



International PRTR Coordinating Group
Fifth meeting

Date: Tuesday, 18 May 2010

Time: 14:00 – 18:00

Location: Room 18 (called "CC18") at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Conference Centre, 2, rue André Pascal, Paris 16eme, France

REPORT (ACTION ITEMS)

I. Outstanding action items issues after the fourth meeting

CAPACITY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES

1. The online capacity-building activities matrix has been updated as of May 2010. It will be discussed if this matrix and prtr.net will be merged in the same site (presumably on the prtr.net site).

FURTHERING COOPERATION ON INTERNATIONAL PRTR PROJECTS

2. UNECE is invited to create a task force on PRTRs for Central Asia.
3. The North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) is discussing with UNITAR a proposal that would include countries in the Arctic (ie. including also Russia and Greenland); possibly Japan could be invited. This proposal was submitted by Grid Arendal to Nairobi for funding. The Nordic council will be notified about it.

II. Debriefing of Copenhagen Climate Change Conference Side Event on PRTR

4. The UN-Google partnership has the ambition of making data freely accessible on the net. In this frame, PRTR data could be more effectively shown. Google is interested but no proposal has come from any IGOs so far. UNECE is invited to re-establish the contact with Google, with the view of possibly preparing a proposal for the aforementioned UN-Google PRTR partnership.

III. PRTR Support Activities and Services

5. UNEP will carry on and update the group on further developments of mercury negotiations. It will also circulate the document with the terms of reference on the mercury negotiations; participants to this group will then comment on it.
6. UNITAR will ask participants to have their help to share their experience about technical aspects of PRTRs in conferences and projects, namely in developing countries, around the globe (meeting in Cambodia on 6-7 July 2010, Central America).
7. UNITAR will ask the participants to update the roster of PRTR experts.
8. UNECE will ask Grid Arendal to create, if possible, personalized logins to the capacity-building matrix and to prtr.net for the participants to this group. These logins will be then given to the participants.

9. UNECE will ask Grid Arendal for a brief description of the content to each page of prtr.net that should be updated by the participants to this group. It will then convey this information to the participants.
10. UNECE will ask Grid Arendal to insert a twitter or RSS news feed section on the prtr.net homepage.
11. The group will discuss whether to move the PRTR content of the Aarhus Clearinghouse to prtr.net

IV. Strengthening PRTR Momentum at the Global Level: Possible Action

12. UNECE will circulate the bullet points from the SAICM secretariat to the participants.
13. UNECE will circulate the text about the global conference discussed at the special meeting of this group on 22 April 2010.

V. Other Issues: Enhancing Dialogue with Developing and Transition Countries

14. The group decided to have reports in action items. The reports would be adopted by 6 weeks after the meeting.
15. UNECE will liaise with UNEP, UNITAR and France to suggest the legal expert to be funded by the OSCE Centre in Astana in summer and fall 2010 that would assist the Kazakh government in drafting the national legislation with the view to ratify the PRTR Protocol.

VI. Next meeting

16. In the future a special meeting will be advocated whenever possible to involve more countries than the usual OECD ones (eg. back-to-back with SAICM events).
17. UNECE will send this report to the other countries that participated in the special meeting but that could not participate in the fifth meeting.
18. The next meeting will be held perhaps in early May or in Fall 2011 back-to-back with the OECD PRTR Task Force.

VII. Any other business

19. The group will nominate a new Chair at the next meeting.