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

Task Force on Access to Information

Eighth meeting

Geneva, 9-10 November 2023 Item 1 of the provisional agenda **Opening and adoption of the agenda**

Provisional programme of the eighth meeting

To be held in Salle III, Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, 9 November 2023

v. 1 November 2023

1. Opening and adoption of the agenda.

Timing: Thursday, 9 November, 9.30-9.40 a.m.

The Chair will introduce main topics for the discussion and invite to adopt the agenda.

2. International Workshop "Advancing Public Access to Environment-related Product Information: Challenges and Opportunities"

Timing: Thursday, 9 November, 9.40 a.m. -12.30 p.m. and 2.30-5.30 p.m.

Presenters are indicated in a separate programme.

3. Public access to environmental information:

(a) The scope of environmental information;

Timing: Friday, 10 November, 9.30 – 10.30 a.m.

Presenters:

Mr. Roberts PRINDULIS, National focal point, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Latvia

Mr. Mario DE OLIVEIRA, National focal point, Office of the Secretary of State of Environment and Biodiversity, Guinea-Bissau

Ms. Tanja EHNERT, Inquiries Coordinator, European Ombudsman

Ms. Alison HOUGH, Senior Lecturer, TUS Athlone and European ECO Forum

(b) Access to information on emissions into the environment;

Timing: Friday, 10 November, 10.30 – 11.30 a.m.

Presenters

Ms. Andrina CRNJAK THAVENET, Head, Department of Waters, Chemicals, Industrial and Integrated Pollution and other Sectorial Pressures, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, Croatia

Mr. Philippe RAUCQ, SPW Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment, Public Service of Wallonia, Belgium

Ms. Anna CAZACU, Legal Adviser, ECO Contact (Aarhus Centre) and European ECO Forum

(c) The provision of information to the public authorities by third parties;

Timing: Friday, 10 November, 11.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Presenters

Ms. Piera LALOUX, Information Disclosure Analyst, European Investment Bank Mr. Matthieu HUG, CEO, TILKAL

Mr. Nikola KRSTIC, Director, Pokret Tvrđava (Fortress Movement) and the European ECO Forum

Timing: Friday, 10 November, 2.30–3 p.m.

Presenters

Ms. Danica LASSALINE, Science Officer, and Ms. Sirveena JANVIER, Policy Analyst, Environment and Climate Change, Canada (online)

4. Stocktaking of recent and upcoming developments.

Timing: Friday, 10 November, 3.00 – 4.30 p.m.

Presenters

Ms. Edlira DERSHA, Specialist, Ministry of Tourism and Environment, Albania

Ms. Zuldyz MURZABEKOVA, Head, Unit of Ecological Information and Analysis, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Kazakhstan

Ms. Silva AYVAZYAN, Coordinator, Yerevan Aarhus Centre

Mr. Frederik HAFEN, European Environment Bureau and European Ecoforum

5. Activities under other international forums.

Timing: Friday, 10 November, 4.30 – 5.10 p.m.

Presenters

Mr. Jaco DU TOIT, Chief of Section Universal Action to Information and Digital Inclusion, UNESCO (online)

Mr. José PARRA, Human Rights Officer, Human Rights Treaties Branch, OHCHR

- 6. Other business.
- 7. Closing.