

Recent developments under the Convention

TFTEI-7, 29 October 2021



40th session of the Executive Body

18 December 2020



- Review of the Gothenburg Protocol: scope and procedure defined, request to subsidiary bodies to provide information, annotated outline to be presented to the Working Group on Strategies and Review at its 59th session
- Review of implementation of the 2020-2021 workplan; adoption of the Guidance document on integrated sustainable nitrogen management
- Decisions on financial and procedural matters

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Guidance documents:

- Discussed the draft Guidance document on reduction of emissions from agricultural residue burning and forwarded it as revised to the Executive Body
- Discussed the draft document entitled “Prioritizing reductions of particulate matter from sources that are also significant sources of black carbon – analysis and guidance” and forwarded it as revised to the Executive Body
- Welcomed the assessment report on ammonia and forwarded it to the Executive Body

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Hemispheric transport of air pollution:

- Recommended that the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling, with the support of the Centre for Integrated Assessment Modelling, and the Task Force on Techno-economic Issues begin discussions on the development of air pollution control policy scenarios, including the impact of emission control strategies outside the UNECE region, for use in regional and global modelling inter alia by the Task Force on Hemispheric Transport of Air Pollution in exploring mitigation potential for ozone and particulate matter precursors; and recommended that the potential scenarios be assessed by the EMEP Steering Body and the Working Group on Effects
- Requested TFHTAP and TFIAM to report on progress to the Working Group on Strategies and Review to inform its future policy discussions and enable it to make recommendations on priority emission sectors and regions for future modelling work at a later stage

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Review of the Gothenburg Protocol:

- Agreed on the timeline for the review
- Requested the Gothenburg Protocol review group to develop a questionnaire on flexibilities and barriers to implementing obligations; thematic session on barriers in 2022
- Invited delegations to submit views by 30 September on a number of issues (questions from annex I to the preparatory document)
- Guidance document on non-technical measures to be included in the 2022-2023 workplan and views on the need for new guidance documents or updating existing ones to be shared by delegations
- Document on synergies with other policy areas to be prepared for the next session

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Other issues:

- Reporting of condensable part in emissions of particulate matter
- Policy aspects and elements of the draft 2022-2023 workplan for the Convention
- Information sharing session
- Forum for international cooperation on air pollution
- Amendments to the rules of procedure
- Election of officers

7th joint session of the EMEP Steering Body and the Working Group on Effects

13-16 September 2021



Other issues:

- Progress in the implementation of the workplan and the science part of the draft 2022-2023 workplan for the Convention
- Decisions related to adjustment applications
- Financial and budgetary matters
- Joint thematic session: review of the Gothenburg Protocol
- Information sharing

Upcoming 41st session of the Executive Body

6-8 December 2021

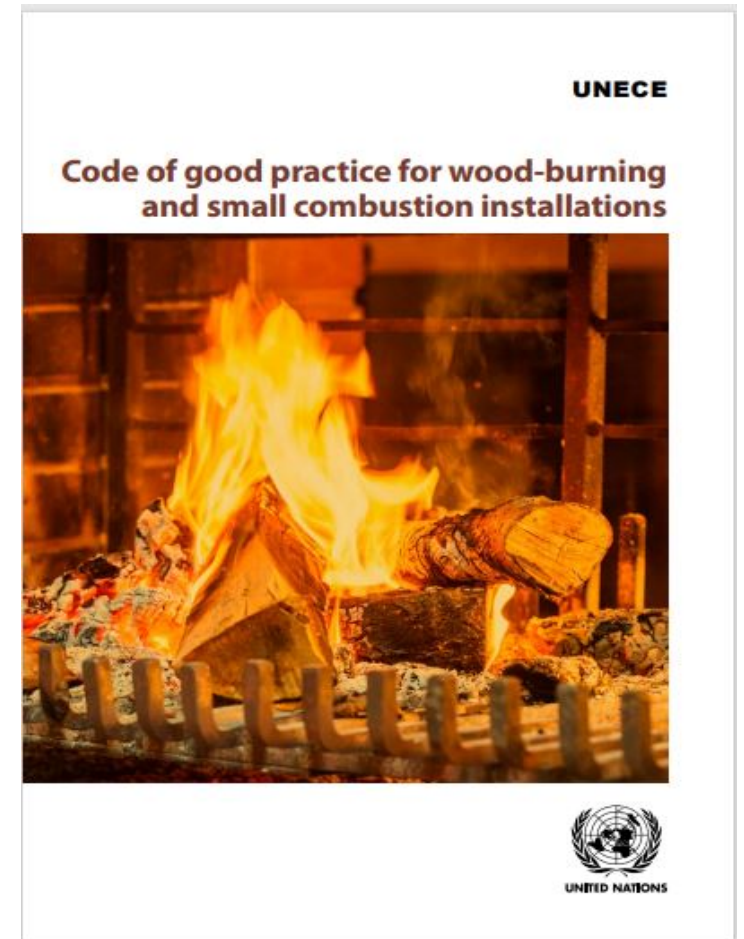


- Progress in the implementation of the 2020-2021 workplan and adoption of the 2022-2023 workplan
- Expected adoption of guidance documents
- Review of the Gothenburg Protocol
- Forum for international cooperation on air pollution
- Financial and procedural matters
- Expected decision on updating the baseline and reduction commitments by the EU to account for changes in its membership

Other activities



- Publication of the Code of good practice for wood burning and small combustion installations (both digital and hard copies)
- Capacity-building (workshops on emission inventories and development of an action plan for ratification in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and the Republic of Moldova)



Thank you!

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