

**EAP Task Force**  
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**Regional Meeting on Progress in Achieving the Objectives of the  
EECCA Environment Strategy**

**Kiev, 18-19 May 2006**

**Information to Support the EECCA Report**

*Document 5*

This Note will support the discussion on Agenda Item 6 (EECCA Report: Information Requirements) during the Regional Meeting. It should be read together with Document 4.

*ACTION REQUIRED:*

*The participants are invited to discuss the process of collecting and validating information to produce the EECCA Report. They are requested in particular to discuss:*

- *Is the overall approach to information collection and validation reasonable?*
- *Is the timeframe suggested for developing and implementing the EECCA Questionnaire agreeable?*
- *Are there any additional reporting processes that the OECD/EAP TF Secretariat should take into account?*

## **1. Introduction**

1. The OECD/EAP TF Secretariat will be preparing for the Belgrade Ministerial Meeting a report presenting progress in achieving the Objectives of the EECCA Environment Strategy. As specified in the EECCA Environment Strategy document, the OECD/EAP TF Secretariat will produce such assessment in cooperation with the Facilitating Organisations and on the basis of information provided by EECCA countries.
2. The Stocktaking Report (published as “Environmental Management in EECCA”) was based on three types of information: (i) reports that have been prepared for the Kiev Ministerial Conference; (ii) data available from international databases; and (iii) targeted analytical exercises (most prominently the OECD/EAP TF Policy Rating).
3. The information base for preparing the EECCA Report is somehow different from that of the preparation of the Stocktaking Report. As regards information demands, the EECCA Report will focus almost exclusively on policy responses, and these are not covered (for the most part) by international databases. As regards information availability, the EECCA Report will be produced at the same time or earlier than the majority of reports going to the Belgrade Ministerial Conference, what makes more difficult (nearly impossible in some cases, such as Education for Sustainable Development) to draw on those more specific (“sectoral”) reports.
4. It is envisaged that the EECCA Report will draw, in addition to the information sources for the Stocktaking Report, on data being reported by EECCA countries to international organisations through regular reporting processes (such as environmental conventions), and on a dedicated questionnaire (EECCA Questionnaire). A dedicated questionnaire is needed primarily because available information sources do not always cover adequately the “policy responses” aspects that the EECCA Report is designed to focus on.

## **2. The EECCA Questionnaire**

5. During the Sub-Regional Meetings organised in May-June 2005, EECCA country representatives raised concerns that assessments produced by international organisations often underestimate progress made by individual countries, and they broadly supported the development and implementation of a reporting tool (EECCA Questionnaire) to help them report on progress.
6. The OECD/EAP TF Secretariat is currently developing the EECCA Questionnaire. A first version is described in Document 4 of this Regional Meeting. This first version has been developed trying to match the planned actions identified in the EECCA Environment Strategy document.
7. The discussions during the Regional Meeting will help the OECD/EAP TF Secretariat to refine the questionnaire. In order to finalise the EECCA Questionnaire, the OECD/EAP TF Secretariat will also (i) check whether any similar questions are being asked to countries through regular reporting processes (see section 3 below), (ii) consult with experts from the Facilitating Organisations, and (iii) consult with EEA staff preparing the different chapters Belgrade Assessment. The OECD/EAP TF Secretariat aims at having a final version of the EECCA Questionnaire by mid-June.
8. The EECCA Questionnaire in English and Russian will be sent to EECCA countries before the end of June 2006. EECCA countries will be kindly requested to return the questionnaire, duly filled, to the OECD/EAP TF Secretariat by 15<sup>th</sup> of September. The EECCA RECs have agreed to support the OECD/EAP TF Secretariat in liaising with Ministries of Environment.

9. Currently, the OECD/EAP TF Secretariat and the EECCA RECs are exploring opportunities to jointly support several aspects of information collection and validation, including liaising with Ministries of Environment regarding the EECCA Questionnaire.

### ***3. Information provided through regular reporting processes***

10. EECCA countries already make significant efforts in providing international organisations with information about the state of the environment and, in some cases, policy responses. In order to reduce reporting burden, the OECD/EAP TF Secretariat is conducting a review of those reporting processes.

11. So far, the OECD/EAP TF Secretariat has identified a number of reporting processes (reproduced in Annex 1). Next steps will be to review the information reported by EECCA countries through those processes, in order to be able to finalise the EECCA Questionnaire. New information that becomes available through those processes before November 2006 will be incorporated in the first draft of the EECCA Report. Any information received after mid-January 2007 will not be incorporated in the EECCA Report.

12. Two of those processes are managed by the OECD/EAP TF Secretariat. The first one is the Environmental Finance Trends report that is prepared for each Environment for Europe Conference. The process of updating that report has recently been launched in late April in Almaty, during the Second Joint Meeting of the EU Water Initiative EECCA Working Group and the EAP Task Force Environmental Finance Networks. The second reporting process is the Partnerships Database. The process of updating that database is currently ongoing.

**ANNEX 1. MATRIX OF FORMAL AND INFORMAL REPORTING PROCESSES RELATED TO THE ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY IN EECCA COUNTRIES**

Organisation and Contact Details	Report/ Questionnaire/ Database	Focus/ Geographical scope	Description and link to source	Periodicity Latest and next report	Policy responses
<b>CATEGORY Formal: Convention</b>					
<b>CITES</b> Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora International Environment House, Chemin des Anémones, CH-1219 Châtelaine, Geneva Tel: (+4122) 917-8139/40, em:cites@unep.ch <a href="http://www.cites.org">http://www.cites.org</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protection of wildlife</li> <li>• Worldwide</li> </ul>	Trade regulatory framework for the preservation of plant and animal species. International certification and monitoring of sustainably produced wild species commodities.	Biannual (CoP13: Thailand, Oct. 2004 CoP14: The Hague, June 2007)	--
<b>RAMSAR</b> Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat, Convention Bureau, rue Mauverney 28 - CH 1196 <a href="mailto:ramsar@ramsar.org">ramsar@ramsar.org</a> <a href="http://www.ramsar.org">http://www.ramsar.org</a>	National Planning Tool National Report Format Information Sheet on Ramsar Wetlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protection of wetlands</li> <li>• Worldwide</li> </ul>	Framework for national action and international cooperation for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources.	Every three years CoP8: 2002 CoP9: 2005	Yes :
<b>CBD</b> - Convention on Biological Diversity, Secretariat World Trade Centre 413 St Jacques Street, Suite 800 Montreal, Quebec Canada H2Y 1N9 Tel: + 1 (514) 288 2220 <a href="mailto:secretariat@biodiv.org">secretariat@biodiv.org</a> <a href="http://www.biodiv.org/convention/default.shtml">http://www.biodiv.org/convention/default.shtml</a>	a) Annual report to parties b) Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO) c) Indicators assessing progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protection of biodiversity</li> <li>• Worldwide</li> </ul>	a) Information on Convention's implementation. <a href="http://www.biodiv.org/reports/search.asp">http://www.biodiv.org/reports/search.asp</a> b) Status and trends in biodiversity <a href="http://www.biodiv.org/doc/gbo2/cbd-gbo2.pdf">http://www.biodiv.org/doc/gbo2/cbd-gbo2.pdf</a> c) Framework to assess progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan and its 2010 Biodiversity Target. <a href="https://www.biodiv.org/2010-target/indicators/default.aspx">https://www.biodiv.org/2010-target/indicators/default.aspx</a>	a) CoP6: The Hague April 2002 CoP7: Brazil March 2006 b) 2001 - 2006 c) mid 2007	Yes: (Indicators: protected areas; sustainable ecosystems management)
The Pan-European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy, <a href="mailto:secretariat@strategyguide.org">secretariat@strategyguide.org</a> <a href="http://www.strategyguide.org/ebmf.html">http://www.strategyguide.org/ebmf.html</a>	a) Evaluation and monitoring of progress b) Monitoring and indicator framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protection of biodiversity</li> <li>• Europe</li> </ul>	Instrument to reinforce the implementation of the Convention on Biodiversity at European level. Report on policy-oriented composite indices (Sept. 2006 ).	Reports presented at the EfE ministerial conferences: 2003	--

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<b>Aarhus</b> Convention on Access to Information Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters Mr. Jeremy Wates Secretary to the Convention Environment and Human Settlements Division ECE, Bureau 332, Palais des Nations 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland Ms. Marianna Bolshakova tel: +41 22 9172650 Marianna.Bolshakova@unece.org <a href="http://www.unece.org/env/pp/">http://www.unece.org/env/pp/</a>	On-line questionnaire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to information, public participation, environmental partnerships</li> <li>• UNECE region</li> </ul>	Instrument aimed at regulating relationships between citizens and public authorities mainly focussed on government accountability, public participation and access to information and justice. <a href="http://www.unece.org/env/pp/reports%20implementation.htm">http://www.unece.org/env/pp/reports%20implementation.htm</a>	Every 3 years 2005	Yes (Synthesis report)
<b>ESPOO</b> - Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, Secretariat: Palais des Nations, 8-14, avenue de la Paix - 1211 Geneve 10 tel: 41 22 917 2448, eia.conv@unece.org <a href="http://www.unece.org/env/eia/">http://www.unece.org/env/eia/</a>	Downloadable Format for Notification under the Convention; Guidelines on EIA in a Transboundary Context in EECCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental Impact Assessment</li> <li>• UNECE region</li> </ul>	Stipulates the obligation of assessing environmental impact of certain activities. Requires States to consult each other on all major projects that are likely to have a significant adverse environmental impact across borders <a href="http://www.unece.org/env/eia/mop.htm">http://www.unece.org/env/eia/mop.htm</a>	Every 3 years 2004	--
Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment Nicholas Bonvoisin, UNECE/EHLM Room 415, Palais des Nations, CH - 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland, Tel.: +41.22.917.11.93 Mr. nicholas.bonvoisin@unece.org <a href="http://www.unece.org/env/eia/protocol_status.html">http://www.unece.org/env/eia/protocol_status.html</a>	SEA in EECCA countries, 2005 National capacity-development reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental Impact Assessment</li> <li>• UNECE region</li> </ul>	Supplement to the Espoo convention requiring the evaluation of environmental consequences of official draft plans and programmes at the early stage of the decision-makers. It also poses emphasis on health related issues. <a href="http://www.unece.org/env/eia/review2006.htm">http://www.unece.org/env/eia/review2006.htm</a>	Next meeting: May 2007	--
<b>LRTAP</b> - Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution, UNECE, Environment and Human Settlements Division, Palais des Nations, CH 1211 GENEVA, Switzerland. Tel (+41-22) 917-2370 or 917-2354 Email: air.env@unece.org – EMEP Ms. Brinda Wachs Brinda.Wachs@unece.org <a href="http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/welcome.html">http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/welcome.html</a>	2006 Template for reporting emissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air pollution abatement</li> <li>• UNECE region (special focus on EECCA, South-East Europe)</li> </ul>	Legally binding instrument regulating air pollution on regional basis. Introduced in 1979, it has been extended by eight specific protocols. The promotion of the Convention in EECCA countries is a priority action. <a href="http://unece.unog.ch/enhs/WebApt/Questionnaire/login.aspx">http://unece.unog.ch/enhs/WebApt/Questionnaire/login.aspx</a>	Every two years 2004-2006 (March)	Yes

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Convention on Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents Mr. Lukasz Wyrowski, Programme Support Officer, Environment and Human Settlements Division, Palais des Nations, CH 1211 GENEVA, Switzerland, Tel (+41-22) 917-4053, E-mail: lukasz.wyrowski@unece.org <a href="http://www.unece.org/env/teia">http://www.unece.org/env/teia</a>	2005 Reporting format				Yes
Protocol on Civil Liability, Mr. Sergiusz Ludwiczak, Secretary to the Industrial Accidents Convention, Environmental Affairs Officer, UNECE, Tel: +41 22 917 73174 e-mail: sergiusz.ludwiczak@unece.org cc:evelina.rioukhina@unece.org <a href="http://www.unece.org/env/civil-liability">http://www.unece.org/env/civil-liability</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transboundary watercourses</li> <li>• UNECE region (22 countries)</li> </ul>	Joint instrument to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents and to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International lakes <a href="http://www.unece.org/env/documents/2003/wat/ac.3/mp.wat.ac.3.2003.6.e.pdf">http://www.unece.org/env/documents/2003/wat/ac.3/mp.wat.ac.3.2003.6.e.pdf</a>	2002-2003	No (see capacity building needs assesment report)
Protocol on Water and Health water.convention@unece.org <a href="http://www.unece.org/env/water/text/text_protocol.htm">http://www.unece.org/env/water/text/text_protocol.htm</a>	Report on target setting and progress monitoring of water and wastewater services (May 2005) WHO Questionnaire on Global Water Supply and Sanitation Assessment 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water resources management and sanitation</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	Framework for national and local targets related to drinking water quality, quality of discharges, performance of water supply and waste-water treatment.	2003- 2005	Yes: (drinking water and sanitation coverage, performance WWT)
<b>UN CDD</b> - Convention to Combat Desertification in countries experiencing serious draught and/or desertification, part. in Africa Haus Carstanjen, UNCCD Secretariat, P.O. Box 260129, D-53153 Bonn, Germany <a href="http://www.unccd.int/convention">http://www.unccd.int/convention</a>	a) National Reports to Convention b) Regional Implementation Annex for CEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land protection</li> <li>• Worldwide</li> </ul>	Implementation framework based upon the development of National Action Programmes and on measures to be taken to combat desertification in specific ecosystems and ensuring related adequate financial resources. <a href="http://www.unccd.int/actionprogrammes/centraleu/centraleu.php">http://www.unccd.int/actionprogrammes/centraleu/centraleu.php</a>	Every two years COP7 Nairobi Oct 2005; COP8 Spain Aut 2007	--
<b>UN FCCC</b> (UN Framework Convention on Climate Change) Haus Carstanjen, Martin-Luther-King-Strasse 8, 53175 Bonn, Germany <a href="http://unfccc.int/national_reports/annex_i_ghg_inventories/inventory_review_reports/items/3454.php">http://unfccc.int/national_reports/annex_i_ghg_inventories/inventory_review_reports/items/3454.php</a>	National Inventory Submissions 2005 <a href="http://unfccc.int/national_reports/annex_i_ghg_inventories/national_inventories_submission/items/2761.php">http://unfccc.int/national_reports/annex_i_ghg_inventories/national_inventories_submission/items/2761.php</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate change, global warming</li> <li>• Worldwide</li> </ul>	National reports assessing implementation of the Convention, with the common but differentiated responsibilities of Parties.	Yearly 2006	--

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<b>UN FCCC</b> (UN Framework Convention on Climate Change)	Online database on greenhouse gas emissions <a href="http://ghg.unfccc.int/index.html">http://ghg.unfccc.int/index.html</a>		Database for the main greenhouse gases (CO <sub>2</sub> , CH <sub>4</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> O, PFCs, HFCs, SF <sub>6</sub> )	Yearly Data cover the period 1990-2003	
<b>UNEP</b>					
<b>BASEL</b> Convention on Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Waste and their Disposal alejandro.montero@unep.ch Website: <a href="http://www.basel.int/">http://www.basel.int/</a>	On-line pre-filled Questionnaire 2004 Countries Fact Sheets	• Hazardous waste	Legal framework controlling movement of hazardous wastes and promoting the minimization of hazardous waste generation. Countries provide data on generation, export and import of hazardous wastes covered by the Convention. <a href="http://www.basel.int/natreporting/index.html">http://www.basel.int/natreporting/index.html</a>	Dec. 2005	Yes
<b>Vienna</b> Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer Ozone Secretariat, UNEP UN avenue, Gigiri, PO Box 30552, Nairobi 0010, Kenia, tel. (254 20) 762 3850/51 <a href="http://www.unep.org/ozone/index.asp">http://www.unep.org/ozone/index.asp</a>	Downloadable reporting forms and handbooks	• Air pollution (Ozone depletion)	Framework for intergovernmental cooperation on research on the ozone layer, monitoring of CFC production, exchange of information. <a href="http://ozone.unep.org/Information_for_the_Parties/3A_data_reporting.asp">http://ozone.unep.org/Information_for_the_Parties/3A_data_reporting.asp</a>	Yearly COP6 Dakar: Dec.. 2005	--
<b>Stockholm</b> Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) Website: <a href="http://www.pops.int/">http://www.pops.int/</a>	a) Questionnaire on Laboratories and Specific Exemption Registration; laboratory inventory database. b) Report: Existing human health and environmental monitoring programs	• Air pollution (POPs) • Worldwide	Global treaty to protect human health and the environment from persistent organic pollutants (POPs) a) <a href="http://www.pops.int/documents/registers">http://www.pops.int/documents/registers</a> b) <a href="http://www.pops.int/documents/meetings/cop_2/meetingdocs/English/170306/INF10%20K0650610%20COP2-INF10.doc">http://www.pops.int/documents/meetings/cop_2/meetingdocs/English/170306/INF10%20K0650610%20COP2-INF10.doc</a>	Yearly CoP1 2005 - CoP2 Geneva May 2006	n.a. (some reports expected for May 2006)
UNEP/GRID Arendal <a href="http://enrin.grida.no/biodiv/index_en.htm">http://enrin.grida.no/biodiv/index_en.htm</a>		• Biodiversity protection • CEE/EECCA	National reports to the Convention and national strategies and action plans. Following countries have provided inputs: ARM, BLR, KAZ, RUS, UKR, UZB <a href="http://enrin.grida.no/biodiv/index_en.htm">http://enrin.grida.no/biodiv/index_en.htm</a>	Late 90s	--
<b>CATEGORY Formal: Other</b>					
UNEP/GRID Arendal, Ms. Ieva Rucevska Central and Eastern European Program Officer, Tel:+47 3703 5738 <a href="mailto:ieva.rucevska@grida.no">ieva.rucevska@grida.no</a> ; Valentin Yemelinn +47 99512229 <a href="mailto:valentin.yemelin@grida.no">valentin.yemelin@grida.no</a> ; <a href="http://enrin.grida.no/allsoe.cfm">http://enrin.grida.no/allsoe.cfm</a>	a) Regional and Country Reports b) Workshop on environmental information management and reporting, Nov. 2005	• Biodiversity protection • CEE/EECCA	Caspian and Caucasus Environment Outlook; SoE in Cental Asia; Biodiversity in CEE, National Reports	Late 90s-early 2000	--

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WHO Ms Dafina Dalkabova, Tel: +49 228 209 4408 dda@ecephonn.euro.who.int Mr. Michal Krzyzanowski Tel.: +49 228 209 4405 http://www.euro.who.int	a) Environment and Health Indicators database b) Country fact sheets c) European health for all database	• Health and environment • Europe	a) EH indicators based on selected policy relevant environmental issues derived from NEHAP and periodically revised according to country priorities and data availability. <a href="http://www.euro.who.int/EHindicators/indicators/20040311_1">http://www.euro.who.int/EHindicators/indicators/20040311_1</a> b) Base statistics, environmental indicators, conventions <a href="http://www.euro.who.int/eehc/ctryinfo/">http://www.euro.who.int/eehc/ctryinfo/</a>	Monthly Pilot indicators based report (2004) - 5th Ministerial Conf. 2009 c) Jan. 2006	a) Yes: (NEHAPs) c) Yes: (indicators health diseases; pop. connected to WWT)
WHO Regional Office for Europe Ms Albena Win Arnaudova, Communications Adviser, Tel.: +32 2 525 09 28; Fax: +32 2 525 09 36; aar@euro.who.int <a href="http://www.euro.who.int/">http://www.euro.who.int/</a>	European Environment and Health Committee	• Health and environment • Europe	Health and Environment Ministerial Conference <a href="http://www.euro.who.int/eehc/implementation/20050601_10">http://www.euro.who.int/eehc/implementation/20050601_10</a>	Ministerial Conf. every five years 2004 - 2009	--
WHO Regional Office for Europe, EEHC Secretariat c/o Environment and Health Coordination and Partnership, Schersfigsvej 8, DK-2100 Copenhagen Elaine C. Price ecp@euro.who.int Tel.: (45) 39 17 14 73 <a href="http://www.euro.who.int/">http://www.euro.who.int/</a>	Children's Health and Environment; 30 core ENHIS indicators <a href="http://www.euro.who.int/document/E86888.pdf">http://www.euro.who.int/document/E86888.pdf</a>	• Health and environment • Europe	Indicator based report	Effects of air pollution on children's health & development, 2005	Yes (Inventory of national policies for 6 env. issues)
<b>CATEGORY Other</b>					
ADB Mr. Bishnu Pant Regional Coordinator, ICP Asia Pacific Website: <a href="http://www.adb.org/">http://www.adb.org/</a>	a) Reports on Environmental Statistics and Indicators b) Poverty and Development Indicators c) MDGs Statistical Tables	• Environment and poverty • Asian and Pacific regions (incl. Central Asian Rep.)	a) Handbook, manual and methodology for strengthening environment statistics in developing countries. b) Database on poverty and its determinants to support to development of poverty reduction strategies.	a) 2003 b) 2001	--