

Regional UN System Meeting for Europe and Central Asia
Dedicated session to COVID-19 Response – 3 April 2020 (to be held virtually)

10:30-12:30 New York time / 16:30-18:30 Geneva time / 17:30-19:30 Istanbul time

Agenda

Time (Geneva time)	Agenda item
16:30 – 16:45	<p><u>Item 1: Opening</u></p> <p><i>Opening remarks by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Mirjana Spoljaric Egger, Co-Chair and UNDP Regional Director for Europe and CIS • Ms. Olga Algayerova, Co-Chair and UNECE Executive Secretary • Dr. Hans Kluge, WHO Regional Director for Europe
16:45 – 18:00	<p><u>Item 2: UN System response to COVID-19 at the regional and country level</u></p> <p><i>a) COVID-19 pandemic response</i></p> <p><u>Focus:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional overview of the COVID-19 situation - WHO preparedness and response activities <i>Dr. Hans Kluge, WHO Regional Director for Europe</i> • Current action on COVID-19 taken by UN agencies • Additional needs for UN support in COVID-19 response at the regional and country level <p><u>Background documents:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Operational planning guide for UN country teams: https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/technical-guidance/country-readiness 2. Latest news: http://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/health-emergencies/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-latest-updates 3. Technical guidance: http://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/health-emergencies/coronavirus-covid-19/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-technical-guidance <p><i>b) Wider UN system response to COVID-19</i></p> <p><u>Focus:</u> Discussion on the potential needs for member States (from a social, economic and environment) perspective and the possible role of the IBCs.</p> <p><u>Background documents:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Report of the UN Secretary-General on “Shared Responsibility, Global Solidarity: Responding to the socio-economic impacts of COVID-19” (attached) 2) Compilation of policy responses by UNECE member States from IMF documents (attached)



18:00 – 18:15	<p><u>Item 3: Support to UN Country Teams on cross-border cooperation</u></p> <p><i>Focus:</i> <i>Discussion on a joint regional UN system approach to maintaining cross-border cooperation, using UNECE’s menu of instruments and support lines available to UNCTs as a starting point.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Olga Algayerova, Co-Chair and UNECE Executive Secretary</i></p> <p><i>Background document:</i> <i>Matrix on UNECE instruments for COVID-19 response (attached)</i></p>
18:15 – 18:25	<p><u>Item 4: Update on the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on the UNSDCF development process</u></p> <p><i>Focus:</i> <i>Presentation of the status of the UNSDCF development process and the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on the timelines for their approval.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Irena Vojackova Sollorano, Regional Director a.i., R-DCO for ECA</i></p>
18:25 – 18:30	<p><u>Conclusions and final remarks</u></p> <p><i>Ms. Mirjana Spoljaric Egger, Co-Chair and UNDP Regional Director for Europe and CIS</i> <i>Ms. Olga Algayerova, Co-Chair and UNECE Executive Secretary</i></p>