Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters

Task Force on Public Participation in Decision-Making

Tenth meeting

Geneva (hybrid), 10-11 October 2022

Provisional programme for the meeting

To be held in Salle XXII at the Palais de Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 10 October 2022

Chair: Ms. Loredana Dall'Ora

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

Timing: Monday, 10 October 2022, 10.00 –10.10 a.m.

The Chair of the session will introduce organization of work and the main topics for discussion.

Discussion/statements from the floor

2. Ensuring effective public participation

Timing: Monday, 10 October 2022, 10.10 -11.30 a.m.

Panellists

- Ms. Mari Chakryan, Legal Adviser, Ministry of Environment, Armenia
- Mr. Mário João de Oliveira, Legal Advisor, Ministry of Environment and Biodiversity, Guinea-Bissau
- Ms. Beatričė Umbrasaitė, Public participation facilitator and Communications Specialist, Vilniaus Planas and Ms. Giedrė Puzinauskienė, Architect and Project Manager, Create Lithuania, Lithuania

Discussion/statements from the floor

3. COVID-19 pandemic and public participation: challenges and opportunities

Timing: Monday, 10 October 2022, 11.30 a.m.–12.00 p.m. and 2.30–3 p.m.

Panellists

- Mr. Amankeldy Zhakenov, Chief expert, Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources, Kazakhstan
- Ms. Barbara Žagar, Senior Adviser, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning, Slovenia

- Mr. Graham Alabaster, Chief Geneva Office, UN-Habitat
- Mr. Quintin Oliver, Chair of The Consultation Institute (International) / European ECO-Forum

Discussion/statements from the floor

4. Public participation in decision-making on health-related issues linked to air pollution

Timing: Monday, 10 October 2022, 3-4.30 p.m.

Panellists

- Mr. Hristo Stoev, State Expert, Environmental Policies and Inspection Coordination Directorate, Ministry of Environment and Water, Bulgaria
- Ms. Carla Ancona, Environmental epidemiologist, Department of Epidemiology Lazio region, Ministry of Health, Italy
- Mr. Edilbek Duishonbiev, Deputy Head of the Chui Regional Department of the Ministry of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision, Kyrgyzstan
- Ms. Núria Castell, Senior Scientist, NILU Norwegian Institute for Air Research
- Ms. Anna-Lena Franke, EU Policy Officer Air Quality and Transport, Deutsche Umwelthilfe
- Ms. Ruzanna Ghazaryan, Head of Fund Dalma-Sona Foundation / European ECO-Forum

Discussion/statements from the floor

5. Public participation in decision-making on urban development/cities

Timing: Tuesday, 11 October 2022, 10.00-11.20 a.m.

Panellists

- Ms. Suada Numić, Head of Department, Federal Ministry for Environment and Tourism, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Mr. Robert Lewis-LettingtonChief Land, Housing and Shelter Section, UN-Habitat
- Ms. Isabel Ferreira, Post-doctoral researcher at the University of Coimbra and Co-coordinator of H2020 project URBiNAT, Centre for Social Studies
- Ms. Anke Stock, Senior Gender Expert and Lawyer, ECO-Forum/Women Engage for a Common Future

Discussion/statements from the floor

6. Other relevant developments

Timing: Tuesday, 11 October 2022, 11.20-11.30 a.m.

Discussion/statements from the floor

7. Any other business

Timing: Tuesday, 11 October 2022, 11.30–11.35 a.m.

8. Closing

Timing: Tuesday, 11 October 2022, 11.35 a.m. -12 p.m.