

SIXTH MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE 'ENVIRONMENT FOR EUROPE'
BELGRADE, 10-12 OCTOBER 2007

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), with the support of the Government of Switzerland, cordially invites you to attend the side event:

**"UNECE Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers:
Ready for take-off"**

Room 3/1, 10 October 2007, 13.00-14.30

Provisional Programme

I. Opening and introduction (5 minutes)

Mr. Bruno Oberle, Director, Federal Office for the Environment, Department of Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications (Switzerland)

II. Implementation of registers under the Kiev Protocol on PRTRs (30 minutes)

- A. Ratification of the UNECE Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers to the Aarhus Convention, *Mr. Jeremy Wates, Secretary to the UNECE Aarhus Convention*
- B. Implementing the Kiev Protocol on PRTRs in Switzerland – *Mr. Georg Karlaganis, Head of Substances, Soil and Biotechnology Division, Federal Office for the Environment (Switzerland)*
- C. Steps towards preparation for implementing the Protocol on PRTRs – *Mr. Nebojsa Redzič, Environmental Protection Agency (Serbia)*
- D. Prospects for accession to the Kiev Protocol on PRTRs – *Ms. Irina Zastenskaya, Deputy Director, Republican Scientific Practical Center of Hygiene and Senior Special Fellow, UNITAR (Belarus)*

III. Challenges to developing PRTRs (30 minutes)

- A. PRTR development in Armenia – *Ms. Ruzanna Davtyan, Head, International Department of the Ministry of Nature Protection (Armenia) (invited)*
- B. PRTR capacity-building in a global context – *Mr. Craig Boljkovac, Senior Programme Coordinator, Chemicals and Waste Management Programme, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)*
- C. Challenges of developing national capacity for PRTR systems in Central and Eastern Europe – *Ms. Magda Toth Nagy, Head of Public Participation Programme, Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (Hungary)*
- D. Engaging enterprises and the public in national PRTR development – *Ms. Alyona Vasilyeva, Regional NGO Centre "Volgograd Express" (Russian Federation)*

IV. Discussion and Closure (25 minutes)

- A. Discussant – *Mr. Michel Amand, Premier Attaché, Ministry of Walloon Region, Belgium, and Chairman, UNECE Working Group on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTRs) (Belgium)*
- B. Audience members are invited to raise questions with the panelists
- C. Summary and closing remarks – *Mr. Bruno Oberle (Switzerland)*

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Simultaneous English-Russian and Russian-English interpretation will be provided.

Light refreshments will be offered before the session.