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## **Access to Justice Regional Workshop for High-Level Judiciary (South-Eastern European Region)**

17-18 November 2008,  
Hotel International, Tirana, Albania

### **Provisional Agenda**

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#### **Sunday, 16 November 2008**

19:30	<b>Welcome Dinner</b>
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#### **Monday, 17 November 2008**

(8:30 – 12:15)	<b>SESSION I</b>	
8:30 - 9:00	Registration	
9:00 - 09:25	<b>Welcome and Introduction to the Workshop</b> Mr. Håkan Bengtsson, <i>Swedish Environmental Protection Agency, Chair of the Task Force on Access to Justice</i> H.E. Ambassador Robert Bosch, <i>Head of OSCE Presence in Albania</i> Mr. Jeremy Wates, <i>Secretary of the Aarhus Convention, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)</i> Mr. Marc Baltes, <i>Senior Economic Advisor, OCEEA, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe</i>	Plenary

09:25 - 09:40	<b>Introduction of participants</b>	Tour-de-table
09:40 - 10:00	<b>Role of the judiciary in the implementation and enforcement of international environmental law</b>  Prof. Luc Lavrysen, <i>President, European Union Forum of Judges for the Environment (EUFJE); Justice, Constitutional Court of Belgium;</i>	Plenary
10:00 – 10:15	<b>Introduction to the Aarhus Convention: development and role in the context of international environmental law</b>  Mr. Jeremy Wates, UNECE	Plenary
10:15 – 10:30	<b>Article 9 of the Aarhus Convention: overview</b>  Prof. Jerzy Jendroska, <i>University of Opole, Poland (former Chair of the Meeting of the Parties, Member of the Convention’s Compliance Committee)</i>	Plenary
10:30 – 10:50	<b>Plenary discussion</b>	Plenary
10:50 – 11.05	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:05 – 11:20	<b>Review of compliances and its implications on the national level</b>  Prof. Jerzy Jendroska	Plenary
11:20 – 12:15	<b>Plenary discussion: Relevance of the Convention on the national level</b>	Plenary
12.15 – 14.00	<i>Lunch</i>	
(14:00 – 18:00)	<b>SESSION II</b>	
14:00 - 14.15	<b>Methodology of work in the following sessions</b>  Prof. Jerzy Jendroska	Plenary
14:15 - 15:15	<b>Article 9, para.1: overview of legal requirements, implementation problems, examples of cases, experience of civil society</b>  Dr. Stephen Stec, <i>Central European University/University of Leiden</i> Frédérique Agostini, <i>Judge, Court of Cassation, France</i> Mr. Mihallaq Qirjo, <i>Director, Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe, Albania office (REC)</i>	Plenary
15:15 - 15:45	<b>Introduction to the break-out session discussion, presentation of case-study</b>  Prof. Jerzy Jendroska	Plenary
15:45 - 16:30	<b>Discussions on a case-study</b>	Break-out session
16:30 - 18:00	<b>Discussion on issues related to implementation of article 9, para. 1</b>	Plenary
19:30	<b>Dinner</b>	

**Tuesday, 18 November 2008**

(9:00 – 12:30)	<b>SESSION III</b>	
9:00 - 9:45	<b>Article 9, para.2: overview of legal requirements, implementation problems, examples of cases, experiences of civil society</b>  Prof. Jerzy Jendroska Prof. Luc Lavrysen Mr. Mihallaq Qirjo	Plenary
9:45 - 10:00	<b>Introduction to the break-out session discussions</b>  Prof. Jerzy Jendroska	Plenary
10:00 - 10:45	<b>Discussions on a case-study</b>	Break-out session
10:45 - 11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:00 - 12:00	<b>Discussion on issues related to article 9, para.2</b>	Plenary
12:00 - 12:30	<b>Article 9, para.3: overview of legal requirements, implementation problems, examples of cases, experiences of civil society</b>  Dr. Stephen Stec Ms. Frédérique Agostini Ms. Séverine Moussy, <i>Judicial Officer, Ministry of Justice, France</i> Mr. Mihallaq Qirjo	Plenary
12.30 – 14.00	<i>Lunch</i>	
(14:00 – 17:45)	<b>SESSION IV</b>	
14:00 - 14.15	<b>Introduction to the break-out session discussions</b>  Dr. Stephen Stec	Plenary
14:15 - 15:00	<b>Discussions on a case-study</b>	Break-out session
15:00 - 16:00	<b>Plenary discussion on art. 9.3-related issues</b>	Plenary
16:00 - 16:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
16:15 - 16:45	<b>Plenary discussion: Other issues relevant to national implementation processes and the role of the judiciary</b>	Plenary
16:45 - 17:45	<b>Follow-up and outcomes, conclusions</b>	Plenary
17:45 - 18:00	<b>Closing remarks</b>	
19:30	Dinner	