



Virtual Training Workshops on Mainstreaming Environment and Climate Change in United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks

*UN Inter-agency Issue-Based Coalition on Environment and Climate Change
for Europe and Central Asia*

The United Nations Issue-based Coalition on Environment and Climate Change for Europe and Central Asia (IBC) is pleased to offer a two-part virtual training workshop on guidance for UN Resident Coordinator Offices and Country Teams for mainstreaming environment and climate change issues into UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks (UNSDCFs). **Part I of the workshop will be an interactive webinar held on December 9th at 11am Geneva time** for representatives of RCOs and UNCTs from Central Asia, Southeast Europe and Turkey, and Eastern Europe and the Caucasus. **Part II of the workshop will be an interactive webinar held in January 2022, (one session for each region: Central Asia, South-Eastern Europe & Turkey, and Eastern Europe & the Caucasus).**

Mainstreaming environment and climate change issues into UNSDCFs is more urgent than ever to help ensure that risks posed by current and future climate change and various forms of environmental degradation do not derail achievement of national development priorities and the global sustainable development goals. The importance of a healthy environment and a stable climate has been placed in stark relief of late, owing to a range of climate-related disasters experienced across the region and with biodiversity and forest conservation playing a key role in preventing future pandemics of zoonotic origin, among many other critical environment and human well-being interlinkages.

Elaboration of mainstreaming guidance responds to the request by Resident Coordinators in the Europe and Central Asia region to provide support in identifying key regional environmental and climate change risks, challenges and opportunities. The [Guidance on Mainstreaming Environment and Climate Change in UNSDCFs](#) was released by the Issue-based Coalition in June 2021 and this two-part training webinar series is to help increase awareness and build capacity on this critically important aspect of UN support to Member States.

Training objective: Enhanced understanding of entry points and practical approaches and tools for mainstreaming environment and climate change into UNSDCFs.

Target learners: UN Resident Coordinator Offices and Country Teams (including environment and non-environment mandated/focused staff) in three regions - Central Asia, South-Eastern Europe & Turkey, Eastern Europe & the Caucasus.

Total time required for participants to complete the training: 4 hours (two, 2-hour sessions)



Delivery mode: Live, using Zoom Meetings. The IBC has partnered with the International Institute for Sustainable Development to deliver an interactive, fast-paced two-part webinar series designed to promote the sharing of experiences and lessons learned across the region on mainstreaming environment and climate change and to provide hands on training with practical mainstreaming approaches and tools, including multi-dimensional risk assessment for informing the Common Country Analysis and the strategic priorities and Theory of Change in the design of UNSDCF.

The agendas for the webinars are as follows.

Webinar #1: Mainstreaming Entry Points (all regions)

Timing	Agenda Item
0-20min	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Welcome Remarks:</u> IBC representative Mr. Marco Keiner (UNECE), and Ms. Mona Folkesson from the UN Development Coordination Office • <u>Webinar Overview:</u> Training co-facilitators Ms. Livia Bizikova and Mr. Darren Swanson (International Institute for Sustainable Development) • <u>Meet and Greet Warm-up and Polling</u>
20-55min	<p>Overview of Entry Points for Mainstreaming Environment and Climate Change into Cooperation Frameworks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Presentation:</u> Overview of the Importance of Mainstreaming and Key Entry Points, Ms. Henrieta Martonakova – lead author, Mainstreaming Guidance Document • <u>Q&A</u> • <u>Knowledge Quiz</u> (to emphasize, not required for certification of participation)
55-110min	<p>Solutions Sharing of Mainstreaming Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Plenary Instructions for Breakout Groups</u> • <u>Breakout Groups:</u> (1) Central Asia, (2) Eastern Europe & Caucasus, (3) South-Eastern Europe & Turkey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Seed Presentation for Central Asia:</u> Kazakhstan – Mr. Viktor Damjanovic, Head of RCO ○ <u>Seed Presentation for Eastern Europe & Caucasus:</u> Georgia – Ms. Nino Antadze (Outcome 5 Co-chair on Environmental Governance, Climate Action and Sustainable Management and Use of Natural Resources) ○ <u>Seed Presentation for South-Eastern Europe & Turkey:</u> North Macedonia – Ms. Lilian Kandikjan (RCO Outcome 3 Focal Point on Healthy Environment) and Ms. Anita Kodzoman (Outcome Group 3 Chairperson) ○ <u>Open Mic and Chat Space in Breakout Groups:</u> Open floor for participants who have relevant stories of successes and failures in mainstreaming. Each intervention followed by informal Q&A and discussion. • <u>Plenary Polling Questions and Discussion</u>
110-120min	<p>Next Steps and Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Next Steps:</u> Overview of Webinar #2 specific to each region • <u>Closing remarks:</u> IBC representative Mr. Bruno Pozzi (UNEP)



Webinar #2: Approaches and Tools for Mainstreaming (Delivered separately for each region)

Timing	Agenda Item
0-20min	Welcome and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Welcome Remarks</u>: IBC representatives • <u>Webinar Overview</u>: Training co-facilitators • <u>Meet and Greet Warm-up and Polling</u>
20-55min	Approaches and Tools for Mainstreaming Environment and Climate Change into Cooperation Frameworks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Presentation</u>: Approaches and Tools for Mainstreaming Environment and Climate Change into UNSDCFs, Ms. Henrieta Martonakova – lead author, Mainstreaming Guidance Document • <u>Q&A</u>: Moderated by co-facilitators • <u>Knowledge Quiz</u> (to emphasize, not required for certification of participation)
55-110min	Mainstreaming Exercise <i>Multi-dimensional Risk Assessment to help integrate critical environment and climate change issues into the Common Country Analysis, Strategic Priorities, and Theory of Change</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Plenary Instructions</u>: Co-facilitators to present context and instructions. • <u>Breakout Room Exercise</u>: Breakout room facilitator to lead a participatory systems-thinking and multi-dimensional risk assessment exercise. • <u>Plenary Polling Questions and Discussion</u>
110-120min	Conclusions and Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Certificates of Participation</u>: IBC representative • <u>Closing Remarks</u>: IBC representatives

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To find out more about this training webinar series and to register your spot, contact the Issue-based Coalition on Environment and Climate Change at: regional.bureau-SC@unesco.org