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Round tables on SDG 6

SDG	Title	Guiding Questions
Sustainable Water (SDG 6) 6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION	**Making universal access to water and sanitation a reality in the UNECE region**	• *How do the countries of the UNECE region assess the universality or equity of access to water and sanitation? What are the mechanisms for data collection and progress monitoring?* • *What are the policy responses and specific actions (such as social protection and economic measures) that are implemented in the UNECE region to address gaps in universal access?* • *What are the needs from the institutional point of view and the mechanisms to ensure the involvement of all relevant stakeholders and sectors, such as finance, education, housing and health, in providing integrated solutions to the common challenge of universal access to water and sanitation?*
	Sharing water: balancing competing needs in a context of declining resources	• How can water needs of different sectors and the environment be balanced, including in the face of increasing water scarcity? • What kind of intersectoral coordination and planning arrangements are proving effective? • How are countries dealing with conflicting water uses and trade-offs in transboundary basins? • How are countries and basins coping with growing water scarcity?

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Round tables on SDG 7

SDG	Title	Guiding Questions
Sustainable Energy (SDG 7)	**Improving the efficiency of the energy system**	• *What are countries doing to overcome barriers to improving energy efficiency?* • *What approaches have been effective in accelerating investments in energy efficiency?* • *What is being done to improve energy efficiency in industry?* • *What steps are countries taking to improve energy performance of buildings?*
	Transforming energy in support of the 2030 Agenda	• *What policies and measures are policymakers developing/implementing to accelerate the transition to sustainable energy?* • *How can the need to reduce CO2 emissions in order to reach the objectives of the UNFCC Paris agreement be reconciled with the necessity to rely on fossil fuels as an important share of the energy mix in the short and medium term?* • *How are countries addressing potential social impacts of the transition to sustainable energy?*

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Round tables on SDG 11

SDG	Title	Guiding Questions
Sustainable Cities and Communities (SDG 11) 11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES	**Financing the transition to sustainable cities and communities: challenges and opportunities**	• *What policy tools and financial mechanisms can policymakers use to promote access to affordable decent housing and basic services? What are the challenges they face in financing effective policies?* • *What are the instruments they can use to reduce the environmental footprint of cities, improve air quality and manage waste, ensure sustainable transport and disaster risk management? How can they harness the power of ICT and other innovative technologies and processes?* • *Which governance structures for housing and urban finance showed to be successful? Who are the key stakeholders in urban and housing finance? How can the integrated and participatory urban planning promote effective use of existing financial resources and leverage new sources of finance?*
	Promoting resilient and sustainable cities and human settlements	• What approaches do governments take to promote resilient and sustainable cities and human settlements? What tools (normative frameworks, standards, etc.) are available to support these efforts? • What are the gaps in the availability of reliable data to track and monitor progress and to deliver urban solutions? How can they be addressed? • What are the opportunities for more effective multi-stakeholder partnerships to support the implementation of SDG 11, the New Urban Agenda and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction?

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Roundtables on SDG12

SDG	Title	Guiding Questions
Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns (SDG 12) 12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION	**Successful approaches to delivering on Sustainable Consumption and Production by 2030**	• *Are the prerequisites for SCP – the governance, institutional and policy approaches used in implementing SCP – in place? Are they effective? Who is taking the lead in SCP?* • *Are the enablers for SCP – technology, financing, investment, education and awareness-raising, etc. – in place? What are the approaches used? Are they effective in supporting SCP?* • *How are the private sector and civil society engaged to bring about behavioural change?* • *What are the bottlenecks and challenges? What is the way forward?*
	Towards a circular economy: innovation for sustainable value chains	• *How to move from a linear to a circular production pattern? What are the challenges and opportunities? What is the potential contribution of innovation and partnerships?* • *Which innovative practices can support information sharing among different stakeholders to ensure that consumers have the relevant information and awareness for sustainable lifestyle?* • *How can enhanced transparency and traceability of value chains and their environmental, social and health risks contribute to raising knowledge and awareness about sustainable production?* • *How can policymakers meet the target to halve per capita global food waste by 2030?*

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Round tables on SDG 15

SDG	Title	Guiding Questions
Sustainable Forests and Ecosystems (SDG 15) 15 LIFE ON LAND	**Sustainable Forest Management and the SDGs**	• *How can policymakers use Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) policies and tools to increase climate resilience and integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies and planning?* • *How can SFM contribute to and influence energy policies to increase substantially the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix?* • *How can policymakers enhance SFM to protect and restore water-related ecosystems, reduce the degradation of natural habitats and halt the loss of biodiversity?* • *How can policymakers further promote SFM to achieve sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources and encourage companies to adopt sustainable practices? How can SFM support the bio-economy and improve progressively global resource efficiency in consumption and production and endeavour to decouple economic growth from environmental degradation?* • *How can sustainable forest management make cities more resilient?*
	Biodiversity at the Heart of Sustainable Development – Toward Transformation and Resilience	• *Why are biodiversity and healthy ecosystems important for sustainable development in your countries? Are there recent examples that demonstrate the linkages between biodiversity and healthy ecosystems, and human wellbeing, in terms of providing revenues and jobs, clean water, sustainable agriculture, tourism, and other benefits, including enhanced resilience? (targets 15.1 to 15.4)* • *How can policy makers enhance the integration or mainstreaming of ecosystem and biodiversity values into national and subnational planning and development processes, poverty reduction strategies and accounts? Are there specific examples of successful measures already put in place which could be replicated or scaled up, including measures which target specific economic sectors, such as infrastructure, energy and mining, manufacturing and processing, and health? (target 15.9)* • *What are the most important obstacles and challenges for achieving a transformational change, via SDG 15, in the ways we address ecosystem*

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		management and the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity? What are some of the most important changes that are needed to address such challenges and achieve such a transformation? (15.A to 15.C)