

Economic Commission for Europe
Committee on Environmental Policy
Expert Group on Environmental Performance
Reviews

Thirty-eighth session
Geneva, 9 – 12 September 2024

Annotated provisional agenda for the thirty-eighth session

To be held in Salle IX Building A (9–10 September) and meeting room H.307-1 Building H (11-12 September), Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 9 September 2024, until 6 p.m. Thursday, 12 September 2024

I. Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Review of the Environmental Performance Review of Tajikistan
3. Review of the Environmental Performance Review of Montenegro
4. Designation of rapporteurs
5. Activities under the Environmental Performance Review Programme
6. Other business

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Expert Group will be invited to adopt the agenda for its thirty-eighth session as contained in the present document.

2. Review of the Environmental Performance Review of Tajikistan

The draft report of the fourth Environmental Performance Review (EPR) of Tajikistan will be circulated to meeting participants by 9 August 2024. Participants are invited to submit their proposals and comments on the draft recommendations by 30 August 2024 by email (info.epr@un.org). The secretariat will consolidate the written proposals for modifications and circulate them among the participants.

(a) Self introduction

Participants will briefly introduce themselves.

(b) Introductory remarks by the Chair

The Chair will introduce the procedure and rules under which the review will proceed.

(c) Introductory statement by Tajikistan

The Head of the Delegation will present the expectations of his/her country from the fourth EPR.

(d) Discussion of individual chapters

Individual chapters will be discussed in the order and timeframe outlined in part III of this agenda.

This slot of time will be organized in the following way:

- Introduction to the chapter by the reviewer: **up to 5 minutes.**
- Reply by the country under review: **up to 5 minutes.**
- Discussion on the draft recommendations by participants: **up to 30 minutes.**

Recommendations will be discussed in the order that they appear in the respective chapter in the report.

(e) Concluding remarks

The Chair will make concluding remarks and will invite the Head of Delegation of Tajikistan to make a concluding statement.

3. Review of the Environmental Performance Review of Montenegro

The draft report of the fourth Environmental Performance Review (EPR) of Montenegro will be circulated to meeting participants by 9 August 2024. Participants are invited to submit their proposals and comments on the draft recommendations by 30 August 2024 by email (info.epr@un.org). The secretariat will consolidate the written proposals for modifications and circulate them among the participants.

(a) Self introduction

Participants will briefly introduce themselves.

(b) Introductory remarks by the Chair

The Chair will introduce the procedure and rules under which the review will proceed.

(c) Introductory statement by Montenegro

The Head of the Delegation will present the expectations of his/her country from the fourth EPR.

(d) Discussion of individual chapters

Individual chapters will be discussed in the order and timeframe outlined in part III of this agenda.

This slot of time will be organized in the following way:

- Introduction to the chapter by the reviewer: **up to 5 minutes.**
- Reply by the country under review: **up to 5 minutes.**
- Discussion on the draft recommendations by participants: **up to 30 minutes.**

Recommendations will be discussed in the order that they appear in the respective chapter in the report.

(e) Concluding remarks

The Chair will make concluding remarks and will invite the Head of Delegation of Montenegro to make a concluding statement.

4. Designation of rapporteurs

The Expert Group will be invited to designate rapporteur(s) to report to the Committee on Environmental Policy, at its twenty-ninth session, on the results of the reviews of the fourth EPRs of Tajikistan and of Montenegro.

5. Activities under the Environmental Performance Review Programme

The secretariat will provide additional information about activities carried out since October 2023 under the EPR Programme.

6. Other business

The Expert Group will be invited to discuss any other business that might be brought to its attention. Experts wishing to propose items are invited to inform the secretariat as soon as possible.

III. Organization of work

<i>Date</i>	<i>Item(s) of the agenda</i>
Monday, 9 September 2024 (Salle IX Building A, English-Russian interpretation)	
10:00 – 10:05	Item 1
<i>Fourth EPR of Tajikistan</i>	
10:05 – 10:15	Items 2(a)-(c)
10:15 – 13:00	Item 2(d) Chapter 1: Legal, policy and institutional framework Chapter 2: Regulatory and compliance assurance mechanisms Chapter 3: Greening the economy and financing environmental protection Chapter 4: Environmental monitoring, information and science
13:00 – 15:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
15:00 – 18:00	Chapter 5: Public participation and education for sustainable development Chapter 6: Climate change and glacier melt Chapter 7: Implementation of international environmental agreements and commitments Chapter 8: Air protection
Tuesday, 10 September 2024 (Salle IX Building A, English-Russian interpretation)	
10:00 – 13:00	Chapter 9: Water management Chapter 10: Waste and chemicals management Chapter 11: Biodiversity and protected areas Chapter 12: Soil conservation
13:00 – 15:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
15:00 – 18:00	Chapter 13: Industry, mining and the environment Chapter 14: Energy and the environment Chapter 15: Agriculture and the environment Chapter 16: Transport and the environment Chapter 17: Health and the environment Item 2(e)
Wednesday, 11 September 2024 (meeting room H.307-1 Building H, English only)	
<i>Fourth EPR of Montenegro</i>	
10:05 – 10:15	Items 3(a)-(c)
10:15 – 13:00	Item 3(d) Chapter 1: Legal, policy and institutional framework Chapter 2: Regulatory and compliance assurance mechanisms Chapter 3: Greening the economy and financing environmental protection Chapter 4: Environmental monitoring and information
13:00 – 15:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
15:00 – 18:00	Chapter 5: Implementation of international environmental agreements and commitments Chapter 6: Climate change Chapter 7: Air protection Chapter 8: Water management
Thursday, 12 September 2024 (meeting room H.307-1 Building H, English only)	
10:00 – 13:00	Chapter 9: Waste and chemicals management Chapter 10: Biodiversity and protected areas Chapter 11: Tourism and the environment Chapter 12: Forestry and the environment
13:00 – 15:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
15:00 – 18:00	Chapter 13: Industry and the environment Chapter 14: Nexus: Energy – Air pollution – Health protection Item 3(e) Item 4 Item 5 Item 6