



PROTOCOL ON WATER AND HEALTH

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Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties
Sixth meeting
Geneva, 7-8 March 2011

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SIXTH MEETING

Prepared by the joint secretariat

The sixth meeting of the Bureau will take place in the Palais des Nations in room XV. It will start on 7 March 2011 at 10.00 and finish on 8 March at 11.45. A joint meeting of the Bureaux of the Water Convention and of the Protocol will be held back-to-back, from 13.00 to 17.30 on 8 March. Both meetings will be held in English.

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- 1. Adoption of the agenda**
(Monday 7 March, 10.00-10.10)
- 2. Programme of work 2011-2013**
(Monday 7 March, 10.10 -17.00) (Lunch break from 13.00-14.00)

The second session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol adopted the programme of work for 2011-2013 and the relevant cost estimate. At the same time the Meeting recognized that the implementation of the programme of work would depend on the resources made available by Parties and requested the Bureau, in close cooperation with the joint secretariat, to monitor the financial situation and to make decisions on the implementation of the programme of work accordingly.

The sixth meeting of the Bureau will therefore be mostly devoted to reviewing the programme of work for 2011-2013 vis-à-vis the available and foreseen financial and human resources and plan future activities, with special attention for the activities to be carried out in 2011. In doing so, the Bureau will try to maximize synergies between the different programme areas.

- Programme area 1 – Target setting and reporting

The UNECE secretariat will inform on the preparatory steps for the sub-regional workshop on target setting under the Protocol (5-6 April, Belarus) which should be the first of a series of

sub-regional workshops promoting the exchange of experience in setting targets and reporting under the Protocol.

The Bureau will discuss the agenda of this workshop and advise the secretariat on how to design the series of workshops so to serve multiple purposes. The Bureau will also discuss the participation of its members in the workshop.

Finally the Bureau will exchange views on the next meeting of the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting, tentatively scheduled for 31 May – 1 June 2011, in particular with the aim to promote synergies with the work of the Task Force on Water-related Disease Surveillance, the work on cross-cutting issues, of the Project Facilitation Mechanism and the other activities under the Protocol.

- Programme area 2 – Surveillance and early-warning systems, contingency plans and response capacities

The Bureau will be informed about the preparatory activities in this area as well as on the progress in the publication of the two guidance documents adopted at the second session of the Meeting of the Parties.

The Bureau will discuss the future work of the Task Force on Surveillance of Water-related Disease, including the dates of its next meeting and the cooperation and synergies with the other Task Force, the work on cross-cutting issues, of the Project Facilitation Mechanism and the other activities under the Protocol.

- Programme area 3 – Cross-cutting issues

The Bureau will be informed about the preparatory meeting on small scale water supplies and sanitation between the lead countries and organizations to plan future work (17 January 2011, Prague). The Bureau will discuss and provide its advice on the future plans.

- Programme area 4 – Project Facilitation Mechanism

The Chair of the Project Facilitation Mechanism and the Facilitator will provide information on ongoing projects, including the funding of projects in the pipeline, future actions and the perspectives related to the future chairmanship of the Mechanism.

The Bureau will discuss future work in this area and advise the Chair and the secretariat.

- Programme area 5 – Compliance procedure

The UNECE secretariat will inform about the outcome of the sixth Meeting of the Compliance Committee (1-2 March 2011, Geneva) and the activities planned for the future.

- Programme area 7 – Public awareness, access to information and public participation

The Bureau will be informed about preliminary planning in this area of work and advise the lead Party, Romania, and the secretariat and future work.

- Programme area 8 – Equitable access

Chantal Gatignol and the secretariat will inform the Bureau about the activities carried out in this area, in particular the first meeting of the drafting group on equitable access to water and sanitation (27-28 January 2011, Paris) and the future plans.

The Bureau will be invited to advise France and the secretariat on the next steps.

- Programme area 9 – Capacity-building and sharing of experience

Mihaly Kadar will inform the Bureau on the preparations for the *Fourth International Conference on Swimming Pools and Spas*, to be held in Porto, Portugal, from 15–18 March 2011. The Bureau will discuss the possible input from the Protocol to the Conference.

The Bureau will also discuss plans for additional capacity building activities, if any.

3. Resources to implement the programme of work and implementation of unfunded activities: general discussion/possibilities for funding
(Tuesday 8 March, 9.30 - 11.00)

On the basis of a document by the joint secretariat, the Bureau will review contributions, pledges and expenditures since the second Meeting of the Parties.

As some of the activities planned for implementation in 2011 are fully funded and for many there are gaps, the Bureau will review the planned activities, discuss and agree on how to fill the financial gaps and revise the programme of work for 2011, by prioritizing activities and adjusting implementation to the resources available.

The Bureau will also discuss how to fundraise for the missing resources.

4. Fourth meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health
(Tuesday 8 March, 11.00 -11.30)

In light of the previous discussion and agreed future plans, the Bureau will discuss and make arrangements for the organization of the fourth meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health.

5 Other business
(Tuesday 8 March, 11.30 - 11.45)

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

6. Closing (Tuesday 8 March, 11.45)
