

Opening 15: Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA/Environment Central Asia focus)

The Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA) deals with economic and environmental issues, operating under the premise that promoting economic prosperity and co-operation on environmental problems can contribute to international security and stability. The OSCE's role is twofold: a) to monitor economic and environmental developments among participating States, and alert them to any threat of conflict, and b) to facilitate the formulation of economic and environmental policies and initiatives among participating States, to promote security. The Office currently comprises 22 staff members.

The principle objective of the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA) is to strengthen security and stability in the OSCE region by promoting international co-operation on economic and environmental issues. The activities of the OCEEA are guided particularly by the OSCE Strategy Document for the Economic and Environmental Dimension, approved by the OSCE Ministerial Council in Maastricht in December 2003.

Tasks and responsibilities:

The JPO is expected to assist in the implementation of the following UB activity:

- *Annual Aarhus Centers Meeting*: The event will gather representatives of the Aarhus Centers in the OSCE area and relevant stakeholders from pS and international organizations to discuss relevant issues, progress and engagement;

The JPO is also expected to assist the Unit in the implementation of the following ExB projects:

- *“Stakeholder Engagement for Uranium Legacy Remediation in Central Asia. Phase II”*. The objective of the Phase II (2019-2022) is to reduce risk of the negative impact of the uranium waste on people, livelihoods, and environment through raising awareness and supporting people-centered, gender sensitive, risk-informed solutions in legacy sites at the level of local communities in Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan;
- *“Water Diplomacy Initiative”* with the aim to address transboundary water management issues in the OSCE area with a special focus on Central Asia;

1. Performs thematic or geographical research and draft background papers, briefing papers, and other documents focusing on environmental co-operation within the 2nd dimension (environment and security, water management, disaster risk reduction, environmental good governance, hazardous waste management, and climate change) and other relevant environmental areas outlined in OCEEA's mandate;

2. Drafts initial versions of oral and written inputs and speeches;
3. Assists with the organization of project-related capacity-building activities and events by maintaining lists of participants, updating agendas, preparing distribution materials and performing any other duties as requested;
4. Attends relevant meetings, and any other (internal or external) meetings and conferences on request, and take notes;
5. Prepares relevant presentations and materials to advance visibility of the activities;
6. Assists in co-ordinating and providing relevant inputs;
7. Performs other related duties as assigned.