

Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment

Twenty-fourth session, Geneva and online, 11-12 April 2022

Agenda Item 3: Implementing the mandate and terms of reference

Draft timetable of activities for 2023



Annual timetable of activities for 2023

ECE/CEP/AC.10/2022/3



- Committee on Environmental Policy's 26th session approved extension of Working Group's mandate & ToR until mid-2023 (ECE/CEP/2020/2, para. 38 (c))
- ToR require preparation of annual timetables of activities, taking into account financial and human resources available
- Based on extended mandate & ToR Working Group (ECE/CEP/2017/2, annex II, and ECE/CEP/AC.10/2021/4), & revised outline of the Working Group's activities leading up to 2021 (ECE/CEP/AC.10/2019/3)
- Adjustments were made as needed, in particular for the second half of 2023, for which a new mandate & ToR and a new outline of activities will be developed by the Working Group following the 9th Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference

- Working Group will support the secretariat to mobilize resources & assistance from countries & organizations
- Working Group will closely collaborate with national & international governmental, & non-governmental stakeholders, other UN bodies including the Joint Task Force to implement its activities



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Note by the secretariat

Summary

At its twenty-sixth session (Geneva (hybrid), 9 and 10 November 2020), the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Committee on Environmental Policy approved the extension of the mandate and terms of reference (2017–2021) of the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment until mid-2023.¹ The terms of reference require the preparation of annual timetables of activities, taking into account the financial and human resources available.²

The present document provides a draft annual timetable of activities for 2023 for consideration by the Working Group at its twenty-fourth session. The annual timetable of activities for 2023 will be submitted to the Committee on Environmental Policy for consideration at its twenty-eighth session (location and dates to be confirmed).

Main objectives and activities



Assist in establishment & operation of national information systems in line with SEIS & with regard to specific content & principles in support of regular environmental assessment processes & reporting

Regularly evaluate SEIS performance & prepare progress reports

Oversee implementation of recommendations & guidance provided through EfE Conference, 7th pan-European assessment & streamlining of regular state-of-environment reporting

Support member States on developing & implementing indicator frameworks to monitor SDGs

Continue cooperating with the Joint Task Force on environmental statistics, indicators & data

Discuss and detail regional priorities concerning the streamlining of regular state-of-the-environment reporting

Develop capacities to engage other communities & networks to discuss how social, environmental & economic information & data can be integrated & utilized in decision-making

Engage and liaise directly with other relevant actors working on capacity-development in related areas of work

Implement capacity-development activities to provide assistance in accordance with priority areas of action

Cross/cutting activities

Tasks and events 2023



Capacity development activities at annual sessions of the Working Group & Joint Task Force in support of SEIS implementation & regular monitoring & assessment, incl. on environment-related SDGs

Maintain SEIS e-learning & knowledge-sharing platform (UNECE with UNEP)

Training to support application of the revised ECE Guidelines for the Application of Environmental Indicators

Presentation of a progress report on selected indicators as part of SEIS enhancement at CEP

Provide annual recommendations on how SEIS can be further strengthened in Europe & Central Asia at annual Working Group & Joint Task Force

Liaise with other actors: ECE secretariat engagement with other actors, for example, EEA, OECD and UNEP

Follow up on recommendations of pan-European environmental assessment and SEIS final review & other outcomes of the EFe Conference

Implementation of capacity development & provision of advisory services in order to assist in the streamlining of regular state-of-the-environment reports

Publication of other guidelines as appropriate

Develop capacities to engage other communities & networks to discuss how social, environmental & economic information & data can be integrated & utilized in decision-making at annual Working Group & Joint Task Force

Preparation of new mandate & ToR & annual timetable of activities for 2024 and presentation at CEP special sessions

Thank you!



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The secretariat shared the draft timetable of activities for 2023 with members of the Working Group prior to the meeting.

No amendments were requested by the members of the Working Group.

Proposed Decision:

The Working Group:

Adopts the timetable of activities for 2023 as set out in document ECE/CEP/AC.10/2022/3