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Economic Commission for Europe

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

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.

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

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