

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

Working Group of the Parties

Twenty-fifth meeting

Geneva, 3 May and 7 and 8 June 2021

Item 2 of the provisional agenda:

**Thematic session on the promotion of the principles
of the Convention in international forums**

**Promotion of the principles of the Convention on Access to Information, Public
Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus
Convention) in international forums¹**

Provisional programme for the thematic session²

to be held on Monday, 3 May 2021, from 10.10 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 to 2.30 p.m. Geneva time

Chair: Ms. Laura Michel

Introduction

Timing: 10.10–10.15 a.m.

The Chair of the session will introduce organization of work during the thematic session and the main topics for discussion. The thematic session on the promotion of the principles of the Aarhus Convention in international forums will include panel presentations and round table discussion on geoengineering and biosafety.

I. Geoengineering

Timing: 10.15 a.m.–11 a.m.

This item will be organized in the format of a panel presentation and round-table discussion. The focus of this session is on promoting the principles of the Aarhus Convention in geoengineering.

Panellists:

- *Ms. Marie-Valentine Florin*, Executive Director, International Risk Governance Center, École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)
- *Ms. Theresa Mundita Lim*, Executive Director for the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity
- *Ms. Linda Schneider*, Heinrich Böll Foundation / European ECO Forum

Discussion

¹ This document was not formally edited.

² Background information on work area on promoting the principles of the Convention in international forums is available from: <https://www.unece.org/env/pp/ppif.html>.

II. Biosafety

Timing: 11 a.m.–12 noon

This item will be organized in the format of a panel presentation and round-table discussion. The focus of this session is on promoting the principles of the Aarhus Convention in biosafety.

Panellists:

- *Mr. Worku Yifru*, Senior Legal Officer, secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
- *Ms. Charlotta von Troil*, Senior Ministerial Adviser, Legislative Affairs, Ministry of the Environment, Finland
- *Ms. Antje Lorch*, the European ECO Forum and Third World Network

Discussion

12 noon – 2 p.m. Lunch break

III. General discussion

Timing: 2–2.20 p.m.

The Working Group will be invited to exchange views on the two thematic areas presented during the previous items and on other relevant matters.

IV. Concluding remarks by the Chair of the thematic session

Timing: 2.20–2.30 p.m.

The Chair of the thematic session will make concluding remarks.
