

Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation
in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters
Sixth session

Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers
Third Session

Joint High-level Segment
Budva, Montenegro, 14 September 2017
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Thematic session on the role of the Convention and its Protocol in implementing the Sustainable
Development Goals

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THEMATIC SESSION

Provisional Programme

v. 8 September 2017

Chair: Ms. Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

The thematic session will consist of two panels, which will be organized following a “Davos style” of discussion where the moderator invites panellists to speak on the basis of few questions and then leads an interactive discussion. The panellists will be invited to present a concrete example of a new or on-going action or initiative that illustrates how the Aarhus Convention and/or the Protocol on PRTRs are being or can be used to support achievement of one or more Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Panellists are expected, inter alia, to address the promotion of access to justice in the context of SDGs, and transparency and public participation in decision-making on matters relevant to SDGs at local, subnational or national levels, in such areas as prevention and reduction of pollution; water and sanitation, health matters; reduction of inequalities; climate actions; biodiversity, clean energy, green economy, urban planning. The session is also expected to address the role of civil society in supporting decision-making on implementation of SDGs.

During the debate, panellists will have the opportunity to react to statements of their fellow panellists and to respond to statements or questions from the floor. To allow for more time for discussion, opening statements should not exceed 7 minutes. Interventions from the floor will be limited to 3 minutes.

The panel discussions will be broadcasted live from the website <http://www.aarhusmontenegro.me/>. The public will also have opportunities to contribute to the discussion via twitter #AarhusBudva.

Additional information regarding the High-level segment as well as other meetings to be held in Budva is available through the following page:
<http://www.unece.org/env/pp/aarhusmop6&prtrmopp3/main.html#/>.

10.35 – 11.45 **Panel 1**

Invited speakers

- H.E. Mr. Pavle Radulovic, Minister of Sustainable Development and Tourism, Montenegro
- Mr. Harry Liiv, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of the Environment, Estonia
- H.E. Ambassador Vuk Žugić, Co-ordinator of Economic and Environmental Activities, OSCE
- Mr. Jeremy Wates, representative of the European ECO-Forum and Secretary General of the European Environmental Bureau

Statements from the floor and discussion in relation to the issues addressed by the panellists

11.45 – 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 – 13.00 **Panel 2**

Invited speakers

- Mr. Per Ångquist, State Secretary of the Ministry of the Environment and Energy, Sweden
- Mr. Mykola Kuzio, Deputy Minister for European Integration, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Ukraine
- Mr. Mihail Dimovski, Executive Director, Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe
- Mr. Stanko Zloković, Vice President of the Chamber of Economy of Montenegro

Statements from the floor and discussion in relation to the issues addressed by the panellists

13.00 – 15.00 Lunch

15.00 – 15.25 *General discussion*

15.25 – 15.30 **Closing of the thematic session**
