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

### Working Group of the Parties

#### Tenth meeting

Geneva, 27–28 November 2023

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

#### Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

## Annotated provisional agenda for the tenth meeting

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m.  
on Monday, 27 November 2023

### I. Provisional agenda

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3. Promotion and coordination.
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  - (a) Substantive preparations;
    - (i) Decision on promoting innovative approaches for modernizing pollutant release and transfer registers, their global promotion and synergy;
    - (ii) Work programme for 2026–2029;
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  - (b) Hosting and preparatory timeline.
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9. Other business.
10. Adoption of decisions and outcomes of the meeting.



## II. Annotations

### 1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

*Time: Monday, 27 November, 10–10.10 a.m.*

The Working Group of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters will be invited to adopt the agenda for its tenth meeting as set out in the present document.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Documentation**

Annotated provisional agenda for the tenth meeting (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2023/1)

### 2. Status of ratification of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers

*Time: Monday, 27 November, 10.10–10.15 a.m.*

The secretariat will inform participants of the status of ratification, acceptance and approval of and accession to the Protocol. Delegations will be invited to report on recent or anticipated developments in that regard. The current status of ratification of the Protocol may be consulted online.<sup>2</sup>

### 3. Promotion and coordination

*Time: Monday, 27 November, 10.15–11.30 a.m.*

The Working Group of the Parties will be informed of the relevant activities carried out under the auspices of partner organizations and will consider potential areas for cooperation with them.

#### **Documentation**

Report on the implementation of the work programme of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers for 2022–2025 (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2023/3)

### 4. Reporting and compliance mechanisms

*Time: Monday, 27 November, 11.30–11.50 a.m.*

The Working Group will be briefed on the preparation of national implementation reports for next reporting cycle and will consider any developments with regard to the compliance mechanism.

#### **Documentation**

Report on the implementation of the work programme of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers for 2022–2025 (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2023/3)

Report of the Compliance Committee on its thirteenth meeting (ECE/MP.PRTR/C.1/2023/2)

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<sup>1</sup> All documentation for the meeting will be made available on a dedicated web page of the Protocol's website: <https://unece.org/environmental-policy/events/tenth-meeting-working-group-parties-protocol-prtrs>.

<sup>2</sup> See [www.unece.org/env/pp/ratification.html](http://www.unece.org/env/pp/ratification.html).

## 5. Subregional and national activities: achievements, needs and challenges

*Time: Monday, 27 November, 11.50 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–4 p.m.*

During the session, participants will have the opportunity to share experiences gained through implementing and developing pollutant release and transfer registers in different countries, including with regard to modernization of the related systems. Participants will also be invited to consider needs and challenges for capacity-building in relation to establishing and maintaining pollutant release and transfer registers.

## 6. Fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol

*Time: Monday, 27 November, 4–6 p.m. and Tuesday, 28 November, 10–11 a.m.*

### (a) Substantive preparations

#### (i) Decision on promoting innovative approaches for modernizing pollutant release and transfer registers, their global promotion and synergy

The Working Group will be invited to consider a draft proposal on a possible decision on promoting innovative approaches for modernizing pollutant release and transfer registers, their global promotion and synergy, prepared by the Bureau.

#### Documentation

Draft proposal on a possible decision on promoting innovative approaches for modernizing pollutant release and transfer registers, their global promotion and synergy (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2023/7)

#### (ii) Work programme for 2026–2029

The Working Group will be invited to consider a note on the work programme for 2026–2029 for the Protocol, prepared by the Bureau.

#### Documentation

Note on the work programme for 2026–2029 for the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2023/5)

#### (iii) Financial arrangements under the Protocol

The Working Group will be invited to consider a note on future financial arrangements under the Protocol, prepared by the Bureau.

#### Documentation

Note on future financial arrangements under the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2023/6)

### (b) Hosting and preparatory timeline

The Working Group will be informed of the preparations for the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, including hosting matters and a preparatory timeline.

## 7. Implementation of the work programme for 2022–2025, including financial matters

*Time: Tuesday, 28 November, 11–11.20 a.m.*

The Working Group will consider the status of implementation of the Protocol's work programme for 2022–2025.

The Working Group will be informed of the contributions received to support implementation of the Protocol's current work programme and the expenditures incurred during 2022 and projected for 2023. Delegations will be invited to make pledges to support implementation of the current work programme.

#### **Documentation**

Report on the implementation of the work programme of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers for 2022–2025 (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2023/3)

Report on contributions and expenditures in relation to the implementation of the work programme of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers for 2022–2025 (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2023/4)

### **8. Calendar of meetings**

*Time: Tuesday, 28 November, 11.20–11.25 a.m.*

The Working Group will be informed of the tentative calendar of meetings for 2024.

### **9. Other business**

*Time: Tuesday, 28 November, 11.25–11.30 a.m.*

Delegates wishing to suggest points under this item are requested to inform the secretariat as soon as possible.

### **10. Adoption of decisions and outcomes of the meeting**

*Time: Tuesday, 28 November, noon–1 p.m.<sup>3</sup>*

The Working Group is expected to adopt the decisions and outcomes of the meeting.

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<sup>3</sup> To ensure equal opportunities for English-, French- and Russian-speaking delegations while saving paper, the draft text of the meeting decisions and outcomes will be projected onto a screen about 1 hour before the close of the meeting and presented orally by the Chair to allow interpretation into the above-mentioned languages. There will be a break to prepare decisions and outcomes between 11.30 a.m. and noon. The list of decisions and outcomes will be distributed to participants by email after the meeting.