

# Preparations for the 4th session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health

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# 4<sup>th</sup> session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health

14–16 November 2016, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland



- \* Host country: Switzerland
- \* Date: 14-16 November 2016
- \* Venue: Palais des Nations, Geneva

# High-level session

- \* “Moving forward on the water and sanitation agenda in the pan European region: the role of the Protocol on Water and Health in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” (14 November 2016, 11 am-1 pm)
- \* The Protocol’s provisions and approach are consistent with the ambitions of the 2030 Agenda (SDGs 6, 3, 1, 2, 4, 11 and 13) and its legally binding nature will support the SDGs achievement
- \* The session will foster a strategic discussion on the different perspectives on and expectations for advancing the water and sanitation agenda in the pan-European region
- \* *A healthy link: The Protocol on Water and Health and the Sustainable Development (brochure)*

# Programme of work for 2017-2019

- Improving governance for water and health
- Prevention and reduction of water-related diseases
- Institutional water, sanitation and hygiene
- Small-scale water supplies and sanitation
- **Safe and efficient management of water supply and sanitation systems**
- Equitable access to water and sanitation: translating the human right to water and sanitation into practice
- **Increasing resilience to climate change**

**\* Opportunities for joint work with the Water Convention**

# Programme Area 7: Increasing resilience to climate change



**Objectives:** Strengthen resilience of communities to water-related disasters and other effects induced by climate change



## **Selected activities:**

- \* In cooperation with the Water Convention, increasing capacity to manage water scarcity and prevent and mitigate related health impacts (identifying good practices and lessons learned in water resource management, including wastewater reuse)
- \* Regional workshops covering issues of disaster preparedness and response, adaptation, wastewater management, recycling and reuse



# Events

## \* **Side-events**

Equitable access, Small water supply and sanitation systems, Innovation for water and health, Sanitation solutions, WASH in Schools and health care facilities, Progress of Protocol implementation in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, Increasing resilience to climate change in cities.

\* **Painting exhibition** on the precious value of water for our lives by Moldovan artists (presentation on 15 November)

\* **Exhibition** on Swiss experience on sustainable management of water resources



# You are welcome to attend MOP-4!

## Register at

[http://www.unece.org/env/water/protocol\\_mop4.html](http://www.unece.org/env/water/protocol_mop4.html)

