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Meeting of the Parties to the Convention
on Environmental Impact Assessment
in a Transboundary Context

Meeting of the Parties to the Convention
on Environmental Impact Assessment in
a Transboundary Context serving as the
Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on
Strategic Environmental Assessment

**Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment
and Strategic Environmental Assessment**

**Twelfth meeting**

Geneva, 13–15 June 2023

Item 4 of the provisional agenda
**Preparations for the next sessions of the Meetings of the Parties**

 **Provisional schedule of meetings 2024–2026**

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| This note from the secretariat presents a tentative scheduling of official meetings in the next intersessional period 2024–2026, as agreed by the Bureau. The secretariat initially booked the meeting dates for 2024 in February 2023. The UN Conference services will confirm the dates by July 2023.The meeting dates are indicative only. If the secretariat’s staffing resources are not strengthened, only a reduced number of meetings and/or a reduced duration of the meetings/agendas can be guaranteed. The meeting dates were initially scheduled considering the public holidays in a majority of Parties, the official UN document deadlines, the constraints for scheduling interlinked meetings in a calendar year (the Working Group’s meetings must be prepared/preceded by the Bureau - and those of Meetings of the Parties – by the Bureau, the Working Group and the IC), and other factors:* As the secretariat (max. 2 professional staff members) is too small to handle overlaps, the meetings cannot be held in parallel/too close to each other, nor can the document deadlines for one meeting coincide with the preparation/servicing of another meeting.
* May and June should be avoided to the extent possible due to the large annual WHO and ILO meetings in the Palais des Nations.
* Meetings in (the 2nd half of June,) July and August are not feasible due to the summer holidays.
* Meetings in October, and especially in November should be avoided as the document deadlines fall on the summer holiday period of July and August.

The Working Group is invited to consider and agree on the proposed initial meeting schedule.  |

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| *Year* | *Date* | *Body* | *Session/meeting* | *12-week deadline* | *10-week deadline* |
| **2023** | 31 January-3 February | Implementation Committee | 55 |  |  |
|  | 22–23 February  | Bureau  | – |  |  |
|  | 2-5 May | Implementation Committee | 56 |  |  |
|  | **13–15 June**  | **Working Group on EIA & SEA** | 12  | *21 March 2023* | *4 April 2023* |
|  | 29 August–1 September | Implementation Committee | 57 |  |  |
|  | 11 December | Bureau |  |  |  |
|  | **12–15 December**  | **Meetings of the Parties to the Convention & the Protocol** | 9/5 | *19 September 2023* | *3 October 2023* |
| **2024** | 27 February–1 March  | Implementation Committee | 58 | *5 December 2023* | *19 December 2023* |
|  | 24–25 April | Bureau | – |  | *14 February 2024* |
|  | 18–21 June  | Implementation Committee | 59 | *26 March 2024* | *9 April 2024* |
|  | 8–11 October | Implementation Committee | 60 | *16 July 2024* | *30 July 2024* |
|  | **10-12 December** | **Working Group on EIA & SEA** | 13 | *17 September 2024* | *1 October 2024* |
| **2025** | *11–14 February* | Implementation Committee | 61 | *19 November 2024* | *3 December 2024* |
|  | *13–16 May*  | Implementation Committee | 62 | *18 February 2025* | *4 March 2025* |
|  | *17–18 June* | Bureau |  |  | *8 April 2025* |
|  | *30 September – 3 October* | Implementation Committee | 63 | *8 July 2025* | *22 July 2025* |
|  | *2–4 December* | **Working Group on EIA & SEA** | 14 | *9 September 2025* | *23 September 2025* |
| **2026** | *31 January–3 February* | Implementation Committee | 64 | *8 November 2025* | *22 November 2025* |
|  | *10–11 March* | Bureau |  |  | *30 December 2025* |
|  | *5–8 May*  | Implementation Committee | 65 | *10 February 2026* | *24 February 2026* |
|  | *16–18 June* | **Working Group on EIA & SEA** | *15* | *24 March 2026* | *7 April 2026* |
|  |  *1–4 September* | Implementation Committee | 66 | *9 June 2026* | *23 June 2026* |
|  |  *1– 4 December* | **Meetings of the Parties to the Convention & the Protocol** | *10/6* | *8 September 2026* | *22 September 2026* |

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**Public official holidays 2024–2026**

**2024**

Easter Fri 29 March-Mon 1 April

 Ascension Thu 9 May

 Pentecôte Mon 20 May

 Jeune Genevois 5 September

  **2025**

Easter Fri 18-Mon 21 April

 Ascension Thu 29 May

 Pentecôte Mon 9 June

 Jeune Genevois 11 September

**2026**

Easter Fri 3-Mon 6 April

 Ascension Thu 14 May

 Pentecôte Mon 24 May

Jeune Genevois 10 September