



Provisional agenda

Third meeting of the IBC on Environment and Climate Change

4 September 2020 (10:00-11:30, Geneva/Venice/UTC+2 time)

Background

At its special session on 20 March 2020, the Regional UN System Meeting saw the launch of the United Nations Inter-Agency Issue-Based Coalition (IBC) on Environment and Climate Change for Europe and Central Asia. The IBC has attracted 18 members from the UN family: FAO, ILO, IOM, ITU, OHCHR, UN Habitat, UN Women, UNDP, UNDRR, UNECE, UNEP, UNESCO, UNFCCC, UNICEF, UNOPS, WFP, WHO and WMO. The IBC has met on 21 April and 17 June 2020. A website provides information about the IBC, resources relating to the response to and economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, and a list of activities to date, including webinars and the issuance of guidance materials.¹

Meeting objective

The primary purpose of the IBC is to support UN Country Teams in their assistance to programme countries. Having engaged with Country Teams and Resident Coordinators, decided on priorities and identified leads for different activities, the IBC needs now to advance those activities. The objective of this meeting is to provide an overview of ongoing and planned activities and agree on next steps.

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Meeting etiquette: Ensure your microphone and video are **off** when not speaking. Switch on video and microphone when speaking. If you wish to intervene, use the “hand” or chat functions to signal.

10:00 – 10:10	Welcome and opening addresses, including meeting objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Co-chairs UNEP, UNESCO, UNECE - Regional Director UNDCO Europe & Central Asia
10:10 – 10:15	Update on key environment and climate change processes and milestones
10:15 – 10:20	Summary of activities to date¹
10:20 – 11:15	Updates from the task team co-leads One co-lead from each team provides update on plans & actions. ² The teams are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Climate change & disaster risk reduction 2. Biodiversity & nature-based solutions 3. Socioeconomic assessments & post-pandemic recovery strategies 4. Air pollution

¹ See also <https://www.unece.org/runcwelcome/issue-based-coalitions/environment-and-climate-change/calendar-of-activities.html>.

² Please coordinate and agree who will speak for up to 3 minutes **maximum**.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Sustainable consumption & production 6. Water management 7. Food security & land management 8. Sustainable infrastructure 9. Environment & youth 10. Environment & gender 11. Migration, environment & climate change
11:15 – 11:30	<p>Questions for clarification</p> <p>Next steps, wrap-up and closure</p>

Meeting documents:

- Provisional agenda
- Report of second meeting of the IBC

Task teams to deliver under the IBC on Environment and Climate Change

Topic ³	Pillar	Co-leads	Contributors	Anticipated products and actions	Timescale
		At least half of members (9)			
		At least one third of members (6)			
Socioeconomic assessments and post-pandemic recovery strategies (build back better)	1	UNECE, UNEP, UNESCO	UNDP, UN Women, UNOPS, WHO, OHCHR, UNDRR, ILO, UNFCCC, UNICEF, IOM	Need comprehensive action, with recommendations on socioeconomic assessments emerging first, followed by more elaborated guidance on post-pandemic recovery strategies, backed up by webinars	By Sept. 2020
Climate change and disaster risk reduction	1	UNFCCC, WMO, WFP, UNDRR	UNDP, UNEP, UNOPS, FAO, WHO, OHCHR, UNECE, UNESCO, WMO, UNICEF	Need comprehensive action, with webinars and papers. Include Webinar on UN Generation Equality Action Coalition on Climate Justice, Policy brief on coherence between DRR and Climate Change Adaptation and a	2020

³ Mining and natural resource management were dropped because of limited interest. Waste and decarbonization have been merged into sustainable consumption and production, disaster risk reduction into climate change, nature-based solutions into biodiversity, and a green & circular economy into post-pandemic recovery. Leaving no-one behind is addressed through the three topics linking this IBC with those addressing gender, youth and migration.

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				brief on transboundary climate issues	
Biodiversity & nature-based solutions	1	UNEP, UNESCO	UNOPS, OHCHR, UNECE, UNDP, UNFCCC	Need comprehensive action, with webinars and policy brief (tbc), raising awareness of new biodiversity targets. Link with partners such as CBD, WCMC and IUCN	According to CBD timelines
Air pollution	1	UNECE	UNDP, UNOPS, OHCHR, WMO, UNICEF	Webinars (tbc). Link with LRTAP Convention	
Sustainable consumption and production	1	UNOPS, FAO, UNEP	UN Women, OHCHR, UNECE, WHO, UNFCCC	Webinars (tbc), issue briefs	2020 and onwards
Water management	1	UNECE, UNESCO	UNOPS, WHO, WMO	Webinars (27.5.2020, 7.7.2020; further proposed); knowledge products through pillar 3; briefing notes	2020 and onwards
Food security and land management	1	FAO, WFP	OHCHR, WMO	e.g. create a climate change & food security network in ECA; generate data, materials, policy briefing, e.g. on Food Security & Climate Change	
Sustainable infrastructure	1	UNOPS, UNEP	WHO, UNECE		
Topics linked with other IBCs:					
Environment and youth	1	UNICEF	UN Women, UNOPS, WHO, OHCHR, UNICEF, UNESCO, UNEP and IBC Youth		
Environment and gender	1	UN Women	IOM, UNOPS, OHCHR, UNFCCC, UNICEF and IBC Gender	Webinars, e.g. jointly with IBC Gender, plus	
Migration, environment & climate change	1	IOM	IBC Migration	Information sheet, maybe a webinar	
CCAs and UNSDCFs	2	<i>To be defined</i>	<i>To be defined</i> (include IOM)	Checklist, guide or recommendations?	2020-2021
Monitoring and reporting, data and information	3	UNEP, UNESCO, UNECE	FAO, WHO, OHCHR, UNDRR (and all other members requested to contribute)	Uploading to the regional knowledge management hub	2020 and onwards