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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