

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-sixth meeting

Geneva, 22-23 June 2022

Item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda:

**Substantive issues: Thematic session
on access to information**

Access to information¹

Provisional programme for the thematic session

to be held on Wednesday, 22 June 2022, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Geneva time

Chair: Ms. Iordanca-Rodica Iordanov

A thematic session on access to information will focus on advancing public access to environment-related product information, including on: (a) public access to product information and digitalization; (b) public access to product information and measures against greenwashing; and (c) means to encourage operators to inform the public (eco-labelling, ecoauditing, environmental, social and governance solutions). The thematic session will be organized in the format of an interactive panel discussion followed by a general discussion. The subjects for discussion are based on decision VII/1 on promoting effective access to information (ECE/MP.PP/2021/2/Add.1), adopted by the Convention's Meeting of the Parties at its seventh session (Geneva, 18–21 October 2021), and the key outcomes of the work of the Task Force on Access to Information.

I. Introduction by the Chair

Timing: 10.30–10.40 a.m.

The Chair of the session will introduce organization of work during the thematic session and the main topics for discussion.

II. Keynote introductory presentation

Timing: 10.40–10.55 a.m.

- *Mr. Stefan Jensen*, Digitalisation and Data Governance, European Environment Agency

¹ This document was not formally edited.

III. Panel discussion:

Timing: 10.55–11.40 a.m.

- *Ms. Charlotta Von Troil*, Senior Ministerial Advisor, Legislative Affairs, Ministry for the Environment, Finland
- *Mr. Rade Ostojić*, Head, Group for Standards and Cleaner Production, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Serbia
- *Ms. Elisabeth Tuerk*, Director, Economic Cooperation and Trade, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
- *Ms. Regina Taimasova-Bumbaca*, Advisor, Division of Inclusive and Sustainable Trade, International Trade Center
- *Ms. Emma Pagliarusco*, Youth and Environment Europe and the European ECO Forum

IV. General discussion

Timing: 11.40 a.m.–12.10 p.m.

The Working Group will be invited to exchange views on three above questions and on other relevant matters.

V. Conclusions

Timing: 12.10–12.30 p.m.

The Chair of the thematic session will make concluding remarks.

Background material:

Decision VII/1 on promoting effective access to information (document ECE/MP.PP/2021/Add.1) available from <https://unece.org/environment/documents/2022/04/tfai-separate-decision-vii1>

Updated recommendations on electronic information tools available from <https://unece.org/environment/documents/2022/02/updated-recommendations-more-effective-use-electronic-information>

2021 Synthesis report on the status of implementation of the Convention (document ECE/MP.PP/2021/6, paras. 116-118 and 120-121) and national implementation reports (questions XI-XIII) available from <https://aarhusclearinghouse.unece.org/national-reports/reports>

Background documents, presentations and outcomes of the Task Force on Access to Information on its seventh meeting available from <https://unece.org/environmental-policy/events/seventh-meeting-task-force-access-information-under-aarhus-convention>

Relevant resources of the Aarhus Clearinghouse available from <https://aarhusclearinghouse.unece.org/>
