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Open-ended intergovernmental expert group on crimes that affect the environment falling within the scope of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and related offences covered by the Convention

Vienna, 30 June–2 July 2025

Annotated provisional agenda

Provisional agenda

1. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Opening of the meeting;
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
2. Stocktaking of the application and collective implementation of the Organized Crime Convention in addressing crimes that affect the environment falling within the scope of the Convention and related offences covered by the Convention.
3. Identification of any gaps that may exist in the international legal framework that could be addressed under the Organized Crime Convention to prevent and combat crimes that affect the environment falling within the scope of the Convention and related offences covered by the Convention.
4. Consideration of possible responses to the gaps identified, including the possibility, feasibility and merits of any additional protocol to the Organized Crime Convention.
5. Other matters.
6. Adoption of the report.

Annotations

1. Organizational matters

(a) Opening of the meeting

The first meeting of the open-ended intergovernmental expert group on crimes that affect the environment falling within the scope of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and related offences covered by the Convention will be opened on Monday, 30 June 2025, at 10 a.m.



(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

In its resolution 12/4, the Conference of the Parties to the Organized Crime Convention requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, within its mandate and subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources, to convene an open-ended intergovernmental expert group on crimes that affect the environment falling within the scope of the Convention and related offences covered by the Convention with the following mandate:

(a) Firstly, to take stock of the application and collective implementation of the Convention in addressing such crimes;

(b) Secondly, to identify any gaps that may exist in the international legal framework and that could be addressed under the Convention to prevent and combat such crimes;

(c) Thirdly, to consider possible responses relevant to those gaps, including the possibility, feasibility and merits of any additional protocol to the Convention.

Pursuant to paragraph 7 of the resolution, the Chair of the expert group is to submit a summary of the deliberations of the expert group and any consensus recommendations to the Conference at its thirteenth session, for possible endorsement.

Pursuant to paragraph 8 of the resolution, and subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources, the secretariat is to report to the Conference at its thirteenth session on the implementation of the resolution.

To fulfil the mandate emanating from the resolution, the secretariat has developed a concept note and a timeline, including the organization of the first meeting of the expert group from 30 June to 2 July 2025, as well as the convening of a second meeting in early 2026 should sufficient extrabudgetary resources become available.

On 23 January 2025, the secretariat informed the extended Bureau that the first meeting of the expert group was scheduled to be held in Vienna from 30 June to 2 July 2025. On 7 March 2025, the extended Bureau approved by means of a silence procedure the draft agenda items for the proposed provisional agenda for the first meeting of the expert group.

The proposed organization of work (see annex) was prepared in order to enable the expert group to perform its mandated functions within the allotted time and according to the conference services available to it. The available resources will permit the holding of six plenary meetings over three days, with interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations.

2. Stocktaking of the application and collective implementation of the Organized Crime Convention in addressing crimes that affect the environment falling within the scope of the Convention and related offences covered by the Convention

Pursuant to Conference resolution 12/4, the expert group was given a mandate to take stock of the application and collective implementation of the Organized Crime Convention in addressing crimes that affect the environment falling within the scope of the Convention and related offences covered by the Convention.

For its consideration of agenda item 2, the expert group will have before it a background paper prepared by the secretariat on crimes that affect the environment falling within the scope of the Convention and related offences covered by the Convention, as well as two background papers prepared by the secretariat on criminalization of crimes that affect the environment and on application of the Convention for preventing and combating transnational organized crimes that affect the environment.

Documentation

Background paper prepared by the secretariat on crimes that affect the environment falling within the scope of the Convention and related offences covered by the Convention ([CTOC/COP/WG.11/2025/2](#))

Background paper prepared by the secretariat on criminalization of crimes that affect the environment ([CTOC/COP/WG.2/2024/2](#))

Background paper prepared by the secretariat on application of the Organized Crime Convention for preventing and combating transnational organized crimes that affect the environment ([CTOC/COP/WG.2/2022/3–CTOC/COP/WG.3/2022/3](#))

3. Identification of any gaps that may exist in the international legal framework that could be addressed under the Organized Crime Convention to prevent and combat crimes that affect the environment falling within the scope of the Convention and related offences covered by the Convention

Pursuant to Conference resolution 12/4, the expert group was given a mandate to identify any gaps that may exist in the international legal framework and that could be addressed under the Organized Crime Convention to prevent and combat crimes that affect the environment falling within the scope of the Convention and related offences covered by the Convention.

For its consideration of agenda item 3, the expert group will have before it a background paper prepared by the secretariat on crimes that affect the environment falling within the scope of the Convention and related offences covered by the Convention, as well as two background papers previously prepared by the secretariat on criminalization of crimes that affect the environment and application of the Convention for preventing and combating transnational organized crimes that affect the environment.

Documentation

Background paper prepared by the secretariat on crimes that affect the environment falling within the scope of the Convention and related offences covered by the Convention ([CTOC/COP/WG.11/2025/2](#))

Background paper prepared by the secretariat on criminalization of crimes that affect the environment ([CTOC/COP/WG.2/2024/2](#))

Background paper prepared by the secretariat on application of the Organized Crime Convention for preventing and combating transnational organized crimes that affect the environment ([CTOC/COP/WG.2/2022/3–CTOC/COP/WG.3/2022/3](#))

4. Consideration of possible responses to the gaps identified, including the possibility, feasibility and merits of any additional protocol to the Organized Crime Convention

Pursuant to Conference resolution 12/4, the expert group was given a mandate to consider possible responses relevant to gaps that may exist in the international legal framework in addressing crimes that affect the environment falling within the scope of the Convention and related offences covered by the Convention, including the possibility, feasibility and merits of any additional protocol to the Organized Crime Convention.

5. Other matters

As no issues to be raised under agenda item 5 have come to the attention of the secretariat, no documentation regarding this item is currently foreseen.

6. Adoption of the report

Under agenda item 6, the expert group will adopt a report on its meeting, the draft of which will be prepared by the secretariat. The report will contain a summary of deliberations prepared by the Chair.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Monday, 30 June 2025		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	1 (a)	Opening of the meeting
	1 (b)	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	2	Stocktaking of the application and collective implementation of the Organized Crime Convention in addressing crimes that affect the environment falling within the scope of the Convention and related offences covered by the Convention
3–6 p.m.	2	Stocktaking of the application and collective implementation of the Organized Crime Convention in addressing crimes that affect the environment falling within the scope of the Convention and related offences covered by the Convention (<i>continued</i>)
Tuesday, 1 July 2025		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	3	Identification of any gaps that may exist in the international legal framework that could be addressed under the Organized Crime Convention to prevent and combat crimes that affect the environment falling within the scope of the Convention and related offences covered by the Convention
3–6 p.m.	3	Identification of any gaps that may exist in the international legal framework that could be addressed under the Organized Crime Convention to prevent and combat crimes that affect the environment falling within the scope of the Convention and related offences covered by the Convention (<i>continued</i>)
Wednesday, 2 July 2025		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	4	Consideration of possible responses to the gaps identified, including the possibility, feasibility and merits of any additional protocol to the Organized Crime Convention
3–6 p.m.	5	Other matters
	6	Adoption of the report