

Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment

Twenty-fifth session, Geneva and online, 2-3 May 2023

Agenda Item 4: Implementing the mandate and terms of reference

Draft timetable of activities for 2024

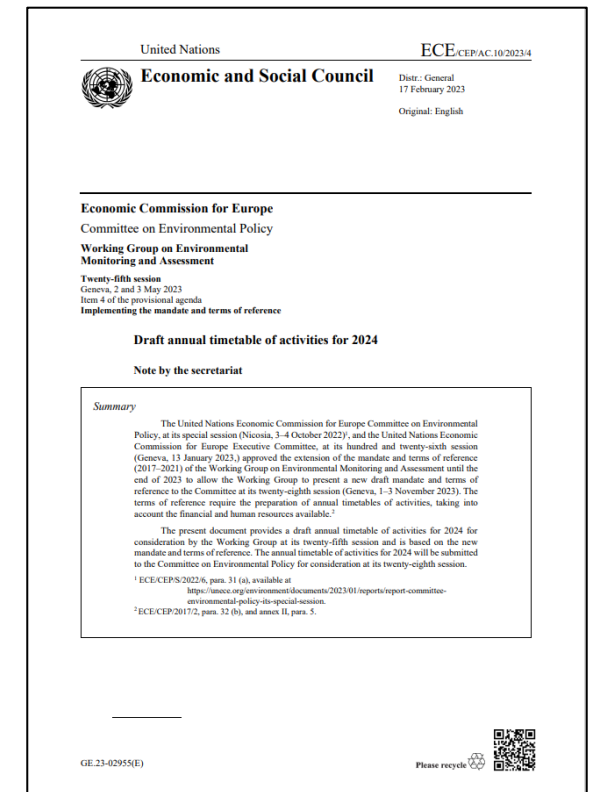


Annual timetable of activities for 2024

ECE/CEP/AC.10/2023/4



- Committee on Environmental Policy's special session in Nicosia and Executive Committee's 126th session approved extension of Working Group's mandate & ToR until the end of 2023
- New draft mandate and ToR are to be presented to the Committee at its 28th session (Geneva, 1–3 November 2023)
- ToR require preparation of annual timetables of activities
- Timetable for 2024 is based on the proposed new mandate and ToR (ECE/CEP/AC.10/2023/3)
- Working Group needs to support the secretariat to mobilize resources & assistance from countries & organizations
- Working Group will collaborate closely with national & international governmental & non-governmental stakeholders & other UN bodies to implement its activities.



Main objectives & activities in 2024



Programme area 1: Support development of environmental monitoring and information systems:

Support institutional strengthening & legislative improvement through showcasing good practices & providing recommendations

Promote use of new technologies incl. through showcasing good practices at WGEMA sessions & development of guidance* on use of earth observation data and geospatial data

Evaluate performance of environmental monitoring & information systems in line with SEIS principles & pillars & open data provide recommendations (compile questionnaire)

Contribute to closure of monitoring gaps

Support implementation of main outcomes of 9th EfE Ministerial Conference in 2024–2027 & promote and support:

- Development & implementation of standardized methods for monitoring & information management, incl. for air emissions
- Use of UNECE Environmental Indicators & their regular revision
- Development of common definitions, e.g. of term “sustainable infrastructure”
- Implementation of all SEIS pillars & full production of UNECE indicators in countries
- Streamlining of environmental reporting
- Continued digitization of environmental monitoring systems & use of new technologies

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Programme area 2: Support the development of regular pan-European environmental assessments and regular state-of-the-environment reporting

Promote and support development of state-of-the-environment reports*

Support implementation of recommendations by 7th pan-European environmental assessment

Programme area 3: Strengthening of Partnerships - Continue the process of consultation between UNECE member States, partner organizations and other institutions and networks

Cooperate with JTF & other relevant UNECE bodies (e.g. during WGEMA sessions)

Publish other guidelines, as appropriate*

Engage with other networks to discuss how environmental, social and economic data can be integrated & utilized in decision-making & how best to use new technologies & geospatial information

Main objectives & activities in 2024



Programme area 4: Engage in capacity-development assistance

Support to application of revised ECE Environmental Indicator Guidelines & other indicator frameworks through training

Organize capacity development workshops & activities including with other actors (EEA, ESA, ITU, OECD, UNEP or WHO) and on new technologies, assessment and reporting*

Support implementation of recommendations by 7th pan-European environmental assessment

Organize capacity development during WGEMA meeting

Maintain and enhance regional knowledge-sharing platform*

Cross-cutting activities:

Hold annual session of WGEMA in 2024

Drafting annual timetables of activities (2025)

Mobilize resources to ensure WGEMA can implement all needed tasks

Mainstream gender into activities of Working Group

Present outcomes and relevant documents of Working Group

Thank you!



The secretariat shared the draft timetable of activities for 2024 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 2024 as set out in document ECE/CEP/AC.10/2023/4.