

# Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes

## Implementation Committee

### Sixteenth meeting

Geneva and online, 11-12 December 2023

#### Provisional time schedule (Geneva time)

Palais des Nations: H building, H-343

Tentative timing	Item of agenda	Comments
<b>Monday, 11 December 2023</b>		
11.45	Online connection opens	
12.00 – 12.15	<b>1. Adoption of the agenda</b> (as contained in document ECE/MP.WAT/IC/2023/1 <sup>1</sup> with adjustments as indicated in this Provisional time schedule)	Open
12.15 – 14.30	<b>2. Requests for advice, submissions and Committee initiative</b>  <b>Advisory procedure WAT/IC/AP/1</b>  The Committee will prepare for consultations with Montenegro and Albania later in the day. The Committee will develop questions to each country for the afternoon.	
14.30 – 15.00	<b>Break</b>	
15.00 – 16.00	<b>Consultations with Montenegro</b>  Montenegro – Zeljko Furtula, General Director, Directorate for Water Management, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Montenegro	Montenegro joins the Committee

<sup>1</sup> <https://unece.org/environment/documents/2023/09/agendas/annotated-provisional-agenda-sixteenth-meeting>

16.00 – 17.00	<p><b>Consultations with Albania</b></p> <p>Albania – Gerta Lubonja, General Director, Water Resources Management Agency, Prime Minister’s Office, Albania</p>	Albania joins the Committee
17.00 – 18.00	The Committee will discuss information received and prepare for joint consultations with the two countries in the following day.	
18.00 – 19.00	<p><b>3. Information gathering</b></p> <p><b>WAT/IC/INFO/2 (Albufeira Convention) (to be continued next day)</b></p> <p>The Committee will discuss the replies received from Portugal and Spain in response to the questions of the Implementation Committee under information gathering procedure WAT/IC/INFO/2 (Albufeira Convention). The Committee will also consider the reply provided by NGOs to the invitation to comment countries’ replies.</p>	
<b>Tuesday, 12 December 2023</b>		
12.00 – 13.00	Any remaining issues to prepare for joint consultations with Albania and Montenegro	
13.00 – 14.00	Break	
14.00 – 15.45	<p><b>4. Cooperation with other committees and organizations</b></p> <p><b>5. Contribution of the Committee to different activities under the Convention</b></p> <p>Secretariat will inform of the ongoing third reporting exercise on SDG indicator 6.5.2 and under the Convention.</p> <p>The Committee will be informed about the contribution of Committee members to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regional Workshop on Accession to and Implementation of the Conventions on shared surface waters and groundwaters (3-5 May 2023, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso)</li> </ul>	Open

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Training workshop “From practitioner to practitioner: how to use the two global Water Conventions to promote cooperation on the ground” (3-4 July 2023, Geneva)</li> <li>- Global Workshop on the Development of Transboundary Water Cooperation Agreements or other Arrangements (7-8 November 2023, Budapest)</li> </ul> <p>The Committee will be informed about piloting the provision of legal and technical support by the Committee in the case of the Senegal-Mauritanian Aquifer Basin (SMAB).</p> <p>Secretariat will inform of activities foreseen for 2024 where the involvement of the Committee would be desirable.</p> <p><b>6. Promotion of the mechanism to facilitate and support implementation and compliance</b></p> <p>The Committee will discuss possibilities for the promotion of the Convention and the mechanism to facilitate and brainstorm on events and opportunities to promote the use of the mechanism.</p>	
15.45 – 16.00	Break	
16.00 – 17.00	<b>Joint consultations with Albania and Montenegro</b>	Montenegro and Albania join the Committee
17.00 – 17.30	The Committee will discuss any follow up to the Advisory procedure WAT/IC/AP/1 (Montenegro and Albania)	
17.30 – 18.30	<b>Information gathering WAT/IC/INFO/2 (Albufeira Convention)</b>	
	The Committee will discuss any follow up to the Information gathering WAT/IC/INFO/2 (Albufeira Convention) (continued).	
18.30 – 19.00	<b>7. Programme of work and calendar for the next meetings</b>	Open
	<p>The Committee will discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preparation of the Committee report to the MOP and draft decision on implementation</li> <li>- Next meeting dates and venue</li> </ul>	

	<p><b>8. Any other business</b></p> <p><b>9. Presentation of the main decisions taken, modalities for preparation of the meeting report and closing of the session</b></p>	
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