



Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on
Water and Health to the Convention on
the Protection and Use of Transboundary
Watercourses and International Lakes

Working Group on Water and Health

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Item 14 of the provisional agenda

Preparations for the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties

INFORMAL DOCUMENT

**Outline of the programme of the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties to
the Protocol on Water and Health, Geneva, 16-18 November 2022**

Prepared by the secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau

The sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) will be held from 16 to 18 November 2022, in Geneva, in hybrid format.

The present document gives an overview of the provisional agenda of the Meeting of the Parties, including the high-level session on 16 November 2022, official and informal documents and publications to be prepared for the Meeting of the Parties. The document is submitted as a draft for consideration by the Working Group, but the order and timing of agenda items may be subject to changes.

The Working Group is invited to review the draft programme outline and to provide comments. In addition, delegations are invited to indicate their country's expected level of participation to the meeting in order to facilitate planning of the high-level session as well as general preparations.

**Draft outline of the programme of the sixth session of the
Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health
(Geneva, 16–18 November 2022)**

Wednesday, 16 November 2022

High-level segment

1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda (10.00-10.45)

Documentation

- *Annotated provisional agenda for the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties*
- *Procedural matters of relevance for decision-making at the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties due to the circumstances related to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic*
- *Organization of work (Informal document)*

2. High-level session (10.45-13.00)

At its twenty-seventh meeting (Geneva (hybrid), 2-3 February 2022), the Bureau discussed the organization of a special high-level session for the Meeting of the Parties and identified two aspects that the session should focus on as key global drivers and developments: increasing resilience to climate change and the topic of the COVID-19 pandemic as it relates to water, sanitation, hygiene and health. It was also emphasized that the conference should be linked to international processes on water, sanitation, hygiene and health, including the United Nations 2023 Water Conference (New York, 22-24 March 2023) and the seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health (July 2023).

Documentation

- *Programme of the high-level session (Informal document)*
- *The Protocol on Water and Health and the COVID-19 pandemic: Relevance, lessons learned and future perspectives (Informal document)*

Official publication

- *The Protocol on Water and Health – Driving action on water, sanitation, hygiene and health*

LUNCH BREAK (13–15)

3. Status of ratification of the Protocol and report on credentials (15.00-15.30)

Documentation

- *Status of ratification of the Protocol on Water and Health (Informal document)*

4. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties, and other members of the Bureau (15.30–15.50 p.m.)

General segment

5. Review of past activities and discussion of future activities in the different areas of work

The Meeting of the Parties will review the achievements under the current programme of work and examine proposals for activities under the 2023-2025 programme of work.

The discussions under the following items will be organized in different ways, for instance mixing presentations, keynote speeches and panel discussions. Moreover, innovative ways of presenting results such as videos, interviews and field reports are encouraged.

Documentation:

- *Report on the implementation of the 2020–2022 programme of work*
- *Overview of contributions and expenditures for the period 2020–2022*
- *Draft programme of work for 2023–2025, including an overview of extrabudgetary resource requirements*

(a) Improving governance for water and health: support for setting targets and implementing measures (15.50-17.15)

Documentation:

- *Regional report on the status of implementation of the Protocol*
- *Overview of national summary reports submitted by Parties and other States (Informal documents)*
- *Drinking-water, sanitation and hygiene in the WHO European Region: highlights and progress towards achieving SDG 6 (Informal document)*

(b) Assistance to support implementation at the national level (17.15-18.00)

RECEPTION (TBD) (19.00-21.30)

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(c) Increasing resilience to climate change (10.00-10.45)

Documentation:

- *Background note on increasing resilience to climate change through the Protocol on Water and Health*

(d) Prevention and reduction of water-related diseases (10.45-12.00)

Documentation:

- *Report of the expert meeting on prevention and control of legionellosis in the pan-European region (Informal document)*
- *Training module on water-related disease surveillance and outbreak management (Informal document)*
- *Training module on risk-based water quality surveillance (Informal document)*
- *Expert consultation on public health needs related to surveillance of SARS-CoV-2 in wastewater: summary report (Informal document)*
- *Wastewater surveillance of SARS-CoV-2: questions and answers (Informal document)*

(e) Compliance procedure (12.00-13.00)

Documentation

- *Report of the Compliance Committee to the Meeting of Parties, including the Decision on general issues of compliance*
- *List of nominated candidates for the Compliance Committee, together with curricula vitae and supporting documentation (Informal document)*

LUNCH BREAK (13.00-15:00)

(f) Institutional water, sanitation and hygiene (15.00-16.30)

Official publication:

- *Regional report on water, sanitation and hygiene in health care facilities*
- *Survey tool/checklist on water, sanitation and hygiene in health care facilities*

Documentation:

- *National situational analysis of water, sanitation and hygiene in health care facilities in Serbia. Summary report (2020) (Informal document)*

(g) Safe and efficient management of water supply and sanitation systems (16.30-18.00)

Official publication:

- *Sanitation policy brief*

Documentation:

- *Report of the expert consultation on on-site sanitation (Informal document)*

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(h) Financing of the Protocol on Water and Health (09.30-10.30)

Documentation

- *Concept note for a roundtable discussion on the financing of the Protocol on Water and Health (Informal document)*

(i) Equitable access to water and sanitation: translating the human rights to water and sanitation into practice (10.30-11.30)

Official publication:

- *Making water and sanitation affordable for all: Policy options and good practices to ensure the affordability of safe drinking water and sanitation services in the pan-European region*

(j) Small-scale water supplies and sanitation (11.30-12.30)

Official publication:

- *Water safety plan field guide*

Documentation:

- *Small-scale water supply and sanitation systems: country activities (Informal document)*
- *Report of the expert consultation on on-site sanitation (Informal document)*

LUNCH BREAK (12.30-14.30)

6. Programme of work for 2023-2025, terms of reference of bodies established to implement it and resources needed for its implementation (14.30-16.15)

Documentation

- *Report on the implementation of the programme of work for 2020–2022*
- *Draft programme of work for 2023–2025, including an overview of extrabudgetary resource requirements*

- *Provisional calendar of meetings under the Water Convention and the Protocol on Water and Health in 2023 (Informal document)*

7. Partners in implementation and relevant global and regional processes and initiatives (16.15-16.45)

Cooperation with the Water Convention

Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action, 'Water for Sustainable Development' (2023)

European Commission

European Environment and Health Process

UN Habitat

UNICEF

UN Water

WHO

8. Date and venue of the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties (16.45-16.50)

9. Other business (16.50-16.55)

10. Presentation of the decisions (16.55-17.20)

11. Closing of the session (17.20-17.30)