



Meeting report n. 9

Nine meeting of the IBC on Environment and Climate Change

08 March 2022 (10:00–11:30, Geneva/Venice/UTC+2 time)

The meeting was opened by the IBC co-chair Marco Keiner, Director, Environment Division, UNECE. 11 IBC members were represented: ILO, IOM, OHCHR, UN WOMEN, UNDP, UNDRR, UNECE, UNEP, UNESCO, UNICEF, and WMO.

Mona Folkesson, DCO, shared with the IBC members some takeaways from the recently held **meeting of the Regional Collaborative Platform (RCP) for Europe and Central Asia** and also updated the IBC on the UN system's response to the crisis in Ukraine. She noted that DCO has been working with economists in the region on an assessment of the impact of the sanctions across countries on economic development and SDGs progress. The draft of the analysis will be shared with the IBC when ready in particular in order to reflect how to accelerate the green transition.

Marco Keiner indicated that the IBC could advise and contribute on the impact assessment, notably as regards impact on the environment.

Milan Dacic, WMO, asked for support from all involved IBC member agencies to ensure full meteorological and hydrological data exchange during the crisis.

Matthew Billot, UNEP, gave an update on the main **outcomes of the fifth UN Environment Assembly (UNEA 5)** *“Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals”*. The presentation is available in Annex 3.

Nick Bonvoisin, UNECE, opened the discussion on the implementation of the IBC work plan 2022 including the **four IBC main strategic priorities (green transition, biodiversity loss, climate change, pollution)** available in Annex 4.

The IBC members commented on their contribution to the implementation of the work plan.

- Laura Altinger, UNDP, presented a Preliminary concept for the **IBC approach to Green Transition**. The presentation is available in Annex 5.
- UNICEF (Maria Osbeck) and ILO (Michael Braun) highlighted their interest to contribute to the green transition work, namely in relation to energy transition and air pollution and the link with health, especially impacts on society including children and youth
- WMO (Milan Dacic and Natalia Berghi) and UNDRR (David Baker) highlighted their support to the work on climate change and DRR
- OHCHR (Therese Arnesen) indicated their interest in contributing to climate action and biodiversity



Updates on Pillar 1, 2 and 3

Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, UNECE, reported on the **training webinars on mainstreaming and integrating environment and climate change into UNSDCF processes**. The mainstreaming guidance, meeting material and webinars are available at https://unece.org/IBC_Env_calendar-activities. She highlighted that the mainstreaming guidance has already been used by Kyrgyzstan UNCT in the development of its CCA and sent to Montenegro UNCT. The IBC is also reaching out other UNCTs to pilot the guidance.

Marika Palosaari, UNEP, reported on the IBC's involvement in the **2022 Regional Forum for Sustainable Development**. In particular:

- The IBC co-chairs are organizing a peer-learning round table session on SDG15 "*Action to protect and restore terrestrial ecosystems*" (7 April 2022 from 10:00-12:00.) UNICEF offered help in identifying a youth representative for the roundtable.
- Natalia Berghi, WMO presented the side-event on SDG 17 "*Partnerships to address Climate Change, Extreme Events and Disaster Risk Reduction towards SDGs*" that the Task team on Environment and DRR of the IBC is organizing (7 April 2022 at 13.15.)

Francesca Bampa, UNESCO, presented the **new Regional UN website** and the **IBC on environment and climate change webpage** look. This is still a test website and IBC members are invited to visit the page <https://rcp.testengineonline.com/ibc-environmental-coalition> and provide any comments.

Jonathan Baker, UNESCO, concluded by thanking member agencies for their continued engagement, notably as regards the four IBC main priorities for 2022. IBC members are invited to register to the 2022 Regional Forum for Sustainable Development and to attend the peer learning session on the SDG15 and the side event on SDG17 organized by the IBC.

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Annex 1: Meeting agenda

Annex 2: IBC work plan 2022

Annex 3 : Presentation by UNEP on UN Environment Assembly UNEA5

Annex 4: IBC priorities 2022

Annex 5: Presentation by UNDP on the IBC approach to Green Transition

Annex 6: Outline of Regional Forum peer learning roundtable

Annex 7: IBC member list updated