Recent developments under the Air Convention

5th meeting of TFTEI, Ottawa
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Science

5th joint session of the EMEP Steering Body and WGE:

✓ Thematic sessions on black carbon and nitrogen
✓ Condensable part in PM emissions
✓ Updated EMEP monitoring strategy for 2020-2029
Policy

ENVIRONMENT

Long-term strategy for 2020-2030 and beyond adopted in December 2018:

- Implementation/ratification of the Convention and the 3 latest protocols
- Ozone and PM and their precursors
- Linkages between the scales: from urban to global
- Interactions between ozone, nitrogen, climate change and ecosystems
- Increased cooperation with countries and regions outside the UNECE region
- Economic costs of impacts and cost-effectiveness of policies

Policy

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- Revised mandates of TFTEI and other task forces under the Convention
- Code of good practice for wood burning and small combustion installations submitted for adoption by the Executive Body in December 2019
- Workshop on air pollution abatement, including to reduce air pollutants that are SLCPs, held as part of WGSR-57 in May 2019
- The Convention’s workplan for 2020-2021 to be adopted in December 2019
Review of the Gothenburg Protocol

- 7 October 2019: entry into force of the 2012 amendments to the Gothenburg Protocol
- Policy discussions held by the Working Group on Strategies and Review in May 2019: list of potential elements that could inform the scope and content of the review based on the views submitted in advance of, and expressed during the session
- Further views from Parties and subsidiary bodies, e.g. on scientific and technical inputs, to be submitted by 31 October for consideration by the Executive Body in December 2019

The Executive Body is expected to initiate the review of the revised Protocol at its 39th session in December 2019 based on recommendations made
- The scope, the content and the timeline will be discussed by WGSR in May 2020
- Proposal by the United States for an amendment to annex VII to the amended Protocol in accordance with article 13bis to be considered by Parties in December 2019
Outreach and cooperation

- Event on clean air globally in December 2018
- Clean Air – 40 Years: the 40th anniversary special session (11-12 December 2019). Adoption of the anniversary declaration.
- Launch of the forum for international cooperation on air pollution
- Communication and outreach activities by the secretariat

Capacity-building

✓ Analysis of the national legislation, roundtable discussions
✓ Workshops on national emission inventories
✓ Sub-regional workshops
Thank you!

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