

# PROTOCOL ON WATER AND HEALTH

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## BUREAU OF THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES

Third meeting  
Geneva, 8-9 September 2009

### ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SECOND MEETING

Prepared by the joint secretariat

The third meeting of the Bureau of the Protocol on Water and Health will take place in the Palais des Nations in room S4 (on the third floor, next to the offices of the UNECE secretariat). The meeting will start at 10.00 on 8 September and end on 9 September 2009 at 16.00. The meeting will be held in English. Bureau members should be in possession of a long-duration badge to enter the Palais des Nations, valid until September 2009. If this is not the case please contact: [diana.teeder@unece.org](mailto:diana.teeder@unece.org).

#### Tuesday, 8 September 2009

1. **Adoption of the agenda**  
(10.00-10.10)
  
2. **New project funded by the UN Development Account to improve quality of water and health conditions in Central, South-Eastern Europe (SEE) and in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA)**  
(10.10-11.00)

The joint secretariat will introduce a new project prepared by UNECE and WHO-EURO to be funded by the UN Development Account.<sup>1</sup> The project is being designed in a way to support the implementation of the Protocol's programme of work for 2010-2011.

The Bureau will advise the joint secretariat on the future implementation of the project.

3. **Implementation of activities in the current programme of work**  
(11.00 -17.00, lunch break between 13.00 and 14.00)

On the basis of the outcomes of the second meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health (Geneva, 2-3 July 2009, see report ECE/MP.WH/WG.1/2009/2 - EUR/09/5086340/4) and of information provided by the Chairpersons of the Task Force, other lead countries and the joint secretariat, the Bureau will examine progress made, the results of work and difficulties encountered by the Joint Secretariat and all bodies established to implement the work programme. The Bureau will advise on further implementation until the second Meeting of the Parties (October 2010, tbc) and will discuss on the continuation of the relevant activities in the programme of work for 2011-2013.

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<sup>1</sup> For more information on the Un Development Account, see <http://www.un.org/esa/devaccount/index.html>

- (a) Surveillance and early-warning systems, contingency plans and response capacities: Enzo Funari will inform about progress and future plans related to the Task Force on Surveillance;
- (b) Development of targets and indicators and reporting, including development of guidelines: Pierre Studer will inform about progress and future plans of the Task Force on Indicators and Reporting;
- (c) Water supply and sanitation in short-term critical situations and adaptation to climate change: Luciana Sinisi will inform about progress and future plans related to the Task Force on Extreme Weather Events
- (d) Compliance procedure: Francesca Bernardini will report on the activities of the Compliance Committee, and future plans;
- (e) Equitable access: Francesca Bernardini will inform about progress and future plans in this area of work
- (f) Small-scale water supplies: Roger Aertgeerts will inform on the progress made. The Bureau will consider the next steps and possible actions to be scheduled in this area of work.
- (g) Public awareness, education, training, research and development and information: Ana Drapa will provide information on the workshop on public participation, information and education in health and water related issues (Bucharest, Romania, April – May 2010).

**4. Ad Hoc Project Facilitation Mechanism**  
(17.00-18.00)

Roger Aertgeerts will inform about the progress in hiring the new facilitator. The Bureau will review the outcome of the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Project Facilitation Mechanism (Geneva, 1 July 2009) and discuss future perspectives.

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**Wednesday, 9 September 2009**

**5. Resources to implement the programme of work (2007 -2009) and financial implications to be considered in preparation for next the work programme (2011-2013)**  
(9.00-10.30)

The Bureau will be review the financial status of the UNECE Trust Fund and the WHO-EURO Voluntary Fund, the contributions received and the funds used.

On the basis of a paper by the joint secretariat the Bureau will be informed of the missing resources necessary for implementing the core elements of the work programme until the second meeting of the Parties and will discuss and agree on how to secure the missing resources.

Moreover, in accordance with the decision of the Working Group on Water and Health, the Bureau, together with the joint secretariat should prepare a proposal with alternative options for financing the programme of work for consideration at the third meeting of the Working Group, with a view to submit its conclusions for possible adoption by the Meeting of the Parties at its second session.

On the basis of a draft document, the Bureau will discuss the main messages of the document, the options for financing to be included, and any other information that should be presented, in

particular in relation to the budget of the future programme of work for 2011-2013. The Bureau will also make arrangements for finalization of the document in time for submission to the third meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health (deadline for submission of official documents: 8 March, 2010)

**6. Fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health**  
(10.30-12.00)

The Bureau has been entrusted by the Working Group on Water and Health with the preparation of the Protocol's inputs to the Fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health, (10 -12, March 2010, Parma, Italy), namely:

(a) The inputs to the Ministerial Declaration so that specific features of the Protocol which are of relevance for the Conference are highlighted.

To this aim the Bureau will review the current draft of the Ministerial Declaration and agree on the need to mobilize efforts to amend/complete the Declaration.

(b) The organization of a "Protocol Day" prior to the Conference, to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Protocol.

The Bureau will review the programme of the Protocol Day and advice on the further organization and on its input to the Day.

(c) Preparation of background document on water and health which will not only be a product for the "Protocol Day", but should also inform and provide inputs to the CEHAPE/ RPG 1 of the official agenda of the Ministerial Conference highlighting strategic areas for further action in the region. The background document should highlight the main water and health issues in the UNECE/WHO-EURO region and show how the Protocol is addressing them. The document should take stock of the Protocol's achievements, experiences and will address the existing challenges and future prospects for work under the Protocol.

The Bureau will review a first draft of the document and agree on how to further develop it. It was also make arrangements to submit it to the next meeting of the European Environment and Health Committee for endorsement and inclusion among the official documents of the Ministerial Conference.

**7. Progress in the ratification process and issues related to the promotion of the Protocol**  
(12.00-12.30)

The Bureau will be informed on the status of Protocol's ratification. It will discuss initiatives that need to be taken to continue promoting the Protocol.

**Lunch (12.30-13.30)**

**8. Strategic partnerships and positioning of the Protocol within other organization's programmes**  
(13.30-14.00)

The Bureau will discuss opportunities to strengthen cooperation with and to mainstream the Protocol in the programme of work of strategic partners, such as:

- (a) WHO-EURO offices (in particular in countries which are parties to the Protocol or in the process of ratification)
- (b) Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in particular in relation to role of the Protocol in the implementation of the human right to water and sanitation
- (c) EECCA Component of the European Union Water Initiative
- (d) United Nations Development Programme
- (e) Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
- (f) Other partners

**9. Cooperation with the Water Convention**  
(14.00-14.30)

The Bureau will be informed about the preparations for the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention and will consider ways and means how to strengthen cooperation on work and activities under the Protocol and the Convention.

**10. Second session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.**  
(14.30-15.30)

Ana Drapa will inform on the plans related to the preparations of the second session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol in Romania.

The Bureau will agree on dates for the Meeting of the Parties and will make arrangements for its preparations.

**11. Future meetings under the Protocol**  
(15.30-15.45)

The Bureau will review the calendar of future meetings under the Protocol and be informed on the relevant distribution of tasks within the joint secretariat.

**12. Next Bureau meetings**  
(15.45-15.55)

The Bureau will schedule its next meetings taking into account the date of the second session of the Meeting of the Parties.

**13. Other business**  
(15.55-16.00)

At the time of writing, the secretariat had no points to propose under this agenda item.

**14. Closing**

The Chairperson will close the meeting at 16.00

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