



Preliminary Programme

Wednesday, 17 March 2021, hybrid meeting

10:00 - 12:00

Opening and High-level Policy Segment

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

12:00 – 14:00

Lunch break

14:00 – 16:00

Plenary Session

Key actions and accelerators to tackle the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 and to promote a sustainable recovery

The session will take into account key messages from the virtual peer learning sessions (thematic clusters: People, Prosperity, Planet and cross-cutting issues)

Thursday, 18 March 2021, hybrid meeting

10:00 - 12:00

Plenary Session and Closing

Experiences from the region with Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)

Experiences from UNECE member States that have presented or will present VNRs at the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, including linkages between multiple VNRs and the inclusion of SDG implementation at the local level

Peer learning round tables

10-16 March 2021, virtual sessions

Cluster 1: PEOPLE



Strengthening health, food and social protection systems towards COVID-19 recovery and resilience

Session 1-1 10 March 2021, 14:00-16:00 CET

The impact of COVID-19 on sustainable development: strengthening health system and social protection [Read More](#)

Session 1-2 10 March 2021, 10:00-12:00 CET

Accelerating SDG progress in the time of a pandemic: improving food systems to make healthy diets accessible to all [Read More](#)

Session 1-3 16 March 2021, 10:00-12:00 CET

Road safety - Changing gear [Read More](#)

Cluster 2: PROSPERITY



Building back innovative, inclusive and sustainable economies and providing decent and productive jobs for all

Session 2-1 11 March 2021, 10:00-12:00 CET

Recovering from COVID-19 through a sustainable and human-centred approach to the future of work [Read More](#)

Session 2-2 12 March 2021, 10:00-12:00 CET

Young people and COVID-19: Impact and Solutions [Read More](#)

Session 2-3 11 March 2021, 10:00-12:00 CET

Transforming Tourism for a sustainable, prosperous, and inclusive post COVID-19 world [Read More](#)

Cluster 3: PLANET



Pathways to a sustainable COVID-19 recovery for climate and the environment

Session 3-1 16 March 2021, 10:00-12:00 CET

Partnerships for a sustainable recovery: Initiatives to accelerate the achievement of the environment and climate goals of the 2030 Agenda [Read More](#)

Session 3-2 15 March 2021, 10:00-12:00 CET

Making sustainable production and consumption work for the circular economy of tomorrow [Read More](#)

Session 3-3 15 March 2021, 10:00-12:00 CET

Building back better through Climate-Resilient Recovery [Read More](#)

Session 3-4 15 March 2021, 15:00-17:00 CET

Snapshot on Boreal forests' contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals [Read More](#)

CROSS-CUTTING SESSIONS



Session 4-1 12 March 2021, 15:00-17:00 CET

SDGs and COVID-19 – how can data and statistics help building back better? [Read More](#)

Session 4-2 15 March 2021, 10:00-12:30 CET

Digital Transformation for Sustainable Development Goals in the Wake of COVID-19 [Read More](#)

Registration

Registration is open under the following link: <https://indico.un.org/e/rfsd2021>

Call for policy actions

Governments wishing to share a concrete policy action, challenge or success story in one of the sessions of the Regional Forum 2021, please contact regionalforumunece@un.org

Format of the sessions

The Regional Forum on **17-18 March 2021** will take place as a **hybrid meeting**, with the possibility to participate either online or in-person (at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland – subject to potential COVID-19 restrictions).

The peer learning round tables will take place in the period from **10-16 March 2021 as fully virtual sessions**.

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