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**

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**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.*


   **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, TIKAL
- Mr. Nikola KRSTIC, Director, Pokret Tvrdava (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.