



**Third Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the  
Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable  
Development of the Carpathians**

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**NOTIFICATION**

**of the Third Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the  
Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable  
Development of the Carpathians (COP3)**

*Date: 25 – 27 May 2011*

Venue: Radisson Blu Carlton Hotel, Bratislava, Slovak Republic

Dear Madam/Sir,

Following Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure for the Conference of the Parties, I have the honour to inform you that, at the invitation of the Government of the Slovak Republic, the Third Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians (COP3) will be held in Bratislava, Slovak Republic from 25 – 27 May 2011. The High Level Segment will be held on 27 May 2011. According to Article 25 of the Protocol on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity, COP3 also serves as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

I am pleased to attach herewith the provisional agenda based on the provisional organization of work that was agreed by the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee Meeting (CCIC) at its meeting held in Vienna on 17 – 18 January 2011.

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**To:** *Carpathian Convention National Focal Points  
Carpathian Convention Country Representatives*

The pre-session documentation of the meeting will be made available as soon as possible and according to Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure, in any case, no later than six weeks in advance of the meeting. The pre-session documents and information for participants will also be accessible at the Convention website: [www.carpathianconvention.org](http://www.carpathianconvention.org).

In accordance with Rule 15 of the Rules of Procedure for the COP, I would be grateful if your Government could submit to the interim Secretariat, as soon as possible and no later than 24 hours after the opening of the meeting, the credentials of your Head of Delegation, Alternate Head of Delegation and Representatives, as appropriate. Accreditation of delegates to the meeting will not be possible without proper credentials. Any later changes in the composition of the delegation shall also be submitted to the Secretariat.

Furthermore, the Protocol on Sustainable Tourism and the Protocol on Sustainable Forest Management are expected to be adopted and opened for signature by the COP at the ministerial segment of the COP3. I kindly ask you to make sure that your delegation is equipped with the necessary Full Powers for signature of the Protocols.

Please find enclosed, for your convenience, a sample format of appropriate credentials and of Full Powers. Further information can be obtained from the interim Secretariat or at [www.carpathianconvention.org](http://www.carpathianconvention.org). Kindly note that submission of credentials and Full Powers prior to the meeting would facilitate the advance clearing process by the interim Secretariat.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Harald Egerer

Head of UNEP Vienna - Interim Secretariat of  
the Carpathian Convention

Enclosures: Provisional Agenda

Sample Format for Credentials

Sample Format for Full Powers



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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

- 1. Opening of the meeting**
- 2. Organizational matters**
  - Election of Officers
  - Review of credentials and full powers
  - Adoption of the agenda
- 3. Status of contributions, Status of ratification of Biodiversity Protocol**
- 4. Implementation of the Carpathian Convention – Draft decisions for COP3**
  - Conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity, Article 4 of the Carpathian Convention, Biodiversity Protocol Strategic Action Plan (BSAP)
  - Spatial Development, Article 5 of the Carpathian Convention
  - Sustainable and integrated water/river basin management, Article 6 of the Carpathian Convention
  - Sustainable agriculture, rural development and forestry, Article 7 of the Carpathian Convention
  - Sustainable Transport and Infrastructure, Industry and energy, Article 8 of the Carpathian Convention, Article 10 of the Carpathian Convention
  - Sustainable tourism, Article 9 of the Carpathian Convention
  - Cultural heritage and traditional knowledge, Article 11 of the Carpathian Convention

- Environmental assessment/information system, monitoring and early warning, Article 12 of the Carpathian Convention
  - Awareness raising, education and public participation, Article 13 of the Carpathian Convention
  - Cooperation with the European Union
  - Cooperation with the Alpine Convention
  - On Cooperation with other conventions and international bodies
  - Programme of work and budget of the Carpathian Convention
  - Administration and Financial management of the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians(Carpathian Convention) and its Protocols
5. **Permanent Secretariat arrangements of the Carpathian Convention - Update on offers and positions**
  6. **Preparation of the Ministerial Declaration of the Third Conference of the Parties**
  7. **Date and venue of the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of Parties (COP4)**
  8. **Other matters**

## **Ministerial Segment**

- 1. Welcome and Opening Statements**
  - Welcome by the Minister of Environment of Slovakia
  - Message by the Executive Director of UNEP
- 2. Achievements and future of the Carpathian process (Presentation by the Interim Secretariat)**
- 3. Statements by Ministers and High Level Representatives**
- 4. Statements by Observers and Stakeholders, a message from Forum Carpaticum**
- 5. Adoption of the Protocol on Sustainable Forest Management and of the Sustainable Tourism Protocol**
- 6. Signature of the Protocols and Ceremony**
- 7. Adoption of the Carpathian Declaration 2011**
- 8. Adoption of the report of COP3 including the decisions**
- 9. Closure of Meeting**



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**Sample Format for Credentials for the Conference of the Parties  
to the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable  
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**Credentials**

I, the undersigned [*Head of State or Government or Minister of Foreign Affairs*], hereby make known that the following delegation has been duly appointed, authorized and empowered to represent [*Country*] at the Third Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians to be held in Bratislava, Slovak Republic on 25 – 27 May 2011. According to Article 25 of the Protocol on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity, COP3 also serves as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

Head of Delegation [*Name of Head of Delegation*]

Alternate Head of Delegation [*Name of Alternate of Delegation*]

Representatives(s) [*Name(s) of representative(s)*]

Done in [*city*] on [*date*]

*Seal and Signature*



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**Sample Format for Full Powers for the Conference of the Parties  
to the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable  
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**FULL POWERS**

I, *[name and title of Head of State or Government, or Minister of Foreign Affairs]*,  
HEREBY AUTHORIZE, *["name and title", or alternate "name and title"]*, to sign the  
Protocol on *[name of Protocol(s)]* to the Framework Convention on the Protection  
and Sustainable Development adopted by the Third Meeting of the Conference of the  
Parties to the said Convention on 25 - 27 May 2011, on behalf of the Government of  
*[name of State]*.

Done in *[city]* on *[date]*

*Seal and Signature*