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The 22nd OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum

**“Responding to environmental challenges with a view to promoting
cooperation and security in the OSCE area”**

SECOND PREPARATORY MEETING

Montreux, 19 - 21 May 2014

Fairmont Le Montreux Palace, Avenue Claude Nobs 2, 1820 Montreux, Switzerland
Le Petit Palais/Conference Centre

ANNOTATED AGENDA

Monday, 19 May 2014

19.00 – 20.30 **Welcome cocktail hosted by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities**, Fairmont Le Montreux Palace, Avenue Claude Nobs 2, 1820 Montreux

Tuesday, 20 May 2014

09.00 – 10.30 **Opening Session** (*open to Press*)

Selected topics:

- Nexus between Natural Disasters and Security
- Making States Resilient to Disaster and Climate Risks

Moderator: Ambassador Thomas Greminger, Chairperson of the Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the OSCE, 2014 OSCE Swiss Chairmanship

Rapporteur: Ms. Riccarda Caprez, Scientific Advisor, Directorate of Political Affairs, Sectoral Foreign Policies Division, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs

Welcoming remarks:

- **State Secretary Yves Rossier**, Head of the Directorate of Political Affairs, Switzerland
- **Ambassador Manuel Bessler**, Delegate for Humanitarian Aid and Head of the Swiss Humanitarian Aid Unit (SHA)
- **Dr. Halil Yurdakul Yigitgüden**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Keynote speakers:

- **Dr. Frederick S. Tipson**, Special Advisor, PeaceTech Initiative, US Institute of Peace
- **Mr. Axel Rottländer**, Chief Executive Officer, German Committee for Disaster Reduction (DKKV); Chair of the Working Group on Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction, European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction (EFDRR)

Statements by Delegations / Discussion

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.30 **Session I – Adaptation to climate change and disaster risk reduction at a local level**

Selected topics:

- Instruments to reduce disaster and climate change risks at local level: assessing risks, prevention, early warning
- Nexus between climate change and disaster risk management and the implementation of the UNECE Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention)
- Past examples of integrated flood risk management: case studies, lessons learned and best practices

Moderator: Prof. Martin Beniston, Director, Institute for Environmental Sciences (ISE), Chair for Climate Research, University of Geneva

Rapporteur: Mr. Paul Hickey, Environmental Officer, Economic and Environmental Department, OSCE Office in Tajikistan

Speakers:

- **Dr. Roza Aknazarova**, Chairperson of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly's General Committee on Economic Affairs, Science, Technology and Environment
- **Mr. Neil McFarlane**, Chief Regional Programmes and DRR Coordination, Disaster Risk Reduction Focal Point, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)
- **Mr. Dmitriy Prudtskikh**, Manager of the Aarhus Centre in Khujand, Tajikistan
- **Ms. Yulia Minaeva**, Senior Economic and Environmental Officer, OSCE Centre in Bishkek

Discussion

12.30 – 14.00 **Lunch Break. Light Lunch offered by the 2014 OSCE Swiss Chairmanship.**

14.00 – 15.30 **Session II – Panel Debate: Cross-dimensional Impacts of Natural and Man-Made Disasters**

Selected topics:

- Possible impacts of natural and man-made disasters on public security
- Population movements in the context of natural disasters
- Approaches to mitigating these effects

Moderator: Dr. Khalid Koser, Deputy Director and Academic Dean, Crisis and Conflict Management Programme, Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP); Chair of the World Economic Forum Global Agenda Council on Migration

Rapporteur: Mr. Edward Safaryan, ENVSEC National Project Officer, OSCE Office in Yerevan

Speakers:

- **Mr. Claus Gerhard Neukirch**, Deputy Director for Operations Service, Conflict Prevention Center, OSCE Secretariat
- **Ms. Marine Franck**, Climate Change and Nansen Initiative Officer, Division of International Protection, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- **Ms. Nina M. Birkeland**, Head of the Monitoring and Advocacy Department, Norwegian Refugee Council

Discussion

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee Break

16.00 – 17.30 **Session III – Coping measures to reduce disaster risks at an international, cross-border and national level**

Selected topics:

- Improving international coordination for environmental emergencies, search and rescue and the use of military and civil defense assets
- Increasing preparedness for cross-border implications (OSCE self-assessment tool)
- Strengthening the capacity of national coordination mechanisms for disaster risk reduction in the OSCE region

Moderator: Ms. Desiree Schweitzer, Deputy Co-ordinator/Head, Environmental Activities, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Rapporteur: Mr. Christoph Opfermann, Senior Project Officer, OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan

Speakers:

- **Ambassador Toni Frisch**, Chair of the International Search and Rescue Advisory Group (INSARAG); Chair of the Military and Civil Defense Assets Consultative Group; Special Advisor HFA2
- **Mr. Dennis Thomas Cosgrove**, Head of the OSCE Borders and Security Management Unit, Transnational Threats Department
- **Ms. Wendy Cue**, Chief of Environmental Emergencies Section, UNEP/OCHA

Discussion

17.30 – 18.30 **Concluding Discussion / Closing Statements**

- Wrap-up
- Outlook to the Concluding Meeting of the 22nd Economic and Environmental Forum, Prague, 10-12 September 2014
- Organizational remarks concerning field visits on 21 May 2014

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Rapporteur: Mr. Conan Doyle, Political Adviser, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the OSCE

Speakers:

- **Dr. Walter Kemp**, Director for Europe and Central Asia, International Peace Institute
- **Dr. Halil Yurdakul Yigitgüden**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Statements by Delegations

- **Dr. Olivier Overney**, Head Section Flood Protection, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland (FOEN)

19.30 **Reception hosted by the 2014 OSCE Swiss Chairmanship**

Wednesday, 21 May 2014

**Disaster Risk Management in a mountain area: Field visits in the Canton of Valais.
8:00 – 16:30**

Excursion 1: Cross-border cooperation in applied disaster risk management along the transnational route of the Grand-Saint-Bernard (Italy-Switzerland)

A) Aim of the Visit

- Participants are familiar with integrated disaster risk management applied in a mountain area and its practical implementation along a transit route
- Participants gained an insight into transnational cooperation dealing with natural hazards
- Participants are aware that dealing with natural hazards includes a multi-stakeholder approach (different administrative levels, different actors from state entities to civil society)

B) Topics to be addressed

- Integrated disaster risk management approach including a mix of measures (e.g. preventive and preparedness measures)
- Multi-hazard approach (natural and technical hazards)
- Italian-Swiss cooperation

C) Places to be visited

- Several locations along the transit road. The route of the Grand-Saint-Bernard is a significant transit route linking Italy and Switzerland in a rough mountain area. The route is often affected by a variety of natural hazards. Risk management relates therefore not only to transport safety, but also to a number of Alpine installations (e.g. settlements).

Excursion 1 will provide insights into the applied integrated DRM approach, including protection measures, early warning systems, traffic control, tunnel safety and the Italian-Swiss cooperation.

Excursion 2: Management of natural and technical risks in the municipality of Monthey

A) Aim of the visit

- Participants are familiar with integrated disaster risk management applied in the plain of River Rhone and its practical implementation in a municipality with a multi-hazard situation
- Participants are aware that dealing with natural hazards includes a multi-stakeholder approach (different administrative levels, different actors from state entities to civil society)

B) Topics to be addressed

- Integrated disaster risk management approach including a mix of measures (e.g. preventive and preparedness measures)
- Land-use planning as important protection measure
- Importance of sound fundamentals for disaster risk management (hazard and risk assessments, monitoring, participation)
- Multi-hazard approach (natural and technical hazards, especially industrial accidents)

C) Places to be visited

- Different locations in the municipality of Monthey. The municipality of Monthey, situated in the "plain of River Rhone", is not only endangered by natural hazards such as floods from the River Rhone/its tributaries and earthquakes, but also by possible accidents stemming from nearby chemical industry.

Excursion 2 will provide insights into the applied integrated DRM approach, including the "3rd Rhone River correctional training works" (in terms of flood protection, water and terrestrial habitats, land use planning), monitoring and warning systems as well as earthquake retrofitting measures. The excursion will also show the emergency plans and precautionary measures taken in case of a major chemical accident.

→ **Departure for both field visits:** at **08:00** a.m. (sharp)

Meeting point: entrance of the **Hotel Fairmont Montreux Palace** in Montreux.

Please note that late arrivals will unfortunately not be considered due to the tight schedule.

→ **The return transfer** will be provided either **to Geneva Airport or to Montreux** after the Field Visit on 21st May (only). The time of arrivals is foreseen around **16:30 in Montreux** (Hotel Fairmont Montreux Palace) or approx. at **18:00 at Geneva Airport**.