

Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE  
Economic and Environmental Activities

**AARHUS CENTRES MEETING**  
**27-29 January 2010**  
**The Sofa Hotel, Istanbul, Turkey**  
**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

27 January 2010, Wednesday

08:30-09:00	<b>Registration</b>
09:00-10:30	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>
	<p>Welcome statement <i>Mr. Goran Svilanovic, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities</i></p> <p>Aarhus Convention and the role of Aarhus Centres <i>Mr. Jeremy Wates, Secretary to the Aarhus Convention, UNECE</i></p> <p>Introduction of the meeting and expected outputs <i>Mr. Marc Baltés, Deputy Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities</i></p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> Expectations of participants from the meeting</p>
10:30-11:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>SESSION 1</b>	<b>Chairperson: Ms. Olga Zakharova, Aarhus Centre Manager, Belarus</b> <b>Co-Chairperson: Ms. Nino Gokhelasvili, National Focal Point, Georgia</b> <b>Rapporteur: Ms. Madina Ibrasheva, OSCE Centre in Astana</b>
11:00-11:45	<p>Aarhus Convention – and Aarhus Centres Recent Developments Recent and forthcoming developments relevant to the Convention <i>Mr. Jeremy Wates, UNECE</i></p> <p>Developments relevant to Aarhus Centres Initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aarhus Centres programming for Central Asia, South Caucasus and South Eastern Europe <i>Ms. Esra Buttanri, Environmental Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA)</i></li> <li>• Aarhus Centre in Atyrau, Kazakhstan</li> <li>• Aarhus Centre in Kurgan Tyube, Tajikistan</li> </ul>
11:45-13:00	<p>Aarhus Centre Guidelines</p> <p>Introduction of the Guidelines <i>Mr. Robert Atkinson, Senior Adviser, Prospect C&amp;S s.a., Belgium</i> <i>Mr. Vadim Nee, Executive Director, Law and Environment Eurasia Partnership, Kazakhstan</i></p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
13:00-14:00	<b>Lunch</b>

<b>SESSION 2</b>	<b>Chairperson: Mr. Robert Mangham, OSCE Presence in Albania</b> <b>Co-Chairperson: Mr. Tilek Asanbekov, National Focal Point, Kyrgyzstan</b> <b>Rapporteur: Ms. Nino Gvazava, Aarhus Centre Georgia</b>
<b>14:00-15:30</b>	Access to Information  The survey of good practices on using electronic information tools <i>Ms. Kaidi Tingas, Public Participation Programme, REC</i>  <b>Discussion:</b> Aarhus Centre activities in 2009 – Achievements, challenges, the way forward
<b>15:30-16:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>16:00-17:30</b>	Public Participation  Public participation in environmental decision-making <i>Ms. Charlot de Waal, Environmental Affairs Officer, UNECE</i>  <b>Discussion:</b> Aarhus Centre activities in 2009 – Achievements, challenges, the way forward
<b>17:30</b>	Wrap-up of the day and announcements
<b>19:00</b>	<b>Dinner at Kumkapi</b>

## 28 January 2010, Thursday

<b>SESSION 3</b>	<b>Chairperson: Mr. Jeremy Wates, UNECE</b> <b>Co-Chairperson: Ms. Aida Iskoyan, National Focal Point, Armenia</b> <b>Rapporteur: Ms. Nana Baramidze, OSCE Office in Tajikistan</b>
<b>09:00-10:30</b>	Access to Justice  Access to justice and compliance mechanism <i>Ms. Fe Sanchis-Moreno, Environmental Legal Adviser, Spain</i>  <b>Discussion:</b> Aarhus Centre activities in 2009 - Achievements, challenges, the way forward
<b>10:30-11:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11:00-12:00</b>	Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTR)  PRTR Protocol and the Role of Aarhus Centres <i>Mr. Dmytro Skrylnikov, Head of Bureau of Environmental Investigation, Ukraine</i>  <b>Discussion:</b> Role of Aarhus Centres in PRTR
<b>12:00-13:00</b>	Participatory Local Environmental Planning and Implementation  Local Agenda 21 Experience – Turkey <i>Mr. Sadun Emrealp, Secretary-General a.i., United Cities and Local Governments-Middle East and West Asia Section (UCLG-MEWA)</i> <b>Discussion</b>
<b>13:00-14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>

<b>SESSION 4</b>	<b>Chairperson: Mr. Marc Baltes, OCEEA</b> <b>Co-Chairperson: Mr. Kodir Boturov, National Focal Point, Tajikistan</b> <b>Rapporteur: Ms. Alma Mirvic, OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina</b>
<b>14:00-15:30</b>	Organizational Issues  Aarhus Centres as an Institution <i>Mr. Vadim Nee</i>  <b>Discussion:</b> MOU, legal status, advisory boards
<b>15:30-16:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>16:00-17:00</b>	Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation  Tools for Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation <i>Mr. Robert Atkinson</i>
<b>17:00-17:45</b>	2011 National Implementation Report Preparations  National Reporting on Implementation of the Convention <i>Ms. Charlot de Waal, UNECE</i>  <b>Discussion:</b> Role of Aarhus Centres in national reporting
<b>17:45-18:30</b>	Thematic Focus  Aarhus Convention and its Linkages with other Multilateral Environmental Agreements <i>Mr. Jeremy Wates, UNECE</i>  <b>Discussion</b>
<b>18:30</b>	Wrap-up of the day and announcements

### 29 January 2010, Friday

<b>SESSION 5</b>	<b>Chairperson: Mr. Christoph Opferman, OSCE Office in Yerevan</b> <b>Co-Chairperson: Mr. Faig Sadigov, National Focal Point, Azerbaijan</b> <b>Rapporteur: Ms. Olivera Zurovac-Kuzman, OSCE Mission to Serbia</b>
<b>09:00-10:00</b>	Communication and Advocacy  Communication and Advocacy Tools for Aarhus Centres <i>Mr. Alexander Nitzsche, International Media Consultant</i>  <b>Discussion:</b> Aarhus Convention Communication Strategy preparations, Aarhus Centre activities in 2009 - Achievements, challenges, the way forward
<b>10:00-10:30</b>	Partnerships with stakeholders – Business Community  Private Sector Partnerships <i>Mr. Hansin Dogan, Private Sector Programme Manager, UNDP</i>  <b>Discussion</b>

10:30-11:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:00-11:45	Partnerships with stakeholders – Youth  Youth Participation in Environmental Planning and Implementation <i>Ms. Basak Saral, Secretary-General, Youth for Habitat International Network</i>
	<b>Discussion</b>
11:45-12:30	Aarhus Centres Network  <b>Discussion:</b> Networking of Aarhus Centres at national, sub-regional and regional levels
12:30-13:15	Aarhus Centre preparations for major events in 2011  Aarhus Convention Meeting of the Parties, Chisinau, and Environment for Europe, Astana <i>Ms. Charlot de Waal, UNECE</i>
	<b>Discussion:</b> Aarhus Centres' representation and preparations
13:15	Closure of the Meeting
13:30-14:30	<b>Lunch</b>

