

Economic Commission for Europe

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

Task Force on Access to Justice

Thirteenth meeting

Geneva, hybrid, 15-16 February 2021

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Opening and adoption of the agenda

Provisional list of speakers for the thirteenth meeting¹

To be held TPS2, Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 15 February 2021

(v. 11 February 2021)

Chair: Mr. Jan Darpo, Professor, Uppsala University, Sweden

1. Opening and adoption of the agenda.

Timing: Monday, 15 February, 10–10.10 a.m.

2. Thematic focus: Promoting public interest litigation in environmental matters.

Timing: Monday, 15 February, 10.10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Setting the scene

*Justice Luc Lavrysen, President, European Union Forum of Judges for the Environment
(statement)*

*Mr. Richard Buxton, Partner, Richard Buxton Solicitors: Environmental, Planning and Public
Law (presentation)*

Ms. Olha Melen-Zabramna, Head, Legal Unit, Environment-People-Law (presentation)

Experiences of Parties and stakeholders

*Ms. Egle Pauzuoliene, Chief Desk Officer, Law and Personnel Division, Ministry of the
Environment, Lithuania (presentation)*

Ms. Francesca Carlsson, Legal Officer, European Environment Bureau, (statement)

*Ms. Magdolna Toth Nagy, Co-Executive Director, Guta Environmental Law Association
(statement)*

¹ The document was not formally edited.

3. Access to justice in cases relating to air quality.

Timing: Monday, 15 February, 2–4 p.m.

Setting the scene

Mr. Filip Meysman, Professor, University of Antwerp, Belgium (presentation)

Ms. Natalia Kobylarz, Senior Lawyer, the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights (presentation)

Mr. Ugo Tadei, Director of Nature and Health, ClientEarth (presentation)

Experiences of Parties and stakeholders

Mr. Christoph Sobotta, Legal Secretary, Chambers of Advocate General Juliane Kokott, Court of Justice of the European Union (presentation)

Justice Luc Lavrysen, President, European Union Forum of Judges for the Environment (presentation)

Justice Serhii Burlakov, Supreme Court, Ukraine (presentation)

Mr. Oscar Alarik, Legal Counsel, Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (presentation)

Mr. Plamen Peev, Senior legal and policy expert, BlueLink Foundation (statement)

Ms. Dorothee Saar, Project Manager, Environmental Action Germany (DUH) (statement)

4. Access to justice in information cases.

Timing: Tuesday, 16 February, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Introduction to the study

Mr. Jan Darpo, Chair, Task Force on Access to Justice

Experiences of Parties and stakeholders

Ms. Maja Raicevic, Independent Advisor, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism, Montenegro (presentation)

Ms. Nato Macharashvili, Acting Head, Legal Support Division, Ministry of Environmental protection and Agriculture, Georgia (presentation)

Mr. Dragoslav Djukic, Senior Advisor, Office of the Commissioner for Information of Public Importance and Personal Data Protection, Serbia (presentation)

Justice Beibut Shermukhametov, Supreme Court, Kazakhstan (statement)

Mr. Siarhei Mahonau, Legal advisor, Ecohome (presentation)

Ms. Regina Stoilova, Lawyer, Environmental Association Za Zemiata (statement)

Ms. Magdolna Toth Nagy, Co-Executive Director, Guta Environmental Law Association (statement)

5. Taking stock of recent and upcoming developments.

Timing: Tuesday, 16 February, 2–3.45 p.m.

Experiences of Parties and stakeholders

Mr. Adam Daniel Nagy, Legal Policy Officer, DG Environment, European Commission (presentation)

Mr. Robert Murataj, Executive Director, Aarhus Information Centre Vlore, Albania (presentation)

Ms. Carol Day, Consultant Solicitor, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (statement)

Ms. Senka Sifkovic Vrbica, Environmental Lawyer, Legal-informational centre for NGO (statement)

Developments related to other international forums

Mr. Guilherme Canela De Souza Godoi, Chief, Freedom of Expression and Safety of Journalists Section, UNESCO (presentation)

Ms. Marianna Bolshakova, Regional Coordinator, Environmental Law and Governance, UNEP (statement)

Mr. Marcelo J. Cousillas, Director of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Environment, Uruguay (statement)

Ms. Mariana Neves, Oslo Governance Centre, United Nations Development Programme (statement)

Ms. Frédérique Bourque, Associate Human Rights Officer, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (mandate of the Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment)

6. Other business.

Timing: Tuesday, 16 February, 3.45–3.50 p.m.

7. Closing.

Timing: Tuesday, 16 February, 3.50–4 p.m.
