


**UPDATE ON OUTREACH AND OTHER
ACTIVITIES
UNDER THE UNECE CONVENTION ON
LONG-RANGE TRANBOUNDARY AIR
POLLUTION (LRTAP)**

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

Highlights of EB-33:

- 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)
- Upgrade of EGTEI to a Task Force on Techno-Economic Issues
- Introduction to 2016 Assessment Report
- Adjustment procedure under the Gothenburg Protocol; additional technical guidance
- Compliance, capacity building, financial-budgetary, outreach issues: presentations by UNEP, CCAC, WMO, EANET/MALE Declaration



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 ministerial meeting under the Arctic Council (April 2015)
- 8th EfE Ministerial Conference – possible initiative on “Batumi 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. Outreach activities

- Report on outreach activities and opportunities by secretariat adopted at EB
- EB Bureau decision– collect ideas on cooperation from Task Forces/ICPs
- Next step – secretariat to send out letters to partners to seek interest for cooperation
- Report on outcomes to EB session in May 2016
- Outreach efforts beyond UN ECE region both ongoing and planned:
 - 1. POPs – cooperation with Stockholm Convention on monitoring
 - 2. Black carbon: inventories, atmospheric and integrated modelling – possible cooperation with the Arctic Council
- Possible cooperation with UNEP, OECD, EEA, UNFCCC highlighted
- 8th EFE Ministerial Conference, UNEA-1, World Health Assembly Resolution
- UNECE to join Climate and Clean Air Coalition



3. 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**



3. 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



3. 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



4. 8th Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference in Batumi, Georgia, June 2016

- **High-level Conference: 8-10 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
 - Batumi Action for Cleaner Air
 - Communications and outreach



5. 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



6. Arctic Council Ministerial meeting - Iqaluit, Nunavut, Canada, 24 April 2015

- **Highlights:**
 - Director of UN ECE's Environment Division participated – ECE has a status of an observer organization; statement delivered to meeting participants (Foreign Ministers) calling for closer cooperation on black carbon issues between CLRTAP and AC
 - Arctic Council welcomed the ECE's initiative; AC – inter alia - approved a *Framework for enhanced action for BC and CH4 emissions reductions*. Organizations have strong, mutually supportive mandates on air quality
- **Focus on BC national emission inventories**



Thank you for your attention!

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