

## PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

### 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

Date and Time	Item
Wednesday 11 October 2023	<b>Day 1</b>
8:00 – 18:00	Registration
8:45 – 10:15	Meeting of the COP Bureau (closed meeting)
<b>10:30 – 12:30</b>	<b>Technical Segment</b>
	<p><b>SESSION I – ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS</b> <i>Agenda Items:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Opening of the Technical Segment of the CC COP7 – Secretariat</li> <li>2. Organizational matters               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1 Adoption of the agenda</li> <li>2.2 Election of Officers</li> <li>2.3 Review of credentials</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Status of ratifications and contributions - the Depositary and the Secretariat:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.1 Protocol on Biodiversity</li> <li>3.2 Protocol on Sustainable Forest Management</li> <li>3.3 Protocol on Sustainable Tourism</li> <li>3.4 Protocol on Sustainable Transport</li> <li>3.5 Protocol on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development</li> <li>3.6 New Article 12bis on Climate Change</li> <li>3.7 Status of the contributions</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Implementation of the Carpathian Convention: progress and prospects (Report by the Secretariat)   <i>Mr. Harald Egerer, Head of the Carpathian Convention Secretariat</i></li> <li>5. Formal reading and finalizing the COP7 Decisions:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5.1 DECISION COP7/1 - Implementation of the Carpathian Convention</li> <li>5.2 DECISION COP7/2 - Cooperation with regional and local authorities and relevant stakeholders</li> <li>5.3 DECISION COP7/3 - Cooperation with the European Union</li> <li>5.4 DECISION COP7/4 - Cooperation with United Nations Environment Programme</li> <li>5.5 DECISION COP7/5 - Cooperation with other conventions and international bodies</li> <li>5.6 DECISION COP7/6 - Implementation of the Kunming- Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework</li> <li>5.7 DECISION COP7/7 - Cooperation with EURAC Research</li> <li>5.8 DECISION COP7/8 - Strengthening science-policy-practice interface and cooperation with scientific networks</li> <li>5.9 DECISION COP7/9 - Conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity</li> <li>5.10 DECISION COP7/10 - Spatial planning</li> <li>5.11 DECISION COP7/11 - Sustainable and integrated water/river basin management</li> <li>5.12 DECISION COP7/12 - Sustainable agriculture and rural development</li> <li>5.13 DECISION COP7/13 - Sustainable forest management</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

	<p>5.14 DECISION COP7/14 - Sustainable transport and infrastructure, industry and energy</p> <p>5.15 DECISION COP7/15 - Sustainable tourism</p> <p>5.16 DECISION COP7/16 - Cultural heritage and traditional knowledge</p> <p>5.17 DECISION COP7/17 - Environmental assessment/information system, monitoring and early warning</p> <p>5.18 DECISION COP7/18 - Climate Change</p> <p>5.19 DECISION COP7/19 - Awareness raising, education and public participation</p> <p>5.20 DECISION COP7/22 - Location of Permanent Secretariat</p> <p>5.21 DECISION COP7/23 - Date and venue of the Eighth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention</p> <p>5.22 Decision COP7/24 - Presidency of the Carpathian Convention</p> <p>6. Initiatives within the Carpathian Convention – relevant inputs for implementation:</p> <p>6.1 Carpathian Sustainable Tourism Platform (CSTP)   <i>Mr. Dawid Lasek, CSTP Coordinator and Secretary General of the Association of the Carpathian Euroregion Poland</i></p> <p>6.2 Carpathian Wetland Initiative (CWI)   <i>Mr. Ján Kadlečík, CWI Coordinator</i></p> <p>6.3 Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (CNPA)   <i>Mr. Mircea Verghelet, CNPA Steering Committee Chair</i></p> <p>6.4 Carpathian Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Expert Network   <i>Ms. Tamara Mitrofanenko, the ESD Network Coordinator, Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention</i></p> <p>6.5 Clima Carpathia, regional vision of global importance   <i>Mr. Toby Aykroyd, Wild Europe</i></p> <p>7. Inputs by the Observers</p> <p>8. AOB</p> <p>9. Closing of the Technical Segment</p>
<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
13:30 – 15:00 15:00 – 18:00	<p><b>SESSION II – STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>11. Carpathian Expo– space for the stakeholders to present the relevant projects and activities</p>
<b>19.00 – 20:00</b>	<b>Cultural event "Serbian Traditions"</b>
20:00 – 22.00	Gala Dinner by the Minister of Environmental Protection of Serbia

Thursday 12 October 2023	DAY 2
9:30 - 17:00	High-Level Segment
9:30 – 11:00	<p><b>SESSION III – OPENING</b> <i>Agenda items:</i></p> <p>12. Opening of the COP7 High-Level Segment (moderators welcoming speech)</p> <p>12.1 Message by <i>Ms. Françoise Jacob, UN Resident Coordinator</i> 12.2 Message by <i>Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, UNEP, Deputy Executive Director</i> 12.3 Message by <i>Mr. Harald Egerer, Head of the Carpathian Convention Secretariat</i> 12.4 Message by <i>Ms. Plamena Halacheva, Deputy Head of the EU delegation to Serbia</i> 12.5 Welcome address by <i>Mr. Adam Guibourgé-Czetwertyński, Deputy Minister of Climate and Environment of Poland – outgoing Presidency</i> 12.6 Symbolic handover of the Presidency of the Carpathian Convention 12.7 Welcome address by <i>Ms. Irena Vujović, Minister of Environmental Protection of Serbia – incoming Presidency</i></p> <p>13. Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration COP7</p>
11:00 - 11:45	Press conference / Coffee break
11:45 – 13:30	<p><b>SESSION IV – PANEL DISCUSSION</b></p> <p>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</p> <p>Inputs by the Ministers to be followed by the Observers.</p>
13:30 – 14:45	Lunch break
14:45 – 15:30	<p><b>SESSION V – SUBSTANTIVE INPUTS</b></p> <p>15. Addressing the triple planetary crisis in the Carpathians:</p> <p>15.1 Scientific inputs by the Science for the Carpathians – <i>Ms. Joanna Zawiejska, Chair of the Science for the Carpathians</i></p> <p>15.2 Biodiversity: Kunming – Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the <b>Carpathian Biodiversity Framework</b> - Driving global, European and regional implementation through stakeholders' actions   <i>Ms. Jamal Annaglyjova, CBD Secretariat and Ms. Klaudia Kuraś, Carpathian Convention Secretariat</i></p> <p>15.3 Climate Change: <b>Assessment of climate change risks and adaptation options for the Carpathian forest ecosystems and their services</b> – presenting key finding and recommendations   <i>Mr. William Keeton, University of Vermont</i></p> <p>15.4 Pollution: <b>Tackling pollution in the Carpathian region</b>   <i>Mr. Gergely Hankó, Hungarian Association of Environmental Enterprises</i></p>

15:30 -16:30	<p>16. Strengthening partnerships in the framework of the Carpathian Convention:</p> <p>16.1 <b>Cooperation with the CBD and the Alpine Convention – renewing the Memorandum of Cooperation</b>   Ms. Jamal Annagylyjova, CBD Secretariat, Ms. Alenka Smerkolj, Alpine Convention Permanent Secretariat, Mr. Harald Egerer, Carpathian Convention Secretariat</p> <p>16.2 <b>Cooperation with UNIDO</b>   Mr. Harald Egerer, Carpathian Convention Secretariat and Mr. Josef-Christoph Karl Pelikan, UNIDO</p> <p>16.3 <b>Cooperation with Euromontana</b>   Mr. Harald Egerer, Carpathian Convention Secretariat and Mr. Radu-Adrian Rey, EUROMONTANA</p> <p>16.4 <b>Cooperation with the Global International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists 2026 Coalition</b>   Mr. Harald Egerer, Carpathian Convention Secretariat and Francesca Pasetti, Regional IYRP Support Group- Europe</p> <p>16.5 <b>Announcing the new Transboundary Ramsar site in the Carpathians</b></p>
16:30 – 16:40	Coffee break
16:40– 17:00	<p><b>SESSION VI – ADOPTION OF THE COP7 DECISIONS</b></p> <p>17. Brief report on the COP7 Technical Segment by the Rapporteur and adoption of the COP7 Decisions</p> <p>18. Closure of the COP7</p>
Friday 13 October 2023	DAY 3
8.00 – 20.00	Excursion to the Djerdap National Park (full day)