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Economic Commission for Europe

Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context

Ninth session

Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment

Fifth session

Geneva, 12–15 December 2023

Item 3 (f) of the provisional agenda

Outstanding issues: Tentative calendar of meetings

Provisional schedule of meetings 2024–2026

This note from the secretariat presents a tentative scheduling of official meetings in the next intersessional period 2024–2026, as agreed by the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment at its twelfth meeting (Geneva, 13-15 June 2023)

The meeting dates are indicative only. As agreed by the Working Group, if it is not possible to finance the budgeted additional secretariat staff members, only a reduced number of meetings and can be guaranteed (including no meetings of the Bureau and the Working Group in 2024).

The meeting dates were scheduled considering: public holidays shared by a majority of Parties (see annex), the official UN document deadlines, the constraints for scheduling interlinked meetings in a calendar year (the Working Group's meetings must be prepared and preceded by the Bureau - and those of Meetings of the Parties by the Bureau, the Working Group and the IC), and other factors:

- As the secretariat is too small to manage overlapping preparations and servicing of and follow-up to meetings, these cannot be held in parallel/too close to each other, nor can the document deadlines for one meeting coincide with the preparation/servicing of another meeting.
- May and June should be avoided due to large annual WHO and ILO meetings held then.
- Meetings during the summer holiday period (July and August) are not feasible/difficult.
- The Working Group meetings and Meetings of the Parties sessions should be avoided in October – November – as the document deadlines would fall on July-August.

The Meetings of the Parties are invited to consider and agree on the proposed initial meeting schedule. Delegations may wish to put forward proposals for hosting the next sessions of the Meetings of the Parties (in December 2026).

<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Body</i>	<i>Session/ meeting</i>	<i>12-week deadline</i>	<i>10-week deadline</i>
2024	27 February–1 March	Implementation Committee	58	5 December 2023	19 December 2023
	[24–25 April	Bureau	–		14 February 2024]
	18–21 June	Implementation Committee	59	26 March 2024	9 April 2024
	14–17 October	Implementation Committee	60	22 July 2024	5 August 2024
	[10–12 December	Working Group on EIA & SEA]	13	17 September 2024	1 October 2024]
2025	11–14 February	Implementation Committee	61	19 November 2024	3 December 2024
	13–16 May	Implementation Committee	62	18 February 2025	4 March 2025
	17–18 June	Bureau			8 April 2025
	30 September – 3 October	Implementation Committee	63	8 July 2025	22 July 2025
	2–4 December	Working Group on EIA & SEA	14	9 September 2025	23 September 2025
2026	31 January–3 February	Implementation Committee	64	8 November 2025	22 November 2025
	10–11 March	Bureau			30 December 2025
	5–8 May	Implementation Committee	65	10 February 2026	24 February 2026
	16–18 June	Working Group on EIA & SEA	15	24 March 2026	7 April 2026
	1–4 September	Implementation Committee	66	9 June 2026	23 June 2026
	1–4 December	Meetings of the Parties to the Convention & the Protocol	10/6	8 September 2026	22 September 2026

Annex**Public official holidays 2024–2026****2024**

Easter	Fri 29 March-Mon 1 April
Ascension	Thu 9 May
Pentecost/ Whit Monday	Mon 20 May
Jeune Genevois*	5 September

2025

Easter	Fri 18-Mon 21 April
Ascension	Thu 29 May
Pentecost	Mon 9 June
Jeune Genevois	11 September

2026

Easter	Fri 3-Mon 6 April
Ascension	Thu 14 May
Pentecost	Mon 24 May
Jeune Genevois	10 September

*) » Jeune Genevois » is a local public holiday observed by the UN Geneva office (the Palais des Nations will be closed).