



## **44<sup>th</sup> ANTARCTIC TREATY CONSULTATIVE MEETING BERLIN, GERMANY 23 MAY TO 2 JUNE 2022**

### **SECRETARIAT NOTE 1: PRELIMINARY AGENDA, EXPERTS AND KEY DATES**

#### **25 October 2021**

Germany is delighted to host the 44<sup>th</sup> Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ATCM XLIV) and the 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee for Environmental Protection (CEP XXIV). The meetings will take place in Berlin, from 23 May to 2 June 2022, at the ESTREL Conference Center.

The current situation of the COVID-19 pandemic and advances in worldwide vaccination suggest that regular international travel and public gatherings might be possible in May 2022. Therefore, Germany is organizing, in close cooperation with the AT Secretariat, ATCM XLIV as a regular in-person meeting. In parallel, it is establishing contingency planning in the case that unforeseen events lead to the modification or cancellation of the in-person meeting in Berlin. Independently of this, Germany is also exploring the possibility that members of delegations are registered and authenticated to participate remotely at ATCM XLIV. In the case of an in-person meeting, however, the possibility to request the floor could be restricted to delegates who are physically present. Germany proposes to discuss this topic at a virtual Heads of Delegation Meeting to be held at the beginning of December 2021.

At ATCM XLIII in Paris Parties agreed upon the preliminary agenda as well as the proposed schedule for ATCM XLIV (Attachments 1 and 2). Germany reminds Parties that according to Rule 37 of the ATCM Rules of Procedure, the deadline for proposing supplementary agenda items (for both the ATCM and the CEP) is 180 days before the meeting. For ATCM XLIV and CEP XXIV this deadline is **Wednesday, 24 November 2021**. Germany also reminds Parties that in accordance with Rule 40 this is also the deadline for proposals to invite additional experts from other international organizations to attend ATCM XLIV.

You will find in Attachment 3 other key dates, including important deadlines for the submission of documents for consideration at the ATCM and CEP.

Furthermore, Germany has the honor to inform you that Dr. Manfred Reinke has been appointed Head of the Host Country Secretariat and Dr. Marco Gogolin Deputy Head of the Host Country Secretariat.



ATCM XLIV is jointly organized by the German Foreign Office and other ministries and institutions, in particular the Federal Ministry for the Environment, the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, and German universities, scientific institutions und institutes.

Germany is working closely with the Antarctic Treaty Secretariat to provide efficient arrangements for ATCM XLIV and an enjoyable experience for delegates.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Host Country Secretariat if you need any advice about the meeting.

Germany is looking forward to welcoming you to Berlin in May next year.

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**Attachments:**

- 1) Preliminary Agenda for ATCM XLIV, Working Groups and Allocation of Items  
Agenda for 24th Meeting of the Committee for Environmental Protection (CEP XXIV)
- 2) Proposed schedule for ATCM XLIV - CEP XXIV
- 3) Key Dates

## **Preliminary Agenda for ATCM XLIV, Working Groups and Allocation of Items**

**Berlin, Germany 23 May – 2 June 2022**

### **Plenary**

- 1) Opening of the Meeting
- 2) Election of Officers and Creation of Working Groups
- 3) Adoption of the Agenda, Allocation of Items to Working Groups and Consideration of the Multi-year Strategic Work Plan
- 4) Operation of the Antarctic Treaty System: Reports by Parties, Observers and Experts
- 5) Report of the Committee for Environmental Protection
- 6) Operation of the Antarctic Treaty System:
  - a) *Request from Belarus to become a Consultative Party*

### **Working Group 1: (Policy, Legal, Institutional)**

- 6) Operation of the Antarctic Treaty System:
  - b) *General matters*
- 7) Operation of the Antarctic Treaty System: Matters related to the Secretariat
- 8) Liability
- 9) Biological Prospecting in Antarctica
- 10) Exchange of Information
- 11) Education Issues
- 12) Multi-year Strategic Work Plan

### **Working Group 2: (Science, Operations, Tourism)**

- 13) Safety and Operations in Antarctica
- 14) Inspections under the Antarctic Treaty and Environment Protocol
- 15) Science issues, future science challenges, scientific cooperation and facilitation
- 16) Implications of Climate Change for Management of the Antarctic Treaty Area
- 17) Tourism and Non-governmental Activities in the Antarctic Treaty Area, including Competent Authorities Issues

### **Plenary**

- 18) Preparation of the 45<sup>th</sup> Meeting
- 19) Any other Business
- 20) Adoption of the Final Report
- 21) Close of the Meeting

# **Agenda for 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Committee for Environmental Protection (CEP XXIV)**

**Berlin, Germany 23 – 27 May 2022**

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Strategic Discussions on the Future Work of the CEP
4. Operation of the CEP
5. Cooperation with other Organisations
6. Repair and Remediation of Environment Damage
7. Climate Change Implications for the Environment:
  - a. Strategic Approach
  - b. Implementation and Review of the Climate Change Response Work Programme
8. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA):
  - a. Draft Comprehensive Environmental Evaluations
  - b. Other EIA Matters
9. Area Protection and Management Plans:
  - a. Management Plans
  - b. Historic Sites and Monuments
  - c. Site Guidelines
  - d. Marine Spatial Protection and Management
  - e. Other Annex V Matters
10. Conservation of Antarctic Flora and Fauna:
  - a. Quarantine and Non-native Species
  - b. Specially Protected Species
  - c. Other Annex II Matters
11. Environmental Monitoring and Reporting
12. Inspection Reports
13. General Matters
14. Election of Officers
15. Preparation for the Next Meeting
16. Adoption of the Report
17. Closing of the Meeting

## Proposed schedule for ATCM XLIV – CEP XXIV

**NB This is the draft schedule. It will be updated near the beginning of the meeting.**

<i>Day</i>		<i>Room 1</i>	<i>Room 2</i>	<i>Other</i>
<b>Sunday 22 May</b>	15:00-18:30	—	—	Registration
<b>Monday 23 May</b>	08:00-09:00	—	—	Registration
	09:00-12:30	CEP XXIV	—	
	12:30-14:00		—	
	14:00-18:00	CEP XXIV		
	18:00-19:00			HoD meeting (MR3)
	19:00-21:00			HoD reception
<b>Tuesday 24 May</b>	08:00-09:00			Registration
	09:00-12:00		Opening plenary	
	12:00-13:00		SCAR lecture	
	13:00-14:00	—	—	
	14:00-18:00	CEP XXIV	Working Group 1	
	Evening	—	—	Welcome dinner
<b>Wednes day 25 May</b>	09:00-12:30	CEP XXIV	Working Group 1	
	12:30-14:00		—	
	14:00-18:00	CEP XXIV	Working Group 2	
	Evening			CEP reception
<b>Thursda y 26 May</b>	09:00-12:30	CEP XXIV	Working Group 2 –	
	12:30-14:00	—	—	
	14:00-18:00	CEP XXIV	Working Group 1	
	18:00-19:00	—	—	HoD Meeting (MR 3)
	Evening	Clear of events to allow meeting overrun and completion of the CEP report		
<b>Friday 27 May</b>	09:00-12:30	CEP XXIV	Working Group 2	
	12:30-14:00		—	—
	14:00-18:00	CEP XXIV	Working Group 2	
	Evening	—	—	—

<i>Day</i>		<i>Room 1</i>	<i>Room 2</i>	<i>Other</i>
<b>Saturday 28 May</b>				
<b>Sunday 29 May</b>				
<b>Monday 30 May</b>	09:00-12:30	Working Group 1	Working Group 2	
	12:30-14:00	—		
	14:00-18:00		Plenary - CEP report to ATCM (Ag. Item 5)	
	Evening			
<b>Tuesday 31 May</b>	09:00-12:30	Working Group 1	Working Group 2	
	12:30-14:00	—	—	—
	14:00-18:00	Working Group 1	Working Group 2	
	Evening			
<b>Wednesday 1 June</b>	09:00-12:30		Working Group 2	
	12:30-14:00			
	14:00-18:00		Working Group 1	
	18:00-18:30			HoD meeting (MR3)
	Evening	Clear of events to allow meeting overrun and completion of the CEP report		
<b>Thursday 2 June</b>	09:00-12:30		Plenary (Final Report adoption)	—
	12:30-14:00			—
	14:00-18:00		Plenary (if required)	—

## Key Dates

<b>D-180</b>	<b>Wednesday 24 November 2021</b>	Submission of proposed supplementary agenda items and proposals for inviting additional experts
<b>D-90</b>	<b>Tuesday 22 February 2022</b>	Opening of online registration
<b>D-45</b>	<b>Friday 8 April 2022</b>	Submission of ATCM and CEP Working Papers and other papers for which translation is required
<b>D-30</b>	<b>Saturday 23 April 2022</b>	Submission of ATCM and CEP Information Papers, and Background Papers that participants wish to be listed in the Final Report
<b>D-10</b>	<b>Friday 13 May 2022</b>	Closing of on-line registration
<b>D-1</b>	<b>Sunday 22 May 2022</b>	Opening of the Registration Desk at conference venue
<b>D</b>	<b>Monday 23 May 2022</b>	Meeting of the ATCP Heads of Delegation
<b>D</b>	<b>Monday 23 May 2022</b>	Commencement of the CEP Meeting
<b>D+1</b>	<b>Tuesday 24 May 2022</b>	Commencement of the ATCM
<b>D+10</b>	<b>Thursday 2 June 2022</b>	Conclusion of the ATCM