

**Steering Group on Environmental Assessments
Third meeting**

Monday, 23 May 2011, Geneva
Palais des Nations
Room XI
Provisional agenda

10.00 Item 1

Introduction and progress to date in the preparation of the EE-AoA and the sub-regional modules

The EEA will inform the SGEA about the steps taken since the last SGEA meeting in November 2010 in the preparation of the prototype report and in particular concerning the active involvement of the countries in Eastern Europe, Caucasus, Central Asia and the Russian Federation.

10.30 Item 2

Discussion on the draft prototype report for the Astana Conference:

- Report structure, findings and main messages

As a basis for discussion, the EEA will present the draft prototype EE-AoA report, its content and main findings. The SGEA members are expected to comment on the draft report and to provide input for its refinement and finalisation.

- Chapter 4 of the EE-AoA on the way forward and linkages with the expected agreed outcome of the Astana conference.

The SGEA members are invited to comment on the main findings and recommendations and provide support for future improvement in line with the expected agreed outcome of the conference.

- Relationship between the EE-AoA report and the AoA sub-regional modules

The SGEA members will be informed about the main findings identified by the sub-regional modules produced with the support of RECs and on how these sub-regional elements have been taken further into the European AoA. The contribution of the EE-AoA process to the development and applicability of the AoA methodology at different scales and thematic areas will be also assessed.

Discussions on Item 2 continue after lunch break.

13.00-15.00 Lunch break

15.00 Continuation of Item 2 discussions on the AoA report for the Astana Conference

16.30 Item 3**Next steps:**

- Discussion on next steps for finalising the report:
 - Outcomes & products, translation & communication
 - Role of SGEA members in communicating and promoting the EE-AoA report and the AoA methodology

SGEA members will be expected to discuss on how better to link the report outcomes to the conference agenda as well as on how better to communicate the expected outcomes and products.

17.30 Item 4**Proposals for CEP consideration**

The Steering Group will discuss the points to be brought to the attention of the UNECE/CEP on 24 May.

18.00 Meeting adjourns
