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**ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE
JOINT MEETING OF THE CHEMICALS COMMITTEE AND THE WORKING PARTY
ON CHEMICALS, PESTICIDES AND BIOTECHNOLOGY**

Working Group on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers

PRELIMINARY DRAFT AGENDA

3rd Meeting of the Working Group on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTRs)

16-17 October 2019

Room BB3, OECD Boulogne Building, Paris, France

Meeting Time: This meeting is scheduled to start at 9:30 on 16th October (Wednesday) and close by 17:00 on 17th October (Thursday).

Meeting Venue: The meeting will be held in Room BB 3 at the OECD Boulogne Building in Paris (46, quai Alphonse Le Gallo, 92100 Boulogne-Billancourt). Information on access to the meeting venue is available at <http://www.oecd.org/conference-centre/access/>.

Back-to-back Meeting: This meeting will be held back to back with the 12th International PRTR Coordinating Group organised by the UNECE in the afternoon on 15th October (Tuesday) 2019.

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Wednesday, 16 October 2019

9:30

Item 1. Opening and tour de table

After opening the meeting, participants will be invited to introduce themselves.

9:40

Item 2. Adoption of the Draft Agenda

[ENV/JM/PRTR/A\(2019\)2](#)

The OECD Secretariat will introduce the draft agenda.

Action: for adoption

9:45

Item 3. Report on the summary record of the last meeting and update on OECD activities relevant to the WG-PRTRs

Presentation

The OECD Secretariat will present the summary record of the last meeting and report on recent OECD activities relevant to the WG-PRTRs.

Action: for information

10:00

Item 4. Release Estimation Techniques (RETs) for non-point source

Document

The revised draft document 'Resource Compendium of PRTR Release Estimation Techniques PART II: Summary of Diffuse Source Techniques' will be presented.

Action: for discussion and adoption

Coffee Break

11:00

Item 5. Using PRTR data in evaluating progress towards meeting the UN' Sustainable Development Goals

Document or presentation

US EPA will provide an update from this project and way forward.

Action: for discussion

11:45

Item 6. Updates on PRTR Databases

Presentations

The lead countries and organisations of the databases will provide an update on their activities for these databases.

- PRTR Data Centre (Japan)

- Resource Centre for PRTRs (Finland)
- PRTR.net (UNECE)

Action: for information

Lunch Break

14:00

Item 7. Updating the Harmonised List of Chemicals and the Harmonised List of Sectors

Document or presentation

US EPA will present on updating the Harmonised List of Chemicals and Sectors.

Action: for discussion

14:45

Item 8. Project proposal on using PRTR data for promoting emission reductions and managing chemicals at natural disasters

Document or presentation

Japan will present a project proposal on further use of PRTR data including the promotion of emission reductions at facilities and the proper management of chemicals at natural disasters.

Action: for discussion

Coffee Break

15:45

Item 9. PRTR International Analysis

Presentation

US EPA will present on compiling recent PRTR data that are common in all member countries in a single platform.

Action: for discussion

16:30

Item 10. Barriers to the wider public access of PRTRs

Presentation

This is a brainstorming session on the current levels of use of PRTR data in each country (e.g. website hit rates), exploring the reasons why those rates are low (in case they are) and what could be done to enhance use levels.

Action: for discussion

17:30 End of day 1

Thursday, 17 October 2019

9:30

Item 11. Round Table

This session will invite participants to present latest topics and challenges in establishing or implementing their PRTRs. In particular, for countries who are developing their PRTRs are invited to share the status of development and challenges in further development of their PRTRs, and for countries who have fully operating PRTRs are invited to share improvement and best practices in implementation PRTRs as well as exploring new ways to use PRTR data.

- Methodology updates to an EEA assessment of the cost of industrial air pollution based on E-PRTR data (EEA)
- Development of an annual analysis on E-PRTR data to be included as content on a revised E-PRTR website in 2020.
- Review of E-PRTR implementation and related guidance (DG ENV)
- Findings from an EEA report on industrial wastewater treatment (EEA)
- Update on the development and implementation of the EU Registry of Industrial Sites (EEA)

Action: for information and discussion

Lunch Break

14:00

(Continued) Round Table

Coffee Break

15:30

Item 12. Preparing for the 2021-2024 Programme of Work

[ENV/JM\(2019\)14](#) (Joint Meeting Document)

The OECD Secretariat will present the outcome of the discussion from the 59th Joint Meeting (4-6 June) on setting the direction for the 2021-2024 Programme of Work on PRTRs.

Action: for information

15:50

Item 13. Possible structural change to the WG-PRTRs

Document

The OECD Secretariat will present a possible structural change to the WG-PRTRs, e.g. placing Expert Group on Best Available Techniques (BAT) as a subsidiary body to the WG-PRTRs and renaming.

Action: for discussion

16:30

Item 14. Designation of the Bureau for 2020

Document

The OECD Secretariat will explain the rule of electing the Bureau and propose bureau for 2020.

Action: for discussion and approval

16:40

Item 15. Next meeting

Action: for information

16:40

Item 16. Any other business

16:40 Closure of the Meeting
