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Access to Information, Public Participation
in Decision-making and Access to Justice
in Environmental Matters

Task Force on Access to Justice

Tenth meeting

Geneva, 27 and 28 February 2017

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Opening and adoption of the agenda

Provisional list of speakers for the tenth meeting¹

To be held in Salle XI, Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 27 February 2017

v. 25 February 2017

I. Provisional agenda

1. Opening and adoption of the agenda.

Timing²: Monday, 27 February, 10–10.10 a.m.

2. Thematic focus: Enabling effective access to justice without persecution and harassment.

Timing: Monday, 27 February, 10.10 a.m. –1 p.m.

Keynote speaker:

Mr. Michel Forst, UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders

Mr. Roberto Rando, European Investment Bank (presentation)

How to Protect Complainants against Retaliation: the Approach of the Independent Accountability Mechanisms of International Financial Institutions

Mr. Joost Pikkemaat, the Netherlands (presentation)

An Independent Provision for Whistle-blowers in the Netherlands: 'the House for the Whistle-blowers'

¹ The document was not formally edited.

² Coffee breaks might be held during the meeting if time permits.

[Ms. Gordana Petkovic, Serbia \(presentation\)](#)

Legal Aspect of Combating Corruption in the Field of Environmental Protection - Republic of Serbia

[Mr. David Banisar, Article 19 \(presentation\)](#)

Environmental Defenders: Human Rights, Whistleblower Protections – Laws and Best Practices

3. Taking stock of recent developments.

Timing: Monday, 27 February, 3–6 p.m.

[Mr. Beibut Shermukhametov, Supreme Court of Kazakhstan \(presentation\)](#)

[Mr. Miroslav Gavalec, Supreme Court of Slovakia, on the recent case C-243/15 \(presentation\)](#)

Access to Justice in Environmental Matters - New Development

[Mr. Patrick Dietz, European Commission \(presentation\)](#)

New Developments in the Case Law of the European Court of Justice

[Ms. Anais Berthier, ClientEarth \(statement\)](#)

Access to Justice in UK

(a) effective remedies

[Mr. Joost Pikkemaat, the Netherlands \(presentation\)](#)

Access to Justice for NGOs in Environmental Matters: Current Affairs and Prospective Legislation

[Mr. Philippe Ramet, France \(statement\)](#)

New Developments Regarding Class Actions in Environmental Matters in France

(b) scope of review -

[Ms. Tsvetelina Filipova, REC CEE \(presentation\)](#)

Findings of the REC Study on Access to Justice in Environmental Matters Particularly in Respect to the Scope of Review in the Selected Countries (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)

[Mr. Dmytro Skrylinkov, Bureau of Environmental Investigations, Ukraine \(statement\)](#)

Progress in the Finalization of the UNECE Study on Access to Justice in Environmental Matters Particularly in Respect to the Scope of Review in the Selected Countries (Albania, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Serbia and Ukraine)

[Mr. Siarhei Mahonau, EcoHome, Belarus \(presentation\)](#)

New Opportunities in PPDM Outcomes Judicial Review in Belarus

(c) other key developments - emerging issues

[Mr. Thomas Schomerus, Leuphana University, Germany \(presentation\)](#)

German Case Law Developments

[Ms. Inesa Zargaryan, Armenia \(statement\)](#)

New Developments on Standing of eNGOs in Armenia

Mr. Victor Kamenkov, Belarusian Republican Union of Lawyers (statement)
The Potential for Mediation in the Implementation of the Aarhus Convention

4. Tools to promote effective access to justice.

Timing: Tuesday, 28 February, 10 a.m.–12.40 p.m.

(a) On evaluation:

Mr. Enrico Bisogno, UNODC Research and Analysis Branch – via audio-conference
Measuring Access to Justice in the Context of SDG Framework

Mr. Vojtech Vomacka, Masaryk University, Czechia (presentation)
Access to Justice in the Czech Republic: Statistics and Data Analysis

(b) On e-justice initiatives

Ms. Chloe Gambin, Malta (presentation)
E-justice Initiatives in Malta in Relation to the Aarhus Convention

(c) On capacity-building

Ms. Dilara Arstanbaeva, Supreme Court of Kyrgyzstan (presentation)
Application of the Aarhus Convention – Framework for Access to Justice by Members of the Public

Mr. Plamen Peev, Bluelink Foundation, Bulgaria (presentation)
Access to Justice in Bulgaria - Practical Lessons from the Legal Watch over Energy and Extracting industry

Ms. Tsvetelina Filipova, REC (statement)

5. Other business.

Timing: Tuesday, 28 February, 12.40–12.45 p.m.

6. Closing.

Timing: Tuesday, 28 February, 12.45–1 p.m.