

Aarhus Centres Meeting
22-23 January 2009, Vienna, Austria
Hofburg Congress Centre, Segment Galerie I

[Tentative Agenda](#)

Thursday, 22 January 2009



Since 2002, the OSCE has been supporting the creation of Aarhus Centres and Public Environmental Information Centres (PEICs) in close co-operation with the Environment and Security (ENVSEC) Initiative, a partnership between OSCE, UNEP, UNDP, UNECE, REC, as well as NATO as an associate partner.

09:30 – 10:30	Registration
10:30 – 11:00	Welcome and Introduction
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming Statement by the Representative of Greece/OSCE Chairmanship Mr. Ioannis Pediotis, First Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Greece to the OSCE • OSCE and the Aarhus Convention Mr. Goran Svilanovic, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, OSCE OCEEA • Aarhus Convention and the Aarhus Centres Mr. Jeremy Wates, Secretary to the Aarhus Convention, UNECE • Aarhus Convention and the European Commission Mr. Daniele Franzone, Principal Administrator, DG Environment, European Commission (tbc)
11:00 – 15:30	Session 1: Implementing the Aarhus Convention Chairperson: Mr. Marc Baltès, OCEEA Rapporteur: Ms. Nana Baramidze, OSCE Mission to Georgia
11:00 – 11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent Evaluation of Aarhus Centres Mr. Dmytro Skrylnikov, Consultant for the Evaluation
11:30 – 13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aarhus Centres' Accomplishments at a Glance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation by Armenia <i>Environmental Rights and Local Environmental Strategies</i> Ms. Aida Iskoyan, Aarhus Convention National Focal Point - Presentation by Georgia: <i>Aarhus Centre Georgia - the National Node to the Aarhus Clearinghouse</i> Ms. Nino Gvazava, Project Co-ordinator, Aarhus Centre Georgia - Presentation by Tajikistan <i>Participatory Review of the Tajikistan Nature Protection Law</i> Mr. Kodir Boturov, Aarhus Convention National Focal Point <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><i>Aarhus Centre and the Ecological Strategy of Tabosbar City</i> Mr. Dimitriy Prudtskih, Manager, Aarhus Centre -Khujand</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation by Albania <i>Promoting Good Governance Approaches to Planning using Aarhus Mechanisms</i> Mr. Gavrosh Zela, Aarhus Convention National Focal Point <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions and Answers
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aarhus Centres' Accomplishments at a Glance (cont.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation by Azerbaijan <i>Aarhus Convention in Azerbaijan: Access to Information</i> Mr. Faig Sadigov, Aarhus Convention National Focal Point - Presentation by Kyrgyzstan <i>Public Hearings: Results and Lessons Learned</i> Mr. Kanybek Isabaev, Director, Aarhus Centre-Osh - Presentation by Belarus <i>Aarhus Center Activities and the Development of National Legislation on Access to Environmental information.</i> Ms. Olga Zakharova, Manager, Aarhus Centre Ms. Elena Laevskaya, Senior Legal Expert - Presentation by Kazakhstan <i>Establishment of the Aarhus Centre in the Republic of Kazakhstan</i> Mr. Alzhan Khamidulaevich Braliev, Vice- Minister of Environment Protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions and Answers • Discussion on common strengths and weaknesses
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15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:30 – 17:30	Session 2: Aarhus Centres and the Three Pillars Chairperson: Mr. Jeremy Wates, Secretary to the Aarhus Convention, UNECE Rapporteur: Ms. Khoshbakht Ismailova, OSCE Office in Baku
16:30 – 17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to Information Mr. Michael Stanley-Jones, Aarhus Convention Secretariat, UNECE • Discussion

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09:00 – 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Participation Mr. Michael Ewing, Social Partnership Coordinator, Irish Environmental Network • Discussion
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 – 11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to Justice and the Compliance Mechanism Prof. Jerzy Jendroska, Chair of European Law at Opole University, Poland • Discussion
11:30 – 12:30	Session 3: Communications and Outreach Chairperson: Mr. Sadun Emrealp, UCLG-MEWA Rapporteur: Ms. Gohar Ghazinyan, OSCE Office in Yerevan
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction • Discussion
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:30	Session 4: Sustainability of Aarhus Centres Chairperson: Prof. Jerzy Jendroska, Opole University, Poland Rapporteur: Ms. Marielle Leseur, OSCE Centre in Dushanbe
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction • Discussion
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:30 – 17:30	Session 5: A Road Map for Aarhus Centres Chairperson: Ms. Jeanette Kloetzer, OSCE Centre in Astana Rapporteur: Mr. Robert Mangham, OSCE Presence in Albania
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements of a Road Map Based on the outcomes of Sessions 1-4 • Next steps
17:30 – 18:00	Wrap-up and closure
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conclusions and Recommendations