

**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 Public Participation in Decision-Making

Eleventh meeting

Geneva, 12-13 December 2024

Provisional programme

To be held in Salle XXIV at the Palais de Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Thursday, 12 December 2024

Chair: Ms. Loredana Dall'Ora

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

Timing: Thursday, 12 December, 10–10.10 a.m.

The Chair of the session will introduce organization of work and the main topics for discussion.

Discussion/statements from the floor

2. Participation of persons and groups in vulnerable situations in decision-making

Timing: Thursday, 12 December, 10.10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Participants will be invited to consider good practices, challenges and trends with regard to effective public participation of groups in vulnerable situations. This will include the presentation of the outcomes of a survey among Parties and stakeholders on good practices and challenges in effectively engaging groups in vulnerable situations in decision-making.

Secretariat to present outcomes of the survey

Pannel I

- *Ms. Katherine Reid*, Child Rights International Network/University College Cork
- *Niamh and Conor*, Children and Young People's Assembly on Biodiversity Loss, Ireland
(*joint video statement*)
- *Ms. Aleksandra Radevska*, Journalists for Human Rights/Aarhus ECO Forum
- *Ms. Heidrun Mollenkopf*, AGE Platform Europe and Board Member of BAGSO, the German National Association of Senior Citizens' Organisations

Q&A on these presentations

Pannel II

- *Ms. Sabina Ivanovic*, Department for Strategic Planning, Ministry of Environmental Protection of Serbia
- *Ms. Piera Laloux*, European Investment Bank

Q&A on these presentations

Discussion/statements from the floor

3. Public participation in decision-making in a transboundary context

Timing: Thursday, 12 December, 3–4 p.m.

Participants will be invited to consider good practices, challenges and trends with regard to public participation in decision-making in a transboundary context.

- *Ms. Helene Masliah-Gilkarov*, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR) (*video statement*)
- *Mr. Oleg Pecheniuk*, Independent Ecological Expertise PA/Aarhus ECO Forum

Q&A on these presentations

Discussion/statements from the floor

4. Public participation in decision-making on agriculture and fishery

Timing: Thursday, 12 December, 4–5 p.m.

Participants will be invited to consider good practices, challenges and trends with regard to public participation in decision-making on agriculture and fishery.

- *Ms. Nino Gokhelasvili*, Sustainable Development Division, Environment and Climate Change Department, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia
- *Mr. Mário João De Oliveira*, Ministry of the Environment, Biodiversity and Climate Action of Guinea-Bissau
- *Ms. Christiana Mauro*, Guta Association/Protect the Future/Aarhus ECO Forum

Q&A on these presentations

Discussion/statements from the floor

5. Public participation in decision-making on oceans, seas, marine resources

Timing: Thursday, 12 December, 5–6 p.m.

Participants will be invited to consider good practices, challenges and trends with regard to public participation in decision-making on oceans, seas, marine resources.

Introduction by Chair

- *Mr. Francisco Guil Celada*, DG Biodiversity, forests and desertification, Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge of Spain (*video statement*)
- *Ms. Raina Ivanova*, Heirs to Our Ocean/Aarhus ECO Forum

Q&A on these presentations

Discussion/statements from the floor

6. Public participation in decision-making on climate change

Timing: Friday, 13 December, 10.–11 a.m.

Participants will be invited to consider good practices, challenges and trends with regard to public participation in decision-making on climate change.

- *Ms. Fleur Newman*, Action Empowerment Unit, Gender, Children & Youth and ACE UN Climate Change Secretariat (*video statement*)
- *Ms. Jasmin Gerber*, Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy, and Communications DETEC, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland
- *Mr. Yolbars Kepbanov*, Aarhus Centre of Turkmenistan
- *Ms. Margarida Martins*, European Environmental Bureau/Aarhus ECO Forum

Q&A on these presentations

Discussion/statements from the floor

7. Public participation in decision-making on emerging technologies

Timing: Friday, 13 December, 11–11.45 a.m.

Participants will be invited to consider good practices, challenges and trends with regard to public participation in decision-making on environmental matters related to emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, quantum technologies, synthetic biology etc.

- *Ms. Alison Hough*, Environmental Justice Network of Ireland/Aarhus ECO Forum

Q&A on these presentations

Discussion/statements from the floor

8. Other relevant developments

Timing: Friday, 13 December, 11.45 a.m.–12 noon

Participants will be invited to consider other relevant developments not addressed under previous agenda items.

Discussion/statements from the floor

9. Any other business

Timing: Friday, 13 December, 12–12.05 p.m.¹

Delegates wishing to suggest points under this item are requested to inform the secretariat as soon as possible.

10. Closing

Timing: Friday, 13 December, 12.30–1 p.m.

The Chair will summarise outcomes of the meeting.

¹ There will be a break to summarize outcomes of the meeting from 12.05 to 12.30. The list of outcomes, as summarised by the Chair, will be distributed to participants by email after the meeting.