

Agenda

Second meeting of the Expert Group on the Revision of the Statutory Documents of IFAS *Geneva, 22-23 March 2011¹*

Co-Chairs: Mr. Bo Libert / Mr. Marton Krasznai, UNECE
Mr. Kurbangeldy Ballyev, EC IFAS

22 March

- 10.00 – 10.30 Opening session
- Opening Statement by Mr. Ján Kubiš, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
- Opening Statement on behalf of Saghit Ibatullin, Chairman, Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea
- Introduction of the goals and objectives of the meeting, Mr. Marton Krasznai, UNECE
- 10.30 – 11.30 Review of activities of the Expert Group since the first meetings
- Summary of activities by Mr. Kurbangeldy Ballyev, Head of the Expert Group
- Statements by Delegations, presenting responses to the questionnaire circulated by the International Consultant
- 11.30 – 12.00 Break
- 12.00 – 13.00 Review of responses to the questionnaire and proposed directions of work to strengthen legal and institutional frameworks by Mr. Sergei Vinogradov
- 13.00 – 15.00 Lunch
- 15.00 – 17.00 Presentation of the Conceptual Elements to Strengthen Institutional and Legal Frameworks of IFAS by Mr. Sergei Vinogradov
- Questions and answers
- 17.00 Closing the first day of the meeting
- 17.00 – 18.00 Guided tour of the Palais des Nations (in Russian language)
- 18.00 Reception. Introductory remarks by Mr. Andrey Vasilyev, UNECE Deputy Executive Secretary. Restaurant of the Palais des Nations, 8th floor

¹ The meeting will take place in the Palais des Nations, Room VIII on the 3rd floor. Participants will need to address the Security Service of the Palais des Nations at Pregny Gate in order to receive entry badges. Participants **shall present an identity document** to the Security Service. If you experience difficulties to receive your badge, please call 022-9173332 (Ms. Trombitcaia), 022-9173227 (Ms. Marcelo), 022-9172760 (Mr. Krasznai), 022-9172396 (Mr. Libert).

23 March

10.00 – 11.30	Discussion on the Conceptual Elements to Strengthen Institutional and Legal Frameworks of IFAS
11.30 – 12.00	Break
12.00 – 12.30	Discussion on future work schedule in accordance with the work plan of the Expert Group
12.30 – 13.00	Summary of outcomes of the Expert Group meeting
	Closing Statement by EC IFAS
	Closing Statement by UNECE
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch

14.30 – 16.30 **Side event** (with English and Russian interpretation):

Briefing “UNECE environmental conventions: key aspects and opportunities for Central Asia”

Secretaries of the five UNECE Conventions will present key aspects of environmental conventions serviced by UNECE. Major areas for Conventions’ activities will be addressed, including activities in Central Asia. The programme will include 10-15 min statements by:

Mr. Lukasz Wyrowski, Officer-in-Charge, Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents;

Ms. Albena Karadjova, Secretary, Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution;

Ms. Ella Behlyarova, Secretary, Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention);

Mr. Nicholas Bonvoisin, Secretary, Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context;

Ms. Francesca Bernardini, Secretary, Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes.

Participants will have an opportunity to find out about the activities of the Conventions’ secretariats, to ask questions and establish further cooperation.