

Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the ECE Region 2020

Item 3(c), No documentation

Monika Linn, Principal Adviser and Chief, Sustainable Development and Gender Unit, UNECE



78th session of the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry

4-6 November 2020, Geneva, Switzerland

Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

What is it all about?



UNECE

- Annual meeting on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) progress
 - Four UNECE Regional Forums have taken place since 2016



All **five Regional Commissions** organize Regional Forums



Region's official input to **High-level Political Forum**



Multi-stakeholder conference for practical peer-learning on SDGs



Working with partners
across the UN-system
and beyond



Exchange of concrete solutions on SDG implementation



SDG progress report, peer-learning, side events, pre-meetings



Regional Forum 2020



UNECE

“Transformative pathways to realize the **decade of action and delivery** for sustainable development”



19 March 2020



Virtual meeting



Themes:

- Accelerating **SDG action and delivery**
- SDG progress through **Voluntary National Reviews**

Themes:

- Actions for **green and inclusive change**
- **Economic transformation, finance and technology** for SDG acceleration



More than **300 online participants**



Regional SDG progress report

WEBINAR



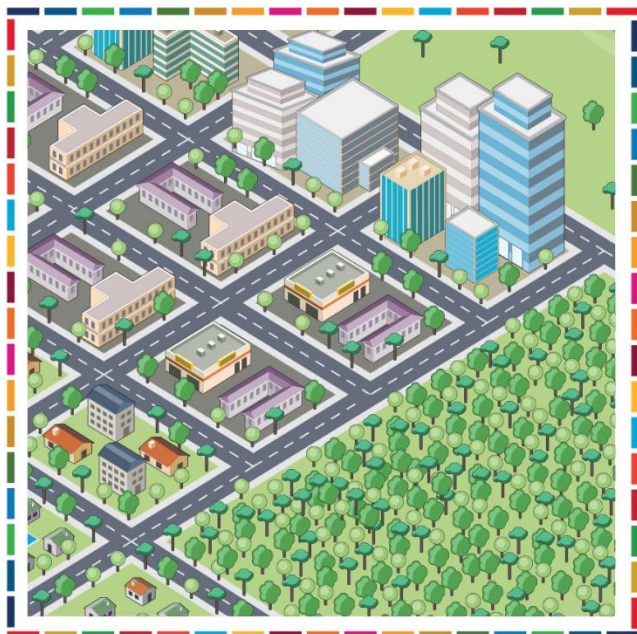
Several pre-meetings and side events



Chair's report submitted to HLPF



Promoting the role of cities in climate change mitigation through urban forestry



TREESINCITIES CHALLENGE



A global campaign launched by UNECE Executive Secretary at the Secretary General's 2019 Climate Action Summit to promote the role of cities in combating climate change



Cities are central to realization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



Cities are the biggest cause for CO₂ emissions – construction, mass transport systems, food, fashion...

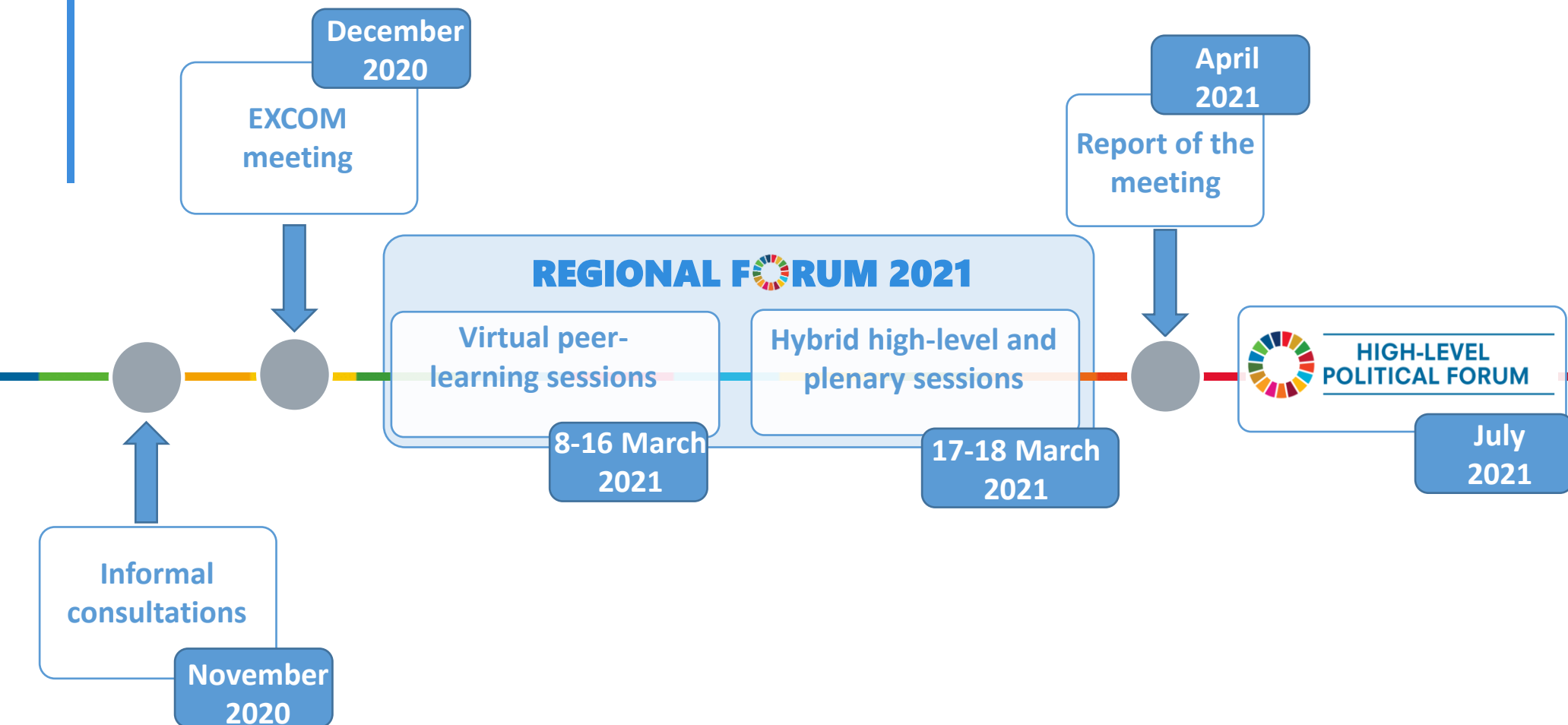


but they are also central to offsetting consequences of climate change

Next steps Regional Forum 2021



UNECE





Regional Forum 2021



UNECE

“Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and delivery on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the UNECE Region”

In focus:



and targets with 2020 timeline



March 2021



Virtual & hybrid sessions

Peer learning sessions (virtual)

- 8-16 March 2021 (tentative)
- Target groups: Governments and other stakeholders
- Sessions clustered around focus SDGs

High-level and plenary segments (hybrid)

- 17-18 March 2021
- Themes (tentative):
 - policy lessons from addressing COVID-19
 - socio-economic impact and response to COVID-19
 - green and sustainable recovery

WEBINAR



Pre-meetings and side events



Annual SDG report



Chair's report will be submitted to HLPF

Thank you!



REGIONAL FORUM
ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE UNECE REGION