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

**Ninth session**

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

**Fifth session**

Geneva, 12–15 December 2023

Item 3 (f) of the provisional agenda
**Outstanding issues: Tentative calendar of meetings**

 **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 Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment at its twelfth meeting (Geneva, 13-15 June 2023) The meeting dates are indicative only. As agreed by the Working Group, if it is not possible to finance the budgeted additional secretariat staff members, only a reduced number of meetings and can be guaranteed (including no meetings of the Bureau and the Working Group in 2024). The meeting dates were scheduled considering: public holidays shared by a majority of Parties (see annex), the official UN document deadlines, the constraints for scheduling interlinked meetings in a calendar year (the Working Group’s meetings must be prepared and 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 is too small to manage overlapping preparations and servicing of and follow-up to meetings, these 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 due to large annual WHO and ILO meetings held then.
* Meetings during the summer holiday period (July and August) are not feasible/difficult.
* The Working Group meetings and Meetings of the Parties sessions should be avoided in October – November – as the document deadlines would fall on July-August.

The Meetings of the Parties are invited to consider and agree on the proposed initial meeting schedule. Delegations may wish to put forward proposals for hosting the next sessions of the Meetings of the Parties (in December 2026). |

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| *Year* | *Date* | *Body* | *Session/meeting* | *12-week deadline* | *10-week deadline* |
| **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* |
|  | 14–17 October | Implementation Committee | 60 | *22 July 2024* | *5 August 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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**Annex**

**Public official holidays 2024–2026**

**2024**

Easter Fri 29 March-Mon 1 April

 Ascension Thu 9 May

 Pentecost/ Mon 20 May
 Whit Monday

 Jeune Genevois\* 5 September

  **2025**

Easter Fri 18-Mon 21 April

 Ascension Thu 29 May

 Pentecost Mon 9 June

 Jeune Genevois 11 September

**2026**

Easter Fri 3-Mon 6 April

 Ascension Thu 14 May

 Pentecost Mon 24 May

Jeune Genevois 10 September

\*) » Jeune Genevois » is a local public holiday observed by the UN Geneva office (the Palais des Nations will be closed).