

Economic Commission for Europe

Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context

Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment

Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment

Fifth meeting

Geneva, 11–15 April 2016

Item 9 of the provisional agenda

Preparation for the next sessions of the Meetings of the Parties

Preparations for MOP-7 and MOP/MOP-3

Note by the secretariat

I. Indicative time schedule

Activity	Responsible	Deadline/Date
Meeting of the Bureau	Bureau	19–20 January 2016
Official documents for WG-5	Bureau, secretariat	1 February 2016
5 th meeting of the Working Group on EIA and SEA	Working Group	11–15 April 2016
Official documents for WG-6	Bureau, Secretariat	By mid-August
6 th meeting of the Working Group on EIA and SEA	Working Group	7–10 November 2016
Mailing of invitation letters	Secretariat	February/March 2017
Submission of documents and inputs for consideration by the Implementation Committee and the Bureau	Committee members, delegations, secretariat	By 7 February

38 th session of the Implementation Committee	Implementation Committee	20–22 February 2017 (tbc)
Meeting of the Bureau	Bureau	23–24 February 2017 (tbc)
Mailing of invitation letters	Secretariat	February 2017
Creation and maintenance of webpages on practical arrangements for the MOPs	Host country	As of February 2017
Finalization and availability of draft agenda and other official documents for MOP7 and MOP/MOP3	Secretariat	Internal deadline for submitting docs to editing (12 weeks before the meeting) 20 March 10 weeks before the meeting – i.e. 31 March
Submission of (outstanding) nominations for officers and members of the Implementation Committee	Delegations	By April 2017
Submission of registration forms and financial support forms to ECE	Delegations eligible for financial support	Two months before – mid April
Submission of registration forms to the host country (cc to ECE)	Delegations	One month before - mid May
Submission of credentials to ECE	Delegations	Copy to be sent two weeks before (end May); original to be presented on arrival at the MOP sessions before their opening.
Final preparatory meeting of the Bureau	Bureau	12 June 2017
MOP7 and MOP/MOP3	Meetings of the Parties	13–16 June 2017 (tbc)

II. Initial list of draft decisions that might be considered by the Meetings of the Parties at their next sessions

<i>Title</i>	<i>MOP7</i>	<i>MOP/MOP3</i>	<i>Observations</i>
Reporting and review of implementation of the Convention	<i>VII/1</i>		
Reporting and review of implementation of the Protocol		<i>III/1</i>	
Review of compliance with the Convention	<i>VII/2</i>		<i>Annex: Amendments to the operating rules and the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee.</i>
Review of compliance with the Protocol		<i>III/2</i>	
Adoption of the workplan	<i>VII/3</i>	<i>III/3</i>	<i>Joint decision</i>
Budget, financial arrangements and financial assistance	<i>VII/4</i>	<i>III/4</i>	<i>Joint decision.[Including review of implementation of “Financial Strategy”]</i>
Aligning the authentic language versions of the amendments to the Convention	<i>VII/5</i>		<i>Request for correction procedure/ amendments [Annex: List or proposed corrections/amendments]</i>
Aligning the authentic language versions of the Protocol		<i>III/5</i>	<i>Request for a correction procedure/amendment Correction procedure/ amendments [Annex: List or proposed corrections/amendments]</i>
[Adoption of the] Guidance on EIA in a Transboundary Context for Central Asian Countries	<i>VII/6</i>		
[Adoption of the] Good practice recommendations on the application of the Convention to nuclear energy-related activities	<i>VII/7</i>		
[Adoption of the] Guidance on implementation of the Convention drawing on the opinions of the Implementation Committee	<i>VII/8</i>		
[Adoption of the joint Guidance on safety and land-use planning]		<i>III/6</i>	
[Mandate for the] Development of a strategy for the contribution of the Convention and the Protocol to the achievement of SDGs and targets.	<i>VII/9</i>	<i>III/7</i>	
Agreement accelerating entry into effect of the 1 st amendment (opening to non-ECE countries)	<i>[VII/10]</i>		<i>Annexed to a decision or a separate agreement</i>

III. Initial list of official documents

(Document titles and their symbols are still subject to changes)

A. MOP7 and MOP/MOP3

- Annotated provisional agenda
- Draft joint decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/L.1– ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/L.1)
- Draft declaration (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/L.2– ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/L.2)
- Report on the budget and financial arrangements (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/1– ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/1)
- Report on the activities of the Implementation Committee (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/2 – ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/2)
- Summary report on technical assistance and capacity building activities (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/3 –ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/3)

B. For MOP 7

- Draft decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/L.3)
- Draft decision on the review of compliance of the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/L.4)
- Draft fifth review of implementation of the Convention (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/4)
- Good practice guidance on nuclear energy-related activities (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/5)
- Guidance on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context for Central Asian Countries (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/6)
- Guidance on the implementation of the Convention drawing on the opinions of the Implementation Committee (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/7)

C. For MOP/MOP3

- Draft decisions by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/L.3)

- Draft decision on the review of compliance of the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/L.4)
- Draft second review of implementation of the Protocol (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/4)
- Draft guidance on safety and land-use planning (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/5)
- Draft overview of legislative and administrative reforms for implementing strategic environmental assessment in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/6)
- Draft practical guidance on reforming legal and institutional structures with regard to application of the Protocol on SEA (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/7)
- [Draft brochure on the Protocol on SEA and its benefits, in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus. (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/8)]

IV. Provisional programme of MOP7 and MOP/MOP3 - Initial proposal by the Bureau

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
General segment		
<i>Tuesday, 13 June</i>		
3–6 p.m.	1	Opening of the session
	2 (a)–(e)	Organizational matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Election of the Chair of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention for the general segment; (b) Election of the Chair of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol for the general segment; (c) Adoption of the agenda; (d) Report on credentials; (e) Status of the Convention and its amendments and the Protocol.
	3	Outstanding issues
	3 (a)–(c)	Draft decisions
	3 (d)	Draft declaration
	3 (e)	Nomination of officers and tentative calendar of meetings
<i>Wednesday, 14 June</i>		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	3	Outstanding issues (continued)
3–6 p.m.	4	Seminar/panel discussion on the application of the Protocol and the Convention to climate change mitigation and adaptation (Proposal by the Bureau)
<i>Thursday, 15 June</i>		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	3	Outstanding issues (continued)
3–6 p.m.	5 (a)–(b)	Review of the workplan and work done by the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment
	6	Review of compliance, implementation and work done by the Implementation Committee

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High-level segment		
<i>Friday, 16 June</i>		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	8	Opening ceremony for high-level segment
	8 (a)	Election of officers for the high-level segment
	8 (b)	Introductory speeches
	8 (c)	Report on the seminar/panel discussion on the application of the Protocol and the Convention to climate change mitigation and adaptation
	9	Panel discussion on the contribution of [the Convention and] the Protocol to the achievement of sustainable development goals (Proposal by the Bureau)
3–6 p.m.	10	Statements by ministers and high-level representatives
	11	Adoption of decisions
	11 (a)	Decisions to be taken by the MOP
	11 (b)	Decisions to be taken by the MOP/MOP
	11 (c)	Decisions to be taken jointly
	12	Adoption of the declaration
	13	Election of officers for the next intersessional period
	14	Date and venue of the next meetings
	15	Other business
	16 (a)–(b)	Conclusion of the session
