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Provisional Programme

Monday, 18 October 2021	
09:30 – 09:40	Agenda item 1: Election of the Chair and Vice-Chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Nominations- Elections
09:40 – 09:50	Agenda item 2: Opening, and adoption of the agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Opening statements, UNECE, Nicholas Bonvoisin and Michael Nagy- Adoption of the Agenda (ECE/CEP-CES/GE.1/2021/1)
09:50 – 10:00	Agenda item 3. Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the seventeenth session of the Joint Task Force <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Presentation of the outcomes of the seventeenth session and status of implementation of the decisions and recommendations, UNECE, Michael Nagy- Adoption of the report of the seventeenth session (ECE/CEP-CES/GE.1/2020/2).
10:00 – 10:25	Agenda item 4. Implementing the mandate and terms of reference <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Presentation of the extended terms of reference of the Joint Task Force (ECE/CEP-CES/GE.1/2021/3), UNECE, Nicholas Bonvoisin- Discussion and approval- Discussion on a possible strengthened and broadened mandate, conclusions and way forward
10:25 – 11:10	Agenda item 5. Ongoing developments with relevance for the work of the Joint Task Force <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Presentation of progress made on the assessment and planned next steps in the finalization of the assessment in preparation for the Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference, UNECE, Nicholas Bonvoisin- Presentations of assessments of chemicals and wastes, environmental financing and sustainable infrastructure, UNECE consultants: Sigrid Kusch, Saraly Andrade De Sa and Cristina Contreras- Discussion
11:10 – 11.20	Coffee break
11:20 – 12:30	Agenda item 5. Ongoing developments with relevance for the work of the Joint Task Force (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- National developments in the implementation and sharing of environmental indicators and statistics:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Armenia, Nelli Baghdasaryan, State Council on Statistics, and Gayane Shahnazaryan, Ministry of Environment ○ Kazakhstan, Assel Shauyenova, Bureau of National Statistics of Strategic Planning and Reform Agency ○ Tajikistan, Khurshedjon Qosimov, State Statistics Department ○ Uzbekistan (TBC) ○ Presentation of training resources to support national developments, including discussion, UNECE, Stela Derivolcov
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Agenda item 5. Ongoing developments with relevance for the work of the Joint Task Force (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National developments in the implementation and sharing of environmental indicators and statistics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Azerbaijan, Rana Lazimova, State Statistics Office ○ Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sevala Korajcevic, National Statistics Office ○ Russian Federation, Natalia Shashlova, Federal State Statistics Service - Related activities at UNECE: SDGs and Nexus on measuring and monitoring progress towards the SDGs, UNECE, Stela Derivolcov and Michael Nagy
15:30 – 15:40	Coffee break
15:40 – 16:55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updates on the activities related to the production and sharing of environmental statistics and indicators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Revision of EEA EIONET Indicators and other related activities of the European Environment Agency, Roberta Pignatelli, EEA ○ United Nations Statistics Division ○ OECD, Myriam Linster ○ UNEP, Dany Ghafari
16:55 – 17:00	Conclusions of the first day

Tuesday, 19 October 2021	
09:30 – 12:30	<p>Agenda item 6: Review of the Guidelines for the Application of Environmental Indicators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction, UNECE, Michael Nagy - Presentation of the completed parts of the Guidelines for the Application of Environmental Indicators (ECE/CEP-CES/GE.1/2021/4), and informal feedback received. UNECE, Michael Nagy - Explanation of the indicator selection procedure, UNECE Consultant, Dimitrios Meimaris - Report on the revised biodiversity indicators, UNECE Consultant, Tobias Garstecki - Discussion
10:45 – 10:55	Coffee break
10:55 – 12:30	<p>Agenda item 6: Review of the Guidelines for the Application of Environmental Indicators (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feedback of selected countries. - Discussion and approval of (parts of) the list of revised indicators

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updates on the UNDA project “Improved environmental monitoring and assessment in support of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda in South - Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus”, UNEP, Tomas Marques <p>Conclusions and next steps, UNECE, Michael Nagy</p>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:15	<p>Agenda item 7. Ongoing and planned capacity development activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction and related work of UNECE Statistical Division, UNECE, Stela Derivolcov and Michael Nagy - Updates on ongoing and planned capacity-development activities related to environmental statistics and indicators, SEIS and SDG indicators, UNEP, Tomas Marques - Selected countries to present their feedback on the UNDA capacity-building webinars <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Armenia, Gayane Shahnazaryan, Ministry of Environment o Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sevala Korajcevic, Agency for Statistics o Georgia, Maia Javakhishvili, Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture - Green Growth Indicators in the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, OECD, Krzysztof Michalak <p>Discussion</p>
15:25 – 15:35	Coffee break
15:35 – 16:50	<p>Agenda item 8. Data needs, statistics and indicators on environment and health in response to the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction, UNECE, Michael Nagy - Need for good statistics to manage the COVID-19 pandemic, WHO, Dr. Qudsia Huda (TBC) - Report on environmental indicators affected by COVID-19 in the target countries of the UNDA project, UNECE Consultant, Alena Bahadziash - Report on the sharing and use of environmental and health data in assessments and analysis in the target countries of the UNDA project, UNECE Consultant, Dafina Dalbokova - Tackling air pollution in Europe and Central Asia for improved health and a greener future, UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub, Cansu Demir - Wastewater Information for Public Health: Project “Coron-A” - Detection and monitoring of SARS-CoV-2 infections in the Austrian population using wastewater analyses, Environment Agency Austria, Florian Wolf-Ott - UNDRR/ISC hazard classification, Public Health England, Kanza Ahmed - Discussion and conclusions
16:50 – 17:00	<p>Agenda items 9 and 10: Other business and closure of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Any Other business Member States and partners are invited to inform the Secretariat of any other business prior to the meeting - Adoption of decisions and recommendations