

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**Seventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Framework  
Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of  
the Carpathians\* (CC COP7)**

11 October to 13 October 2023

Meeting venue: Palace of Serbia, Yugoslavia Hall  
Belgrade, Republic of Serbia

**COP7 serves also as the Meeting of the Parties to the:**

**Protocol on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity,  
Protocol on Sustainable Forest Management  
Protocol on Sustainable Tourism,  
Protocol on Sustainable Transport  
Protocol on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development**

**11 October 2023**

**TECHNICAL SEGMENT**

**SESSION I – ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

1. Opening of the Technical Segment of the CC COP7 – Secretariat
2. Organizational matters
  - 2.1 Adoption of the agenda
  - 2.2 Election of Officers
  - 2.3 Review of credentials
3. Status of ratifications and contributions -the Depository and the Secretariat:
  - 3.1 Protocol on Biodiversity
  - 3.2 Protocol on Sustainable Forest Management
  - 3.3 Protocol on Sustainable Tourism
  - 3.4 Protocol on Sustainable Transport
  - 3.5 Protocol on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development
  - 3.6 New Article 12bis on Climate Change
  - 3.7 Status of the contributions
4. Implementation of the Carpathian Convention: progress and prospects (Report by the Secretariat)
5. Formal reading and finalizing the COP7 Decisions:
  - 5.1 DECISION COP7/1 - Implementation of the Carpathian Convention
  - 5.2 DECISION COP7/2 - Cooperation with regional and local authorities and relevant stakeholders
  - 5.3 DECISION COP7/3 - Cooperation with the European Union
  - 5.4 DECISION COP7/4 - Cooperation with United Nations Environment Programme
  - 5.5 DECISION COP7/5 - Cooperation with other conventions and international bodies
  - 5.6 DECISION COP7/6 - Implementation of the Kunming- Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
  - 5.7 DECISION COP7/7 - Cooperation with EURAC Research
  - 5.8 DECISION COP7/8 - Strengthening science-policy-practice interface and cooperation with scientific networks
  - 5.9 DECISION COP7/9 - Conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity
  - 5.10 DECISION COP7/10 - Spatial planning
  - 5.11 DECISION COP7/11 - Sustainable and integrated water/river basin management
  - 5.12 DECISION COP7/12 - Sustainable agriculture and rural development
  - 5.13 DECISION COP7/13 - Sustainable forest management
  - 5.14 DECISION COP7/14 - Sustainable transport and infrastructure, industry and energy
  - 5.15 DECISION COP7/15 - Sustainable tourism
  - 5.16 DECISION COP7/16 - Cultural heritage and traditional knowledge
  - 5.17 DECISION COP7/17 - Environmental assessment/information system, monitoring and early warning
  - 5.18 DECISION COP7/18 - Climate Change
  - 5.19 DECISION COP7/19 - Awareness raising, education and public participation
  - 5.20 DECISION COP7/22 - Location of Permanent Secretariat
  - 5.21 DECISION COP7/23 - Date and venue of the Seventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention
  - 5.22 Decision COP7/24 - Presidency of the Carpathian Convention

6. Initiatives within the Carpathian Convention – relevant inputs for implementation:
  - 6.1 Carpathian Sustainable Tourism Platform (CSTP)
  - 6.2 Carpathian Wetland Initiative (CWI)
  - 6.3 Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (CNPA)
  - 6.4 Carpathian Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Expert Network
  - 6.5 Clima Carpathia, regional vision of global importance
7. Inputs by the Observers
8. AOB
9. Closing of the Technical Segment

## **SESSION II – STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT**

10. Stakeholders' consultations on establishing the Trans-European Nature Network: strengthening collaboration within the Carpathian Convention for building a transboundary functional ecological network and integrating ecological corridors across relevant sectors.
11. Carpathian Expo– space for the stakeholders to present the relevant projects and activities

### **Cultural event” Serbian Traditions”**

**Gala Dinner by the Minister of Environmental Protection of Serbia**

## **12 October 2023**

### **HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT**

#### **SESSION III – OPENING**

##### 12. Opening of the COP7 High-Level Segment (moderators welcoming speech)

Message by Ms. Françoise Jacob, UN Resident Coordinator  
Message by Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, UNEP, Deputy Executive Director  
Message by Mr. Harald Egerer, Head of the Carpathian Convention Secretariat  
Message by Ms. Plamena Halacheva, Deputy Head of the EU delegation to Serbia  
Welcome address by Mr. Adam Guibourgé-Czetwertyński, Deputy Minister of Climate and Environment of Poland – outgoing Presidency  
Symbolic handover of the Presidency of the Carpathian Convention  
Welcome address by Ms. Irena Vujović, Minister of Environmental Protection of Serbia – incoming Presidency

##### 13. Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration COP7

#### **SESSION IV – PANEL DISCUSSION**

##### 14. “20 Years of the Carpathian Convention: Assessing Progress, Inspiring Action, and Shaping the Future in times of triple planetary crisis” - High-Level panel discussion Inputs by the Ministers to be followed by the Observers.

#### **SESSION V – SUBSTANTIVE INPUTS**

##### 15. Addressing the triple planetary crisis in the Carpathians:

15.1 Scientific inputs by the Science for the Carpathians

15.2 Biodiversity: Kunming – Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the Carpathian Biodiversity Framework - Driving global, European and regional implementation through stakeholders' actions

15.3 Climate Change: Assessment of climate change risks and adaptation options for the Carpathian forest ecosystems and their services – presenting key findings and recommendations

15.4 Pollution: Tackling pollution in the Carpathian region

##### 16. Strengthening partnerships in the framework of the Carpathian Convention:

16.1 Cooperation with the CBD and the Alpine Convention – renewing the Memorandum of Cooperation

16.2 Cooperation with UNIDO

16.3 Cooperation with Euromontana

16.4 Cooperation with the Global International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists 2026

##### 17. Brief report on the COP7 Technical Segment by the Rapporteur and adoption of the COP7 Decisions

##### 18. Closure of the COP7

## **13 October 2023**

**Excursion to the Djerdap National Park (full day)**