



Recent developments under the Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution

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28th Task Force meeting of ICP Integrated Monitoring 13-14 May 2020





Update on recent developments:

- Policy - 39th session of Executive Body, 40th Anniversary of the Convention (9-13 December 2019)
- Science
- Capacity building activities
- Communication and outreach

Highlights of the 39th session of the Executive Body

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- Launch of the review of the Gothenburg Protocol as amended in 2012 following the entering into force of the GP on 7 Oct 2019 – Parties, all Convention bodies, centres and task forces will contribute to the review process in the coming years
- Highlights of the 2018-2019 workplan; adoption of the 2020-2021 workplan
- Adoption of the revised mandates for all EMEP and WGE centres and task forces (Executive Body decisions 2019/6 – 2019/21)
- ICP Modelling & Mapping now includes two centres: Coordination Centre for Effects and new Centre for Dynamic Modelling (former JEG DM)
- Adoption of the updated Monitoring Strategy for EMEP 2020-2029

40th Anniversary of the Convention including high-level session



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- Awareness of the achievements of the Convention and the tools and benefits it has to offer
- Progress made and priorities for the future
- Two dozen high-ranking representatives from Parties and international organizations (WHO, WMO, CCAC, UN Environment)
- Declaration on Clean Air for 2020–2030 and beyond in UNECE region
- Cooperation on clean air with non-ECE partners – establishment of the Forum for international cooperation on air pollution

Update on recent developments: Science



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5th Joint session of EMEP Steering Body/Working Group on Effects (September 2019):

- Updated Monitoring Strategy for EMEP; updates of the EMEP/EEA Guidebook; a new set-up for TF HTAP: US and Canada supported by Germany and Poland
- Thematic sessions: on nitrogen and black carbon (extensive contributions by centres and TFs); various recommendations for further research
- Information sharing by Parties and partner organizations and projects
- Progress of the study on UNESCO World Heritage Sites by ICP Materials – special thematic report
- Health: WHO AQGs update; joint capacity-building workshops organized by WHO with support from the Convention secretariat
- Proposal for a new Centre on Dynamic Modelling under ICP Modelling and Mapping; focus on: ecosystem modelling and effects of air pollution on biological diversity
- Call for data by ICP Vegetation regarding heavy metals, nitrogen and POPs concentrations in mosses (2020/2021)

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Extended Bureaux meeting of EMEP Steering Body/Working Group on Effects (March 2020):

- Highlights of the implementation of the 2020-2021 workplan: key activities, forthcoming publications, other deliverables, task force meetings (April-June 2020)
- Proposed contributions to the review of the Gothenburg Protocol
- Proposed elements for the update of the Strategy for EMEP and for the Working Group on Effects
- Condensables in PM in inventories and modelling – online workshop co-organized by MSC-W/TFIAM/TFMM
- 6th joint session of EMEP SB/WGE (14-18 Sep 2020) thematic session on GP review
- WGE website hosted by CDM: <https://www.unece-wge.org/>
- Long-term ecosystem monitoring – cooperation with EU; call for proposals by LifeWatch ERIC
- Ongoing cooperation within EMEP/WGE and with external partners (WMO, WHO, AMAP, Minamata, Stockholm Conventions, Asia, Africa, ...)

Capacity building and awareness raising



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2019

- High-level awareness-raising meetings in Armenia and Azerbaijan; roundtable discussions on national legislation analyses (national action plans)
- Workshops on the development of national emission inventories
- Workshop to Promote the Ratification of Protocols of the UNECE Air Convention with a focus on countries in the EECCA Region (TFTEI/secretariat), Berlin 14-16 May 2019)

2020

- Training sessions on the development of national emission inventories in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Republic of Moldova (September – November 2020)
- Joint meeting of the EECCA Coordinating Group and TFTEI to exchange information and share experience on BAT implementations (Minsk, Belarus, 29-30 September)
- Development of National Action Plan for ratification for Kazakhstan (2020-2021)

Communication and outreach

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2019

Brochures:

- Protecting the Air We Breathe: 40 years of cooperation under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (EN and RU)
- On the Way to Clean Air: The Capacity-Building Programme under the UNECE Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (EN and RU)

2020

- 7 September 2020: First International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies
 - Contribution to the official campaign organized by UNEP and promotion by the Convention
 - Depending on COVID-19 situation, possibility of organizing face-to-face events
- Possibility of other outreach opportunities depending on development of COVID-19 situation
- Continuous communication of Convention activities through news stories on web and social media



Thank you!

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