

Management Response

Audit of mainstreaming of Sustainable Development Goals and COVID-19 response into the programme of work of the Economic Commission for Europe

Rec. no.	Recommendation	Critical ¹ / Important ²	Accepted? (Yes/No)	Title of responsible individual	Implementation date	Client comments
1	ECE should prepare an action plan for the review and endorsement of nexus publications by relevant subprogrammes, sectoral committees, and the Executive Committee to enable timely tracking and monitoring of the implementation of recommendations related to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.	Important	Yes	Chief, Sustainable Development and Gender Unit	31 December 2022	The Sustainable Development and Gender Unit will coordinate the review of the recommendations from the nexus publications. The recommendations will be put on the agendas and communicated for information to the relevant ECE expert groups that also discuss issues related to the SDGs. The recommendations will also be addressed in the statistics discussions of the annual meeting of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development in Spring 2022.
2	ECE should set targets for the completion of national action plans by regional advisers for their respective programme countries to optimize and tailor its support to the specific needs of each Member State.	Important	Yes	Deputy Executive Secretary	31 December 2022	The Deputy Executive Secretary will oversee the completion of the national action plans by the regional advisers for their respective programme countries. The national action plans will be turned into meaningful instruments linking the tools proposed by UNECE and the Cooperation Framework of the programme countries.

¹ Critical recommendations address those risk issues that require immediate management attention. Failure to take action could have a critical or significant adverse impact on the Organization.

² Important recommendations address those risk issues that require timely management attention. Failure to take action could have a high or moderate adverse impact on the Organization.