



UPDATE ON THE ACTIVITIES UNDER THE UN ECE CONVENTION ON LONG-RANGE TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION (LRTAP)

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1. Recent developments – 33rd session of the Executive Body, Dec 2014

Highlights:

- Ms. Anna Engleryd (Sweden) – new EB Chair
- Two thematic reports by the Working Group on Effects:
 1. Deposition of air pollutants to vegetation in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central and South-East Asia and their impacts
 2. Residential heating with wood and coal: health impacts and policy options in Europe and North America (Task Force on Health)
- Revised Framework Code for Good Agricultural Practice for Reducing Ammonia Emissions (TF on Reactive Nitrogen)
- New call for data from CCE/ICP Modelling and Mapping on the development of critical loads for biodiversity based upon Habitat Suitability Index
- Introduction to 2016 Assessment Report
- Adjustment procedure under the Gothenburg Protocol; additional technical guidance
- Compliance, capacity building, financial and budgetary, outreach issues: presentations by UNEP, CCAC, WMO, EANET/MALE Declaration)





1. Recent developments, Bureau meeting of EMEP/WGE, March 2015

Highlights:

- Trend analyses – reports by EMEP and WGE
- Update on 2016 Assessment Report
- Quality issues with respect to emission and monitoring data; *condensables?*
- 2016-2017 workplan: content and timeline
- Agenda for the joint EMEP/WGE meeting 14-18 Sep 2015
- Capacity building activities
- Common data portal for WGE
- Outreach efforts beyond UN ECE region both ongoing and planned:
 1. POPs – cooperation with Stockholm Convention
 2. Black carbon: inventories, atmospheric and integrated modelling – possible cooperation with the Arctic Council
- Financial and budgetary issues: decreasing Parties' contributions
- 8th EfE Ministerial Conference





1. Recent developments, Executive Body Bureau meeting, March 2015

Highlights:

- 2016-2017 workplan - survey to all centres and task forces on outreach collaboration possibilities and on the appropriate framework
- EB Bureau encouraged ECE to join Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) and to promote the Convention at the forthcoming ministerial meeting under the Arctic Council (April 2015)
- 8th EfE Ministerial Conference – possible initiative on “Action for Cleaner Air”?
- 2016 Assessment Report also as a contribution to the EfE process
- Capacity building; funding EECCA participants at meetings in Geneva





2. Capacity building activities in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia

- To be continued until 2017
- Contributions provided by EU, Norway, Switzerland, the Netherlands; negotiations with the Russian Federation on its potential contribution
- Needs-driven activities: the programme is compiled based on the needs expressed by Ministers of Environment

Comprehensive programme:

- Development/further improvement of emission inventory systems
- Calculation of gridded emission data, preparation of Informative Inventory Reports, estimation of base year emission levels and emission reduction targets for 2020 and beyond - as provided in the amended Gothenburg Protocol, respective emission projections
- Analysis of the legislative framework with respect to air quality management
- Supporting the development of National Action Plans
- raising the political profile of the Convention and raising awareness among decision-makers on **environmental and health effects of air pollution**





2. Capacity building activities

Completed activities (2013-2014):

- Workshop "Particulate matter: the impact on health and development of national emission inventories", Uzbekistan, Nov 2013
- Training on emissions gridding and projections, Republic of Moldova, Jun 2014
- Workshop on emission inventory development, Georgia, Oct 2014
- Workshop on emission inventory development, Azerbaijan, Nov 2014
- Participation in the meeting of the Interstate Commission on Sustainable Development in Central Asia and in the final conference of the EU Air-Quality-Governance project in the ENPI East countries





2. Capacity building activities

Planned activities in 2015:

- A roundtable to present the results of the legislation analysis and a workshop on emission inventories in Uzbekistan, May 2015
- Workshop on emission inventory development, Armenia, Jun 2015
- Workshop on emission inventory development, Kazakhstan, Jun 2015
- Next months: preparation of a publication on the effects of air pollution, key facts and success stories for decision-makers in RU/EN





3. 8th Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference in Batumi, Georgia, June 2016

High-level Conference: 6-8 June 2016

At its 20th meeting, UNECE's Committee on Environmental Policy (CEP) decided on two themes for the Conference:

- Greening the economy in the pan-European region
- Improving air quality for a better environment and human health

Conference as an opportunity to provide major inputs through a number of avenues:

- Shaping the ministerial discussions (questions and background paper)
- Presentation of the Convention's Assessment Report
- Action for Cleaner Air Initiative (tbc)
- Communications and outreach





4. UNECE/WHO/UNEP interagency cooperation on transboundary air pollution

Interagency meeting in February 2015 at the initiative of UNECE's Executive Secretary

Conclusions:

- Organizations have strong, mutually supportive mandates on air quality
- Joining efforts to complement and strengthen each other's work
- Providing strong joint messages to Governments with a bigger impact
- First steps to increase the existing cooperation have been taken; milestones for 2015-2017 have been identified
- Future interagency meetings and growing cooperation to be expected





Thank you for your attention!

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