



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

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Policy

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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



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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



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Review of the Gothenburg Protocol

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- 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



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- 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



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Outreach and cooperation

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- 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



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Capacity-building

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



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