

Alistair McGlone

Candidate for a second term as chair of the PRTR Protocol Convention Compliance Committee

I have been a lawyer in the public service for 30 years, specialising in international environmental law. If re-elected as chair the compliance committee, I would bring the following competences -

- **experience in the role:** I have chaired the committee since its inception, leading it through two meetings, acting as lead author for the synthesis report, developing an effective and informal partnership with the Secretariat, preparing a presentation to the next MOP and developing the strategic role of the committee;
 - **proven long term commitment to Aarhus:** as head of the UK delegation that negotiated the Convention; in preparing, in partnership with the UNECE Secretariat, the text that evolved into pillar I of the Convention; as the chair of the negotiating group that finalised Article 9: and as chair of the open-ended intergovernmental working group that drew up the draft texts for the decision establishing the compliance mechanism and the rules of procedure;
 - **extensive practical experience of compliance committee membership:** for example I was chair of the Espoo mechanism;
 - **awareness of the legal and political issues raised by compliance mechanisms,** leading the EU during the negotiations that led to the adoption of the Kyoto Protocol procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance; and chairing the group that prepared the text founding the Basel compliance committee;
- considerable awareness of the issues around public participation,** as a member of the Aarhus ad hoc group considering Public Participation in International Forums and head of the UK delegation that negotiated the Espoo Convention;
- **a willingness to work constructively and pragmatically with non-governmental stakeholders** to achieve practical and concrete results with consensus support, for example by forging a partnership with the judiciary and academia on my environmental tribunal work, or working with colleagues on the public international law panel of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law to maintain the Institute's breadth and inclusiveness;
 - **an ability to master technical detail:** as shown in my work as a member of the Montreal Protocol Technical and Economic Panel and its replenishment task force which addresses issues related to the funding of phasing out ozone depleting substances; and
 - **a commitment to working with civil society in my private life,** involving my sons in fundraising for a development charity and helping with the organisation of my local group; and my wife has sixteen years' experience of working for a women's health NGO.