

## Draft programme for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary special session

Geneva, Palais des Nations, salle XXI  
11-12 December 2019

This special session is organized to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, raise awareness of the achievements of the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution and the tools and benefits it has to offer beyond the UNECE region, and to discuss cooperation on clean air. The global forum for cooperation on clean air will be launched and representatives of countries, organizations and networks from different regions will discuss next steps. A session on best practices will kick-start the mutual learning process across regions. A segment on progress in the EECCA region, with the participation of high-level representatives will showcase recent developments and policy approaches in the subregion. A special anniversary panel will be organized to celebrate the achievements of the Convention and to share visions for its future development.

### Wednesday, 11 December 2019

	<b>Opening</b>
<b>10.00-10.30</b>	Welcome message by the Chair of the Executive Body, Ms. Anna Engleryd  Opening remarks by: Ms. Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary, UNECE Mr. Bruno Pozzi, Director, Europe Office, UN Environment Ms. Maria Neira, Director, Public Health, Environmental and Social Determinants of Health, World Health Organization WMO
	<b>High-level segment</b>
<b>10.30-13.00</b>	<b>Session 1: Looking back and ahead – 40 years, progress, and visions for the future</b> This session will highlight some of the milestones under the Convention and create a platform for sharing visions for the Convention's future. The results of the Air Simulation game can be presented shortly in this context. It will also be an opportunity for participants to endorse the anniversary declaration.  Moderator: Mr. Marco Keiner, Director, Environment Division, UNECE  Anniversary messages and videos
<b>11.00</b>	Coffee break  Panel: H.E. Dr. István Nagy, Minister for Agriculture, Hungary Dr. Paul Steffen, Deputy Director of the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment Dr. Anita Breyer, Head of Directorate on Air, Mobility and Noise, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany H.E. Ms. Veronika Bard, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva H.E. Mr. Hans Brattskar, Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva Ms. Nino Tandilashvili, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture, Georgia Mr. Alexander Alimov, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva

	<p>Mr. Rob Wing, Acting Officer Director, Office of Environmental Quality and Transboundary Issues, Bureau of Oceans &amp; International Environmental &amp; Scientific Affairs, U.S. Department of State</p> <p>Participant of the Air Simulation Game</p> <p>Anniversary Declaration and Photo</p>
<b>13.00-15.00</b>	<p><b>Lunch reception hosted by Switzerland</b> Venue: Bar Serpent, Palais des Nations</p>
<b>15.00-16.30</b>	<p><b>Session 2: Recent progress in the UNECE region</b></p> <p>This session will highlight concrete progress in the different countries and discuss steps forward in the region. High-level representatives from EECCA and other countries are invited to present progress.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Jan Thompson</p> <p>Panel:</p> <p>Uzbekistan (tbc)</p> <p>Mr. Eldiia Sheripov, Deputy Director, State Agency on Environment Protection and Forestry, Kyrgyz Republic</p> <p>Mr. Aliaksandr Korbut, Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, Belarus</p> <p>Mr. Saidumron Abdurahmonzoda, Deputy Chairman, State Committee of Environmental Protection, Tajikistan</p> <p>Ms. Jennifer Kerr, Director, Air Emissions Priorities, Environment and Climate Change Canada</p> <p>Ms. Irina Ghaplanyan, Deputy Minister of Environment, Armenia</p> <p>H.E. Walter Stevens, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the UN Office and other international organisations in Geneva</p> <p>Mr. Jani Makraduli, Deputy Minister of Environment and Physical Planning, North Macedonia</p> <p>Mr. Akhmetzhan Primkulov, Vice-Minister of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources, Kazakhstan</p> <p>Mr. Christos Malikkides, General Director of the Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance, Cyprus</p>
<b>16.30</b>	Coffee break
<b>17.00-18.00</b>	<p><b>Session 3: Launch of the global forum and high-level discussion</b></p> <p>In this session, the global forum will be launched. Panellists will report back on how they engaged with the Convention throughout the year and how they will do so in the future. They will also discuss next steps within the forum.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Kimber Scavo, Group Leader, Climate, International and Multi-Media Group, Health and Environmental Impacts Division, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, US EPA</p> <p>Panel discussion:</p> <p>Ms. Beatriz Cardenas, Director for Air Quality, World Resources Institute, Mexico</p> <p>Mr. Norberto Vidal, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Argentina</p> <p>Mr. Ange-Benjamin Brida, National CCAC Coordinator, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Côte d'Ivoire</p>

18.00	<p>Ms. Céline Kauffmann, Deputy Head, Regulatory Policy Division, Directorate for Public Governance, OECD</p> <p>Mr. Young Sunwoo, Vice-President, International Union of Air Pollution Prevention Associations (IUAPPA)</p> <p><b>Evening reception hosted by the Finnish Presidency of the Council of the European Union</b></p> <p>Venue: World Meteorological Organization, 7bis Avenue de la Paix, 1211 Genève</p>
9.00-9.40	<b>Side-event: OECD Study on <i>The Economic Costs of Air Pollution: Evidence from Europe</i></b>
<b>Thursday, 12 December 2019</b>	
10.00-12.30	<p><b>Session 4: Connecting the dots: learning best practices from each other</b></p> <p>This session will pick up the ideas from the previous day and discuss concrete next steps for the global forum. It will also be an opportunity for participants to share best practices and learn from each other.</p> <p>Moderator: Helena Molin-Valdes, Head of secretariat, Climate and Clean Air Coalition</p> <p>Panel discussion:</p> <p>Mr. Jostein Nygard, Senior Environmental Specialist, World Bank</p> <p>Dr. Jean Krutmann, German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina, Five National Academies of Sciences Initiative on Air Pollution and Health</p> <p>Dr. Paulo Saldiva, Brazilian Academy of Sciences, Five National Academies of Sciences Initiative on Air Pollution and Health</p> <p>Ms. Angela Filipas, Senior Environmental Specialist, European Investment Bank</p> <p>Mr. Keeyong Chung, Director-General of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Scientific Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea</p> <p>WMO (tbc)</p> <p>Ms. Nathalie Roebbel, Coordinator for air pollution and urban health, World Health Organization, World Health Organization</p> <p>Mr. Tomas Marques, Programme Management Officer, UN Environment</p> <p>Nidhi Khare, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, India (tbc)</p> <p>Coffee break</p>
11.30	<b>Concluding remarks and closing</b>
12.30-13.00	
13.15-14.45	<p><b>Side-event: Eye on Black Carbon</b></p> <p>(Light lunch will be provided)</p>