

## Peer Learning Round Tables



## Cluster 3: Planet

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

### Session 3-1

# Partnerships for a sustainable recovery: Initiatives to accelerate the achievement of the environment and climate goals of the 2030 Agenda

Tuesday, 16 March 2021, 10:00 – 12:00

## Guiding questions for round table

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| <b>Question 1</b> | What examples of sectoral or cross-sectoral partnerships offer the most effective and rapid measures for climate action and the protection of nature? |
| <b>Question 2</b> | What types of partnerships and conditions enable sustainable financing that can be both replicated and scaled up?                                     |
| <b>Question 3</b> | How can partnerships help overcome barriers to gender equality and foster women's empowerment in businesses for a green recovery?                     |

## Policy actions for discussion

Welcome and introduction

- Her Excellency Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary of UNECE, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations

Setting the scene

- Mr. Darian Stibbe, Executive Director, The Partnering Initiative

<b>Policy action 1</b>	<p>Increase green and gender-responsive investments in MSMEs (with clear standards)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Her Excellency Ornela Çuçi, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Tourism and Environment, Albania</li> <li>• Ms. Barbara Rambousek, Director, Gender &amp; Economic Inclusion, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development</li> </ul>
<b>Policy action 2</b>	<p>Establish mechanisms for incentivizing coordination among key stakeholders for nature-based solutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• His Excellency Alisher Maksudov, Chair of the Committee on Ecology and Environmental Protection of Uzbekistan</li> <li>• Mr. Giga Gigashvili, Head of Department of Environment Protection, Tbilisi City</li> </ul>
<b>Policy action 3</b>	<p>Leverage partnerships to implement emissions reduction measures in key sectors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Teodora Obradovic Grncarovska, State Counsellor for Climate Change, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, North Macedonia</li> <li>• Mr. Roberto Fernández Albendea, Head of Corporate Social Responsibility and Reputation of Iberdrola, a utility company in Spain</li> </ul>
<b>Policy action 4</b>	<p>Improve coherence in recovery strategies to ensure environmental mainstreaming and build resilience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A representative of the European Union (tbc)</li> <li>• Mr. Stefan Rösner, Head of Division for Regional Climate Monitoring, Germany's National Meteorological Service</li> </ul>

## Moderators

<b>Moderators</b>	<p>Co-Chairs of the United Nations Inter-Agency Issue-based Coalition on Environment and Climate Change for Europe and Central Asia</p> <p>Bruno Pozzi Director, Europe Office, UNEP</p> <p>Ana Luiza Massot Thompson-Flores Director, UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe</p> <p>Marco Keiner Director, UNECE Environment Division</p>
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## Background

The achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs requires different sectors and actors to work together in an integrated manner by joining forces, sharing knowledge and providing expertise. The COVID-19 pandemic has underlined the importance of enhancing collaboration and effective partnerships among all sectors and stakeholders, as well as mainstreaming environmental and climate change issues to increase resilience, in designing and implementing response, recovery and rebuilding-better strategies and measures. National and local governments, civil society, the business sector, financial institutions and UN agencies must work together through active partnerships to support a green recovery that also builds transboundary and subregional cooperation and accelerates progress towards the SDGs, especially on climate action through Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

The purpose of this session is to share experiences and examples of partnerships at country and subregional levels on responding the COVID-19 pandemic and building back better, and to discuss how to enhance the collaboration between the UN system, governments and others, including through NDCs. The session will highlight coherent approaches to targets within SDGs 1, 2, 13 and 17 (specifically, 1.6, 2.a, 13.1, 13.2, 17.7, 17.14, 17.16 and 17.17). It will also build on examples from a compendium of measures to green the post-pandemic recovery prepared by the United Nations Inter-Agency Issue-based Coalition on Environment and Climate Change for Europe and Central Asia.

## Organizers

### Lead organizers

| UNECE, UNEP, UNESCO, UNDP

### Contributors

| Members of the United Nations Inter-Agency Issue-based Coalition on Environment and Climate Change for Europe and Central Asia  
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