



## Workplan 2020–2021

The Coalition's work is based around three pillars:

- Strengthening environmental governance and implementing the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Supporting countries in the environmental dimension of UNSDCF and CCA processes
- Monitoring and reporting on the environmental and climate change dimension of SDGs.

Pillar/Activity	Timeline	Status	Actions in 1 <sup>st</sup> IBC meeting
<b>Overall</b>			
Regular meetings of IBC	Approx. every 2 months	Meetings held on 21 April, 17 June and 4 Sept. 2020. Agendas and reports published on the IBC website at <a href="https://www.unece.org/runcwelcome/issue-based-coalitions/environment-and-climate-change/calendar-of-activities.html">https://www.unece.org/runcwelcome/issue-based-coalitions/environment-and-climate-change/calendar-of-activities.html</a> , alongside information on all IBC activities.	
Identification of RC priorities and expectations through a questionnaire and subregional meetings with RCs and UNCTs	First half of 2020	Questionnaire issued on 27 February 2020. 13 RCs responded. Meetings held in Central Asia, South-Eastern Europe and, together, Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Turkey on 12 May, 28 May and 3 June 2020, respectively. Agendas and reports published on above website.	
Establishment and operation of corresponding thematic task teams	From mid-2020	Survey sent to IBC members on leading or contributing to actions, which served as the basis for creating 11 task teams that focus on the key topics for environmental and climate sustainability, June 2020.	

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<b>Pillar 1: Strengthening environmental and climate change governance and implementing the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda</b>			
<b>Key messages, policy briefs and webinars (per task team)</b>			Actions 1.1–1.2
Socioeconomic assessments & post-pandemic recovery strategies: recommendations on socioeconomic assessments, followed by more elaborated guidance on strategies	2020	Co-leads issued a UNEP note on sound management of waste in the context of COVID-19, 11 May 2020. Issue of "Preliminary responses by the Coalition's co-leads to queries posed by Resident Coordinator Offices on the impact of COVID-19 on the environment", 17 June 2020. Issue of "Summary recommendations by the Coalition on COVID-19 recovery", 20 August 2020 (with news article). Work has begun on a brief on post-pandemic recovery strategies (setting out also benefits & costs, resources, case studies, etc., of diverse practical measures); consultant recruited. Webinars may follow (tbd).	
Climate change & disaster risk reduction: policy briefs on (i) coherence between DRR & climate change adaptation and (ii) transboundary climate issues; webinar on UN Generation Equality Action Coalition on Climate Justice.	2020–2021	Under design	
Biodiversity & nature-based solutions: situation analysis or document on biodiversity targets in region; webinar on the "Year of Biodiversity" focused on CBD processes and their application to the Europe and Central Asia region	2020–2021, with webinar in Nov./Dec. 2020	Message sent by co-leads on World Environment Day (on biodiversity) on 5 June 2020. The first meeting of the task team was held on Tuesday 15 September 2020, between co-leads (UNEP, UNESCO) with participation by UNECE (IBC co-chair). The objective was to identify key issues for consideration and the development of preliminary ideas for products and services to use as a basis for consultation with the other contributors	
Air pollution: webinars for subregions on exchange of experience in one specific sector or specific topic (tbd)	2020–2021	Under design, following a survey of task team members on priorities, etc. First meeting of the task team was held on 28 September 2020.	
Water management: webinars	2020–early 2021	Webinar on the 2020 World Water Development Report on Water and Climate Change, 27 May 2020 Webinar on transboundary water cooperation, based on examples from Drin and Drina river basins, 7 July 2020 The task team held its first meeting on 16 September 2020. Further webinars are being considered in early 2021 on SDG 6 and/or the World Water Development Report 2021; and subregional transboundary water management	

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Sustainable infrastructure: compendium of existing policy guidance and tools	2021	Under design. First meeting of the task team was held on 17 September. The objectives of the TT include short-term (next 6months): creation and dissemination of a compendium of Policy guidances and tools for Sustainable Infrastructure; mid-term (in 2021): training and advocacy for applying the policies and tools; long-term (2021-22): mobilize commitment to action at national level through key policy and high-level political processes including the Environment for Europe conference and relevant multi-lateral environmental agreement processes (Industrial accidents etc.)	
Sustainable consumption & production: policy brief on strengthening countries' public procurement capacity including tools to apply sustainability criteria, assess & monitor sustainability; guidance, practices & resources for uptake & implementation of sustainable public procurement at local, national & regional levels	2021	Under design	
Food security & land management: stock take of ongoing and planned research work, evidence-building activities related to climate change and environmental pollution and food security nexus; webinar on adapting to changing context – climate change and food security nexus during COVID-19	2021  Webinar in Oct. 2020 (tbc)	Under design	
Environment & youth: tbd	2021	-	
Environment & gender: tbd	2021	-	
Migration, environment & climate change: information sheet on the European Green Deal; common key messages for RCs; webinar on UNFCCC human mobility work programme	Late 2020 to early 2021	Under design	
<b>Outreach and training</b>			
Climate change & disaster risk reduction: outreach to RCs and countries on readiness to submit revised NDCs	By end 2020	Under design	

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Sustainable consumption & production: to strengthen countries' public procurement capacity including tools to apply sustainability criteria, assess and monitor sustainability performance of suppliers, enhance sustainability performance of MSMEs, etc.	2021	Under design	
<b>Joint calendar of key regional events</b>	On-going	Postponed given the ongoing disruption of meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic	Action 1.3
<b>Pillar 2: Supporting countries in the environmental and climate change dimension of UNSDCF and CCA processes</b>			
Individual inputs to CCAs and UNSDCFs	On-going	IBC members have continued their individual inputs, but much has been overtaken by events linked with the COVID-19 pandemic, including the production of socioeconomic impact assessments and recovery strategies.	
Develop a checklist of environmental and climate change priorities and approaches for CCAs and UNSDCFs	2020–2021	Ongoing	Action 2.1
Initiate subregional and/or national consultations with RCs re environmental and climate change dimensions	2020–2021	Ongoing	Action 2.3
Develop menu of advisory services and capacity development services	2020–2021	Ongoing	Action 2.4
Agree on operationalizing IBC support	2020–2021	Ongoing	Action 2.5
<b>Policy briefs on integration of environmental and climate change priorities and/or approaches in CCAs and UNSDCFs</b>			Action 2.2
Climate change & disaster risk reduction: will build on the August 2020 guidance on DRR integration into UNSDCFs	By end 2020	Base guidance is ready	
Biodiversity and nature-based solutions: on “Why biodiversity mainstreaming makes social and economic sense?”.	2021	The task team has presented a short briefing to the IBC on Why biodiversity mainstreaming makes social and economic sense?. This will be expanded and consulted on over the coming months and then released as a product for the RCs and UNCTs.	
Air pollution: integrating air pollution into CCAs	2021	Under design	

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<b>Pillar 3: Monitoring and reporting on the environmental and climate change dimension of SDGs.</b>			
Establish website for IBC	First half of 2020	A website was set up with a calendar of activities ( <a href="https://www.unece.org/runcwelcome/issue-based-coalitions/environment-and-climate-change/calendar-of-activities.html">https://www.unece.org/runcwelcome/issue-based-coalitions/environment-and-climate-change/calendar-of-activities.html</a> ) and a collection of resources on COVID-19, the environment and climate change ( <a href="https://www.unece.org/runcwelcome/issue-based-coalitions/environment-and-climate-change/covid-19-and-environment.html">https://www.unece.org/runcwelcome/issue-based-coalitions/environment-and-climate-change/covid-19-and-environment.html</a> ), to which all IBC members were invited to provide resources	
Agree hosting arrangements for storing information recommended by IBC	2020	By default, above	Action 3.1
Review other knowledge hubs and agree on framework	2021	Not started	Action 3.2
Review RC questionnaire to determine priority knowledge products	2020–2021	Questionnaire issued (see above), but analysis not started	Action 3.3
Refine knowledge needs through subregional calls with RCs	2020–2021	Subregional meetings held (see above), but analysis not started	Action 3.4
IBC members share knowledge products for uploading on hub and agree on modalities	2020–2021	Begun for COVID-19 related products (see link above). Expansion and definition of modalities not started	Action 3.5
Mobilize resources for the hub	2021	Not started	Action 3.6

*Abbreviations (except agencies):* CBD – Convention on Biological Diversity; CCA – Common Country Analysis; DCO – Development Coordination Office; IBC – Issue-based Coalition; MSMEs – micro, small & medium enterprises; PSG – Peer Support Group; RC – Resident Coordinator; SDG – Sustainable Development Goal; tbd – to be determined; UNCT – UN Country Team; UNSDCF – UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework.

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**Task teams** have been established for 11 topics under pillar 1, as identified in the workplan. The membership of the 11 task teams, plus – tentatively – additional ones for pillars 2 and 3, are shown in the table below. Within each task team, co-leads are responsible for leading activities, designed by the task teams and reported on to IBC. Each task team implements activities as it wishes but, normally, products would be developed involving all task team members and would be cleared by all IBC members. Products, such as policy briefs, will be issued through the IBC co-leads to Regional DCO and thus to RCs and UNCTs. The holding of webinars will be coordinated by the IBC co-leads to avoid overloading RCs and UNCTs.

Topic	Pillar	Co-leads	Contributors
Socioeconomic assessments and post-pandemic recovery strategies (build back better, green & circular economy)	1	UNECE, UNEP, UNESCO	UNDP, UN Women, UNOPS, WHO, OHCHR, UNDRR, ILO, UNFCCC, UNICEF, IOM
Climate change and disaster risk reduction	1	UNFCCC, WMO, WFP, UNDRR	UNDP, UNEP, UNOPS, FAO, WHO, OHCHR, UNECE, UNESCO, WMO, UNICEF
Biodiversity & nature-based solutions	1	UNEP, UNESCO	UNOPS, OHCHR, UNECE, UNDP, UNFCCC
Air pollution	1	UNECE	UNDP, UNOPS, OHCHR, WMO, UNICEF, WHO
Sustainable consumption and production (including decarbonization/carbon neutrality & waste)	1	UNOPS, FAO, UNEP	UN Women, OHCHR, UNECE, WHO, UNFCCC
Water management	1	UNECE, UNESCO	UNOPS, WHO, WMO
Food security and land management	1	FAO, WFP	OHCHR, WMO
Sustainable infrastructure	1	UNOPS, UNEP	WHO, UNECE
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
Migration, environment & climate change	1	IOM	IBC Migration
CCAs and UNSDCF	2	<i>To be defined</i>	<i>To be defined (include IOM)</i>
Monitoring and reporting, data and information	3	UNEP, UNESCO, UNECE	FAO, WHO, OHCHR, UNDRR (and all other members requested to contribute)

At 25 September 2020