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**Outstanding issues: Tentative calendar of meetings**

## Provisional schedule of meetings

This note from the secretariat presents a provisional scheduling of meetings in the next intersessional period 2021–2023, as proposed by the Bureau and as agreed by the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment at its ninth meeting (Geneva, 24–26 August 2020), considering the related UN official document deadlines and common official public holidays (see the annex).

The meeting dates for 2021 were reserved in February 2020 and later confirmed by the UN Conference Services (for in-person meetings). (Virtual interpretation, if needed, would still be a subject of confirmation). The **dates for 2022 and 2023 (*in italics*) are indicative only**. However, as the meetings are interlinked, there are only limited possibilities for re-scheduling the individual meetings in a calendar year. Moreover, due to the refurbishment of the Palais des Nations, meeting room availability is severely restricted:

- Holding a Working Group meeting in April would not work because would be due in the end of January/early February: To agree on the Working Group's documents, the Bureau should meet in early January and review its documentation over the Christmas holidays.
- May and June should be avoided to the extent possible due to the large annual WHO and ILO meetings in the Palais des Nations.
- Meetings in July and August are difficult due to the summer holiday period.
- Meetings in October/early November of the Working Group and the MOPs are also challenging as the official document deadlines fall on July-August.

The Meetings of the Parties are invited to consider and agree on the tentative calendar of meetings of their subsidiary bodies in the intersessional period 2021–2023. Delegations may also wish to put forward proposals for hosting such meetings.

## Provisional schedule of meetings 2021-2023

<i>Year</i>	<i>Date<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Body</i>	<i>Session/comments<sup>b</sup></i>
<b>2020</b>	<b>8–11 December</b>	<b>Meetings of the Parties to the Convention &amp; the Protocol</b>	8/4 (Vilnius) <i>Doc. deadline 14.9</i>
<b>2021</b>	2–5 February	Implementation Committee	49
	4–7 May	Implementation Committee	50
	16–17 June	Bureau	–
	5–8 October	Implementation Committee	51
	<b>1–3 December</b>	<b>Working Group on EIA &amp; SEA</b>	10 <i>Doc. deadline 6.9</i>
<b>2022</b>	<i>1–4 February</i>	Implementation Committee	52
	<i>10–13 May</i>	Implementation Committee	53
	<i>15–17 June</i>	Bureau	–
	<i>20–23 September</i>	Implementation Committee	54
	<b>29 November – 1 December</b>	<b>Working Group on EIA &amp; SEA</b>	11 <i>Doc. deadline 5.9</i>
<b>2023</b>	<i>31 January – 3 February</i>	Implementation Committee	55
	<i>21–23 February</i>	Bureau	<i>Docs by 6.2.</i>
	<i>2–5 May</i>	Implementation Committee	12
	<b>13–15 June</b>	<b>Working Group on EIA &amp; SEA</b>	<i>Doc. deadline 20.3</i>
	<i>5–8 September</i>	Implementation Committee	
	<b>12–15 December</b>	<b>Meetings of the Parties to the Convention &amp; the Protocol</b>	9/5 <i>Doc. deadline 18.9</i>

<sup>a</sup> The 2021 dates have been confirmed (for in-person meetings with interpretation). Dates for 2022 and 2023 are indicative.

<sup>b</sup> Unless otherwise indicated, all the meetings are held in Geneva, at the Palais des Nations.

**Annex****Public official holidays 2021–2023**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Holiday</i>
<b>2021</b>		
	Fri 2–Mon 5 April	Easter
	Thu 13 May	Ascension
	Mon 24 May	Pentecôte
	(Thu 9 September)	(Jeune Genevois)
<b>2022</b>		
	Fri 15–Mon 18 April	Easter
	Thu 26 May	Ascension
	Mon 6 June	Pentecôte
	(Thu 8 September)	(Jeune Genevois)
<b>2023</b>		
	Fri 7–Mon 10 April	Easter
	Thu 18 May	Ascension
	Mon 29 May	Pentecôte
	(Thu 7 September)	(Jeune Genevois)