

Recent developments under the Convention

TFTEI-8, Rome, 7 October 2022



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Entry into force of amendments to the Protocol on POPs and the Protocol on Heavy Metals



- **20 January 2022** – entry into force of the amendments to the text and annexes I, II, III, IV, VI and VIII to the Protocol on POPs (decision 2009/1)
- 1 more acceptance is required for entry into force of the amendments to annexes I and II to the Protocol on POPs (decision 2009/2)
- **8 February 2022** – entry into force of the amendment to the text of and annexes other than III and VII to the Protocol on Heavy Metals

41st session of the Executive Body

Geneva, 6-8 December 2021



- Review of implementation of the 2020-2021 workplan: adopted the Guidance document on reduction of emissions from agricultural residue burning and the Guidance document “Prioritizing reductions of particulate matter from sources that are also significant sources of black carbon – analysis and guidance” and endorsed the assessment report on ammonia
- Adopted the 2022-2023 workplan for the implementation of the Convention
- Review of the Gothenburg Protocol as amended: welcomed the draft report
- Adopted the mandate of the Task Force for International Cooperation on Air Pollution
- Financial matters, election of officers, review of rules of procedure

60th session of the Working Group on Strategies and Review

Geneva, 11-14 April 2022



- Progress in the implementation of the 2022-2023 workplan: reports by Task Forces
- Draft report on the cost of inaction
- Review of the Gothenburg Protocol:
 - ✓ Draft revised report
 - ✓ Review of flexibility provisions to facilitate ratification and implementation
 - ✓ Synergies and interaction with other policy areas
 - ✓ Emission scenarios
 - ✓ Potential options for addressing methane as an ozone precursor
 - ✓ Information presented by TFTEI and TFRN on annexes and guidance documents
 - ✓ Policy implications of reporting of condensables
- Financial requirements for implementation of the Convention

8th joint session of the EMEP Steering Body and the Working Group on Effects

Geneva, 12-16 September 2022



- Progress in the implementation of the workplan
- Updated strategy for scientific bodies under the Convention
- Guidelines for reporting emissions and projections
- Technical guidance for emission inventory adjustments under the Gothenburg Protocol, as amended in 2012
- Joint thematic session: review of the Gothenburg Protocol and access to data
- Financial and budgetary matters
- Information sharing
- Election of officers

Informal meeting of HoDs to the Working Group on Strategies and Review

The Hague, 27-30 September 2022



- The Gothenburg Protocol as an instrument, review of the Gothenburg Protocol
- How to deal with methane in air pollution policy?
- How to take into account and maximise linkages and synergies with other policy areas (beyond the methane issue)?
- Technical annexes and guidance documents
- What could follow the review?

Capacity-building activities



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- EECCA CG meetings (31 March, 13 April)
- Launch of the e-learning course on the Convention (8 June)
- Sub-regional workshop on COPERT model (14-15 June, Istanbul)
- Consultation meeting with Uzbekistan on accession to the Convention (23 September)

Ongoing activities:

- A national clean air dialogue in Georgia (19 October)
- An e-learning course on emission inventories (2022-2023)
- Development of ERCs for the Republic of Moldova (2022-2023)

Upcoming 42nd session of the Executive Body

Geneva, 12-16 December 2022



- Progress in the implementation of the 2022-2023 workplan
- Consideration and adoption of documents forwarded by subsidiary bodies
- Review of the Gothenburg Protocol as amended
- Thematic session on barriers towards ratification and implementation of the Gothenburg Protocol, as amended
- Financial requirements for implementation of the Convention
- Review of the rules of procedure
- Impartiality declaration for elected officers

Thank you!

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