

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

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

**Joint High-Level Segment**  
Geneva, 21 October 2021  
Item 3 of the provisional agenda:  
**Thematic session on the role of the Convention  
and its Protocol in promoting sustainable  
infrastructure and spatial planning**

## **JOINT HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT<sup>1</sup>**

### **THEMATIC SESSION**

#### **Programme**

v. 21 October 2021

**Chair:** *State Secretary Anders Mankler*, Ministry of the Environment, Sweden

The thematic session will take the form of two panel discussions involving ministers, senior representatives of international and non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders with strong expertise related to the theme of the session, followed by a general debate. The substantive focus of the thematic session will be based on the themes of the draft Geneva Declaration on Environmental Democracy for Sustainable, Inclusive and Resilient Development. The session is expected to present concrete examples of new, past or ongoing initiatives that illustrate how the Aarhus Convention and/or the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers are being, or can be used, to support promotion of sustainable infrastructure and spatial planning.

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 session will be streamed live on UN Web TV at: <https://media.un.org/en/webtv/>

Participants are encouraged to comment on the discussion also on social media with the hashtags #JHLSAarhus7, #MOP7Aarhus, #PRTRMOPP4 and #20yrsAarhus.

Additional information regarding the High-level Segment as well as other meetings to be held in the same week is available through the following page: [https://unece.org/environmental-policy/events/JHLS\\_Aarhus\\_MoP7\\_PRTRs\\_MoPP4](https://unece.org/environmental-policy/events/JHLS_Aarhus_MoP7_PRTRs_MoPP4).

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<sup>1</sup> This document was not formally edited.

**Opening of the thematic session**

**10.35 – 11.50 Panel 1**

Invited speakers

*H.E. Ambassador Anita Pipan*, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Slovenia to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

*Mr. Serik Kozhaniyazov*, Vice-Minister of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of Kazakhstan

*Ms. Emmanuelle Lachaussee*, Deputy, Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva

*Mr. Michal Kiča*, the State Secretary of the Ministry of Environment of Slovakia

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

11.50 – 12.00 Break to change the panels

**12.00 – 13.00 Panel 2**

Invited speakers

*Ms. Galit Cohen*, Director General, Ministry of Environmental Protection of Israel

*Ms. Iordanca-Rodica Iordanov*, State Secretary of the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Moldova

*Mr. Jeremy Wates*, Secretary General, European Environmental Bureau, Representative of the European ECO-Forum

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

13.00 – 15.00 Lunch

**15.00 – 15.30 Panel 2 – *continued***

*Mr. Antonio Hodgers*, President of the Department of Territory – State Council of the Republic and Canton of Geneva – Swiss Confederation

*Statements from the floor and discussion in relation to the issues addressed by the panellist general discussion*

**15.30 – 15.40 Closing of the thematic session**

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