



Chairmanship: Switzerland

**CONCLUDING MEETING OF THE
TWENTY-SECOND ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM**

**Responding to environmental challenges with a view to promoting
co-operation and security in the OSCE area**

Opening plenary session (open to the press)

1. Date: Wednesday, 10 September 2014

Opened: 9.35 a.m.
Closed: 11.40 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. H. Y. Yigitgüden (Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (CoEEA)) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 1: *Opening session*

(a) *Welcoming remarks:*
 - H.E. Lubomír Zaorálek, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic (EEF.DEL/31/14)
 - H.E. Didier Burkhalter, Head of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, OSCE Chairperson-in-Office (EEF.DEL/37/14)
 - Mr. Lamberto Zannier, Secretary General of the OSCE (EEF.DEL/20/14)
(b) *Keynote addresses:*
 - Ms. M. Wahlströhm, United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction

– Mr. T. Stocker, University of Bern

- (c) *Discussion:* Uzbekistan (EEF.DEL/32/14), United States of America (EEF.DEL/33/14), Italy-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Armenia and Georgia, in alignment) (EEF.DEL/30/14), Russian Federation, Turkey (EEF.DEL/40/14), Belarus (EEF.DEL/38/14), Azerbaijan, Slovenia (EEF.DEL/29/14), Armenia, Germany

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 10 September 2014, at 12 noon, in the plenary hall

Special session

1. Date: Wednesday, 10 September 2014

Opened: 12.10 p.m.
Closed: 1 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador T. Greminger (Chairperson of the Permanent Council)
(Switzerland) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 2: *Review of the implementation of OSCE commitments in the field of disaster risk reduction*

(a) *Keynote address:*

– Ms. E. Panova, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
(EEF.IO/16/14)

(b) *Discussion:* Moderator

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 10 September 2014, at 2.30 p.m., in the plenary hall

Plenary session I

1. Date: Wednesday, 10 September 2014

Opened: 2.35 p.m.
Closed: 4.15 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. G. Svilanovič (Regional Cooperation Council) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 3: *Flooding disaster in South Eastern Europe – Lessons learned and the role of the OSCE*
 - (a) *Keynote addresses:*
 - Mr. P. Marić Ministry of Interior of Serbia
 - Mr. J. Lueneburg, OSCE Mission to Serbia (EEF.FR/2/14)
 - Mr. S. Rizvo, Ministry of Security, Bosnia and Herzegovina (EEF.DEL/34/14)
 - Mr. A. Orahovac, Mine Action Centre, Bosnia and Herzegovina (EEF.DEL/35/14)
 - Mr. R. Mikac, National Protection and Rescue Directorate, Croatia (EEF.DEL/36/14)
 - (b) *Discussion:* Czech Republic, OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina (EEF.FR/3/14), United States of America, Mr. P. Marić (keynote speaker), Mr. S. Rizvo (keynote speaker), Belarus, Switzerland, Armenia, Mr. J. Lueneburg (keynote speaker), Global Fire Monitoring Centre, Moderator

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 10 September 2014, at 4.30 p.m., in the plenary hall

Plenary session II

1. Date: Wednesday, 10 September 2014

Opened: 4.35 p.m.
Closed: 6.05 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. J. Hess (Swiss Federal Office for the Environment) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 4: *Panel debate – Disaster risk reduction on the global agenda: implications for the OSCE area*

(a) *Panellists:*
 - Ms. M. Wahlströhm, United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction
 - Mr. C. Friis Bach, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
 - Mr. R. Dang, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France
 - Mr. T. Mitchell, Overseas Development Institute
 - Mr. M. Staudinger, Central Institute for Meteorology and Geodynamics, Austria (EEF.NGO/10/14)

- (b) *Discussion:* International Fund of Ecological Safety of the Baltic Sea, Italy, Austria, Italy-European Union, Mr. T. Mitchell (panellist), Mr. C. Friis Bach (panellist), Ms. M. Wahlströhm (panellist), Mr. M. Staudinger (panellist), Mr. R. Dang (panellist), Moderator

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 11 September 2014, at 9.30 a.m., in the plenary hall

Plenary session III

1. Date: Thursday, 11 September 2014

Opened: 9.35 a.m.
Closed: 11 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ms. D. Schweitzer (Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 5: *Slow-onset natural disasters as triggers of tensions and opportunities for co-operation*

(a) *Keynote addresses:*
 - Ms. M. Barbut, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
 - Ms. A. Sharipova, Environment Protection Committee, Tajikistan (EEF.DEL/39/14)
 - Mr. B. Porfiryev, Russian Academy of Science, Russian Federation (EEF.NGO/11/14)
 - Mr. I. Abdullaev, Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (EEF.NGO/12/14)
(b) *Discussion:* Uzbekistan, Ms. A. Sharipova (keynote speaker), Moderator, Mr. I. Abdullaev (keynote speaker), Mr. B. Porfiryev (keynote speaker), Switzerland, Mongolia, Ms. M. Barbut (keynote speaker)

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 11 September 2014, at 11.30 a.m., in the plenary hall

Plenary session IV

1. Date: Thursday, 11 September 2014

Opened: 11.30 a.m.

Closed: 1.10 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador A. Papadakis (Greece) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 6: *A co-operative response to environmental challenges: OSCE experience and lessons learned for the future*

(a) *Keynote addresses:*

- Major-General N. Grigoryan, Ministry of Emergency Situations of Armenia (EEF.DEL/41/14)
- Colonel L. Dedul, Ministry for Emergency Situations of Belarus (EEF.DEL/42/14)
- Mr. J. G. Goldammer, Fire Ecology and Biomass Burning Research Group and the Global Fire Monitoring Centre (EEF.NGO/14/14)
- Ms. O. Zurovac-Kuzman, OSCE Mission to Serbia (EEF.FR/4/14)

(b) *Discussion:* Aarhus Centre (Kazakhstan) (EEF.NGO/13/14), International University of Fundamental Studies, Disaster Risk Reduction National Platform Foundation of Armenia, Lithuania, Colonel L. Dedul (keynote speaker), Belarus, Azerbaijan, Major-General N. Grigoryan (keynote speaker), Spain, Armenia, Moderator

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 11 September 2014, at 2.30 p.m., in the plenary hall

Plenary session V

1. Date: Thursday, 11 September 2014

Opened: 2.35 p.m.

Closed: 3.50 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador O. Algayerová (Slovakia) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 7: *Facilitating disaster preparedness and response through innovation, technology and information, and public-private partnerships in disaster risk reduction*

(a) *Keynote addresses:*

- Ambassador T. Thongphakdi, Co-Chair of the Bureau of the Open-Ended Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, Thailand (EEF.DEL/43/14)
- Mr. J. C. Villagran de León, United Nations Platform for Space-Based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response (EEF.IO/17/14)
- Mr. L. Szakallos, Ministry of Interior of Slovakia (EEF.DEL/45/14)
- Mr. D. Bausch, Federal Emergency Management Agency, United States of America (EEF.DEL/44/14)

(b) *Discussion:* International University of Fundamental Studies, United States of America, Canada, Romania, Mr. J. C. Villagran de León (keynote speaker), Moderator, Mr. D. Bausch (keynote speaker), Ambassador T. Thongphakdi (keynote speaker)

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 11 September 2014, at 4.30 p.m., in the plenary hall

Plenary session VI

1. Date: Thursday, 11 September 2014

Opened: 4.30 p.m.
Closed: 5.45 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. T. Prior (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich)
(Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 8: *Panel debate – How to achieve resilience in the OSCE area*

(a) *Panellists*:
 - Mr. M. Aymerich, European Investment Bank
 - Ms. R. Scott, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
 - Ms. C. Ebah-Moussa, European Commission
 - Mr. D. Kull, World Bank
(b) *Discussion*: United Nations Environment Programme, Ms. R. Scott (panellist), Ms. C. Ebah-Moussa (panellist), Mr. M. Aymerich (panellist), Mr. D. Kull (panellist), Overseas Development Institute, United States of America, International Fund of Ecological Safety of the Baltic Sea, Albania

4. Next meeting:

Friday, 12 September 2014, at 9 a.m., in the plenary hall

Plenary session VII

1. Date: Friday, 12 September 2014

Opened: 9.05 a.m.
Closed: 10.35 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador M. Bessler (Switzerland) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 9: *Panel debate – The role of the OSCE in responding to environmental challenges*

(a) *Panellists:*

- Mr. D. Dusciac, Deputy Minister of Environment of the Republic of Moldova
- Ms. D. Bejko, Deputy Minister of Environment of Albania
- Mr. T. Murgulia, First Deputy Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia
- Mr. N. Sydygaliev, Deputy Minister of Emergency Situations of Kyrgyzstan
- Mr. J. G. Goldammer, Fire Ecology and Biomass Burning Research Group and the Global Fire Monitoring Centre
- Ms. D. Schweitzer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

(b) *Discussion:* Moderator, Mr. D. Dusciac (panellist), Ms. D. Bejko (panellist), Mr. T. Murgulia (panellist), Mr. N. Sydygaliev (panellist), Ms. D. Schweitzer (panellist), Mr. J. Goldammer (panellist), OSCE Office in Tajikistan, OSCE Mission to Moldova, Belarus, Azerbaijan, Italy-European Union

4. Next meeting:

Friday, 12 September 2014, at 11 a.m., in the plenary hall

Concluding plenary session

1. Date: Friday, 12 September 2014

Opened: 11.05 a.m.

Closed: 12.05 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. H. Y. Yigitgüden (CoEEA) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 10: *Follow-up to the Twenty-Second Economic and Environmental Forum*

(a) *Closing statements:*

– Ambassador T. Greminger, Chairperson of the Permanent Council (Switzerland) (EEF.DEL/47/14)

– Ambassador V. Žugić (Serbia) (EEF.DEL/50/14 OSCE+)

(b) *Discussion:* Italy-European Union (EEF.DEL/49/14), United States of America (EEF.DEL/48/14), International University of Fundamental Studies, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Slovakia, Moderator

4. Next meeting:

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Chair: Serbia