05-10.10 a.m.

6. The Chair of the Working Group on Water and Health will open the meeting and welcome participants. The Working Group is expected to adopt its agenda as set out in the present document.

3. Role of the Protocol in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 15 November, 10.10-11.10 a.m.

7. The Working Group will discuss how to benefit from and give prominence to the work under the Protocol with regard to the implementation, follow-up and review of the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular with a view to the 2018 meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, which will conduct an in-depth review of Goal 6 on clean water and sanitation. The Working Group will discuss the experiences of countries in the implementation of water, sanitation and health-related Sustainable Development Goal targets, in particular the experience of countries that will undergo Voluntary National Reviews at the high-level political forum in 2018, and possible contributions to the 2018 Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the ECE region.

4. Progress in the ratification process

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 15 November, 11.10-11.50 a.m.

8. As of 31 August 2017, the following 26 countries are Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health: Albania, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czechia, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland and Ukraine. There have been no changes in membership since the third session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (Oslo, 25-27 November 2013).

¹ See www.unece.org/index.php?id=43631.

9. Representatives of signatories and other States not yet Party to the Protocol will be invited to report on any recent or anticipated developments in their respective countries with respect to becoming a Party to the Protocol.

5. Improving governance for water and health: support for setting targets and implementing measures

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 15 November, 11.50 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-3.30 p.m.

(a) Setting targets and implementing measures

10. The Chair of the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting will report on the outcomes of the 3dorkshop on setting targets under the Protocol to support implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (Geneva, 4-5 May 2017) and on the ninth meeting of the Task Force (Geneva, 5 May 2017).

11. Countries in which substantial progress with regard to target-setting processes has been achieved since the ninth meeting of the Task Force will be invited to report on any significant developments.

12. The Chair will report on progress in preparing the guidance document on how to translate the 2030 Agenda into national targets set under the Protocol. The Working Group will be invited to discuss the draft outline of the document and agree on the next steps for its preparation and publication.

13. The Working Group will be informed about the national and subregional workshops conducted or planned in order to support the setting of targets, the implementation of measures and public participation in the Protocol's implementation.

Documentation

Report of the ninth meeting of the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting (informal document)

Draft outline of the guidance document on how to translate the 2030 Agenda into national targets set under the Protocol (informal document)

(b) Strengthening reporting capacity

14. The Working Group will be updated on developments in the global framework for monitoring the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals with regard to indicators pertinent to water, sanitation and health, in particular in terms of the data-gathering exercise to establish the baseline for Goal 6 indicators. The Working Group will exchange experience in monitoring and reporting on water, sanitation and health-related Sustainable Development Goal indicators and will discuss how the work under the Protocol could support future efforts, including the implications for the reporting system under the Protocol.

15. The Working Group will be informed about the key messages of the WHO/United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply and Sanitation 2017 progress report and Sustainable Development Goal 6 baseline report on drinking water, sanitation and hygiene. The Working Group will also be presented the outcomes of the fourth reporting cycle of the UN-Water Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking Water (GLAAS), in particular the main findings of the 2017 report, *Financing Universal Water, Sanitation and Hygiene under the Sustainable Development Goals*, and the highlights for the participating countries.

Documentation

Decision IV/1 on reporting in accordance with article 7 of the Protocol (ECE/MP.WH/13/Add.2–EUPCR/1611921/2.1/2016/MOP-4/06/Add.1, forthcoming)

World Health Organization and United Nations Children’s Fund, *Progress on Drinking Water, Sanitation and Hygiene: Update and SDG Baselines* (Geneva, 2017)

World Health Organization and UN-Water, *Financing Universal Water, Sanitation and Hygiene under the Sustainable Development Goals: UN-Water Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking-Water, GLAAS 2017 Report* (Geneva, 2017)

WHO/UNICEF, “WASH in the 2030 Agenda: New Global Indicators for Drinking Water, Sanitation and Hygiene” (brochure, 2017)

6. Compliance procedure

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 15 November, 3.30-4.15 p.m.

16. The Chair of the Compliance Committee under the Protocol will report on the outcomes of the Committee’s fourteenth (Geneva, 13-14 March 2017) and fifteenth (Geneva, 13-14 November 2017) meetings. The Compliance Committee Chair will provide an update on the different follow-up actions planned and implemented as a result of the decisions taken by the Meeting of the Parties at its fourth session, in particular with regard to the review of compliance with the obligation to set targets and target dates under the Protocol.

Documentation

Report of the Compliance Committee to the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health (ECE/MP.WH/2016/5–EUPCR/1611921/2.1/2016/MOP-4/11)

Decision IV/2 on general issues of compliance (ECE/MP.WH/13/Add.1–EUPCR/1611921/2.1/2016/MOP-4/06/Add.1, forthcoming)

Report of the Compliance Committee on its fourteenth meeting (ECE/MP.WH/C.1/2017/2–EUPCR/1611921/2.1/2017/CC/06)

7. Prevention and reduction of water-related diseases

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 15 November, 4.15-5.15 p.m.

(a) Water-related disease surveillance

17. Representatives of Belarus and Norway, lead Parties for programme area 2.1 of the 2017-2019 work programme on strengthening capacity in surveillance of water-related diseases and outbreak management, will inform the Working Group about the progress of work. The update will address in particular the outcomes of the national workshop on water-related disease surveillance carried out in Kyrgyzstan (Bishkek, 23-25 May 2017) and the organization of a meeting of the lead Parties to define the priority activities and steps towards implementation (Bonn, Germany, 3 November 2017).

18. Participants will be invited to provide information on activities to strengthen water-related disease surveillance and outbreak response systems in accordance with article 8 of the Protocol on Water and Health.

19. Representatives of the lead Parties will inform the Working Group about the planned activities in this programme area for the period 2017-2019. The Working Group will discuss the proposed activities.

Documentation

Brief summary of the national training workshop on water-related disease surveillance and outbreak response in Kyrgyzstan (informal document)

(b) Drinking water quality surveillance

20. Representatives of Belarus and Norway, lead Parties for programme area 2.2 on strengthening capacity in the uptake of risk-based approaches in drinking water quality surveillance, will report on the progress of work, in particular the development of a practical guidance document on risk-based drinking-water quality surveillance and the establishment of an expert group to support this work. The Working Group will be invited to provide comments on the draft document and agree on the next steps for its finalization.

21. Participants will be invited to provide information on national activities towards strengthening risk-based drinking-water quality surveillance approaches.

22. Representatives of Belarus and Norway will inform the Working Group about the planned activities in this programme area for the period 2017-2019. The Working Group will discuss the proposed activities.

Documentation

Draft guidance document on risk-based approaches towards strengthening drinking water quality surveillance (informal document)

8. Institutional water, sanitation and hygiene

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 15 November, 5.15-6 p.m.

(a) Water, sanitation and hygiene in schools

23. Representatives of Georgia, Hungary and the Republic of Moldova, lead countries for programme area 3 on institutional water, sanitation and hygiene, will report on the progress of work with particular focus on dissemination of new publications on water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in schools and the status of development of tools to support effective surveillance and management of WASH in schools.

24. The Working Group will be informed about the outcomes of the side event on WASH in schools organized at the high-level conference on “Promoting intersectoral and interagency action for health and well-being in the WHO European Region” (Paris, 7-8 December 2016), in particular initiating new networks and partnerships.

25. Participants will be invited to provide information on national activities on WASH in schools, including setting and implementing targets under the Protocol.

26. Representatives of Georgia, Hungary and Republic of Moldova will inform the Working Group about the planned activities in this programme area for the period 2017-2019. The Working Group will discuss the proposed activities.

(b) Water, sanitation and hygiene in health-care facilities

27. The Working Group will be informed about the progress of work on water, sanitation and hygiene in health-care facilities. In particular, the WHO Regional Office for Europe secretariat will present preliminary results of an evidence review undertaken for the WHO European Region, preliminary results of a model assessment on WASH in health-care facilities carried out in Kazakhstan and the main outcomes of and strategic recommendations from the regional meeting on improving WASH health-care facilities (Bonn, Germany, 27-28 September 2017).

28. The Working Group will be invited to provide feedback on the draft report on the situation of WASH in health-care facilities in the WHO European Region and agree on the next steps towards its finalization.

29. Participants will be invited to provide information on national activities on WASH in health-care facilities, including setting and implementing targets under the Protocol.

30. Representatives of Georgia, Hungary and Republic of Moldova will inform the Working Group about the planned activities in this programme area for the period 2017-2019. The Working Group will discuss the proposed activities.

Documentation

Draft report on situation of WASH in health-care facilities in the WHO European Region (informal document)

9. Small-scale water supplies and sanitation

Tentative timing: Thursday, 16 November, 9.30-10.30 a.m.

31. Representatives of Germany and Serbia, lead Parties for programme area 4 on small-scale water supplies and sanitation, will inform the Working Group about the achievements made in this area, in particular the outcomes of two subregional workshops on small-scale water supply and sanitation (Minsk, 15-17 March 2017; and Belgrade, 10-12 October 2017).

32. A delegate of Uzbekistan will report on the outcomes of the national capacity-building workshop on small-scale water supply for national decision makers and local authorities (Tashkent, 7-8 September 2017).

33. Participants will be invited to provide information on national activities to improve small-scale water supplies and sanitation, specifically actions taken by the participating countries to implement the workshop recommendations.

34. The Working Group will be briefed on the status of preparation of the subregional workshop on small-scale water supplies and sanitation in Lithuania to be held back to back with the Sixth Nordic and Baltic Water and Health Network meeting.

35. Representatives of Germany and Serbia will inform the Working Group on about the planned activities in this programme area for the period 2017-2019. The Working Group will discuss the proposed activities.

Documentation

Report of the subregional workshop on improving small-scale water supply and sanitation for better health (Minsk, 15-17 March 2017) (informal document)

10. Safe and efficient management of water supply and sanitation systems

Tentative timing: Thursday, 16 November, 10.30-11.30 a.m.

36. Representatives of the Netherlands, Bosnia and Herzegovina and the International Water Association, the lead Parties and organization for programme area 5 on safe and efficient management of water supply and sanitation systems, will inform the Working Group about the progress made, in particular the results of the Pan-European Symposium on Water and Sanitation Safety Plans and Extreme Weather Events (Bilthoven, the Netherlands, 6-7 April 2017).

37. A delegate of Kyrgyzstan will report on the outcomes of the national workshop on developing a national road map for water safety plans (Bishkek, 22 May 2017).

38. A delegate of Tajikistan will inform the Working Group about the progress on implementing water safety plans in rural Tajikistan in the context of the WHO Regional Office for Europe “small and safe” project supported by Finland.

39. Participants will be invited to provide information on national processes and activities towards adopting the water safety plan approach in policy and practice at national level.

40. The Working Group be updated on the progress in the preparation of the scoping study on sanitation in the pan-European region and informed of other planned activities in this programme area for the period 2017-2019.

Documentation

Draft concept note: Sanitation scoping study for the pan-European region (informal document)

11. Equitable access to water and sanitation

Tentative timing: Thursday, 16 November, 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.

41. Representatives of France and Hungary, lead Parties for programme area 6 on equitable access to water and sanitation, will present the progress of work, in particular the outcomes of the fourth meeting of the expert group on equitable access to water and sanitation (Budapest, 13-14 September 2017).

42. The Working Group will be informed about the elaboration of a publication dedicated to capitalizing the findings and lessons learned from the work on equitable access to water and sanitation under the Protocol. Participants will be invited to discuss the draft outline of the document and agree on the next steps for its preparation and publication.

43. Representatives from Bulgaria and Serbia will report on progress made in assessing equitable access to water and sanitation in their countries.

44. The Working Group will be further briefed on progress made to develop action plans to address inequities in access to water and sanitation in Armenia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and will also be informed about progress made by countries in taking action to improve equitable access. The Working Group will provide comments, as needed, on the work accomplished and will discuss future activities in this area.

45. The Working Group will hear details of the side event, “Water, sanitation, hygiene and health: closing the equity gap”, organized during the Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health (Ostrava, Czechia, 13-15 June 2017) to highlight evidence and

promote tools developed under the Protocol for ensuring equitable access to WASH services for all.

Documentation

Guidance Note on the Development of Action Plans to Ensure Equitable Access to Water and Sanitation (ECE/MP.WH/15)

Draft outline of the publication: Capitalizing findings and lessons learned from the work on equitable access to water and sanitation under the Protocol (informal document)

12. Increasing resilience to climate change

Tentative timing: Thursday, 16 November, 12.30-1.30 p.m.

46. The Working Group will be informed about the ongoing preparations for the global workshop on climate change adaptation in relation to water scarcity (Geneva, 11-12 December 2017), to be organized in cooperation with the Water Convention.

47. Representatives of the lead Parties will present plans for future work on increasing resilience to climate change, in particular the organization of a regional workshop on disaster preparedness and response, adaptation, wastewater management, recycling and reuse.

Documentation

Information notice and provisional programme of the global workshop on climate change adaptation (informal document)

13. Assistance to support implementation at the national level

Tentative timing: Thursday, 16 November, 3.30-4.15 p.m.

48. A representative of the ECE secretariat will inform the Working Group about the support for implementation of the Protocol at the national level provided by the ECE-led National Policy Dialogues on Integrated Water Resources Management, operated under the European Union Water Initiative in countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia.

49. A representative of the WHO Regional Office for Europe secretariat will brief participants about the assistance provided to member States through the framework of bilateral collaborative agreements to support the Protocol's work.

50. Representatives of the joint secretariat will update the Working Group on progress in the implementation of the project to support implementation of national targets in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan, and also with regard to the project on scaling-up water safety plans in Tajikistan, supported by the Programme for Finland's Water Sector Support to Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan (2014-2018).

51. A delegate of Uzbekistan will report on the outcomes of the briefing on the obligations and legal provisions of the Protocol (Tashkent, 6 September 2017) held back to back with the above national capacity-building workshop on small-scale water supply for national decision makers and local authorities.

14. Outcomes of the Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health

Tentative timing: Thursday, 16 November, 4.15-4.45 p.m.

52. The Working Group will be informed about the main outcomes of the Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health, in particular the Ostrava Declaration and its two annexes, and regarding the role of the Protocol on Water and Health in implementing the Ostrava commitments related to water, sanitation and health.

53. The Working Group will be invited to discuss ways and means to implement the water, sanitation and health-related commitments of the Ostrava Declaration in the light of the current priorities of work laid down in the Protocol's programme of work for 2017-2019.

Documentation

WHO Regional Office for Europe, Declaration of the Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health (EURO/Ostrava2017/6)

Annex 1: Compendium of possible actions to advance the implementation of the Ostrava Declaration (EURO/Ostrava2017/7)

Annex 2: Institutional arrangements for the European Environment and Health Process (EURO/Ostrava2017/8)

15. Implementation of the programme of work for 2017-2019

Tentative timing: Thursday, 16 November, 4.45-5 p.m.

54. On the basis of the discussion under previous agenda items, the Working Group will review progress made with regard to the implementation of the Protocol's programme of work for 2017-2019 and discuss prospects for further implementation. The Working Group will be reminded that the implementation of planned activities is subject to the availability of resources and the mandate given by the Meeting of the Parties to the Bureau to prioritize activities according to the financial resources available.

Documentation

Programme of work for 2017-2019 (ECE/MP.WH/13/Add.2–EUPCR/1611921/2.1/2016/MOP-4/06/Add.2) (forthcoming)

16. Financial resources to support the implementation of the Protocol

Tentative timing: Thursday, 16 November, 5-5.20 p.m.

55. The Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol entrusted the Working Group to oversee the management of the funds of the Protocol under the ECE Technical Cooperation Trust Fund and the WHO Regional Office for Europe Voluntary Fund. On the basis of an informal document prepared by the joint secretariat, the Working Group will be informed about the financial status of the two funds, the contributions received, the funds used and the resources that will be required for the implementation of the programme of work for 2017-2019.

56. The Chair of the Working Group will brief participants on the efforts undertaken by the Bureau and the joint secretariat towards fundraising for the resources needed for the implementation of the programme of work for 2017-2019. The Working Group will be

invited to comment on the information provided and to discuss ways and means to attain the level of financial support needed to implement the Protocol's programme of work.

57. Representatives of Parties, other States, relevant international and non-governmental organizations and other partners will be invited to inform the Working Group of their intention to contribute to the activities contained in the programme of work, inter alia, through financial and in-kind contributions.

Documentation

Programme of work for 2017-2019 (ECE/MP.WH/13/Add.2–EUPCR/1611921/2.1/2016/MOP-4/06/Add.2) (forthcoming)

Overview of contributions and expenditures related to the Protocol and resources required up to the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties compared with funds raised (informal document)

17. Other business

Tentative timing: Thursday, 16 November, 5.20-5.25 p.m.

58. Delegates wishing to propose points under this item are requested to inform the joint secretariat as soon as possible.

18. Date and venue of the eleventh meeting

Tentative timing: Thursday, 16 November, 5.25-5.30 p.m.

59. The Working Group will set a tentative date and venue for its eleventh meeting.

19. Closure of the meeting

60. The Chair will close the meeting at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 16 November 2017.
