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Annotated provisional agenda for the Conference



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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Opening of the Conference and adoption of the agenda

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**To be held at the Filoxenia Conference Centre, Nicosia, starting at
9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 5 October 2022**

I. Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the Conference and adoption of the agenda.
2. From Dobris to Nicosia: 30 years of environmental cooperation in the pan-European region.
3. Environment in the pan-European region: visions of 2030 and beyond.
4. Third High-level Meeting of Education and Environment Ministries.
5. Greening the economy in the pan-European region: working towards sustainable infrastructure.
6. Applying principles of circular economy to sustainable tourism.
7. Reporting on the outcomes of the thematic sessions.
8. Adoption of the Conference outcomes.
9. Closure of the Conference.

II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. The Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference will be held in Nicosia, from 5 to 7 October 2022. The Conference is being organized in accordance with the provisions of the Reform Plan of the “Environment for Europe” process (ECE/CEP/S/152, annex I, and Corr.1). The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Committee on Environmental Policy is the convening body for the preparatory process. The organizational procedures for the Nicosia Ministerial Conference, presented in document ECE/CEP/2021/7 and adopted by the Committee in 2021, serve to guide the preparations for the Conference.

2. The Nicosia Ministerial Conference will conduct its work under the following slogan: Transforming Planet. The opening of the Conference may be preceded by a short greening-



the-Conference-related interactive event for the heads of delegation, to be organized by the host country. During the Conference, there will be opportunities to network and organize bilateral meetings between ministers, including on topics not on the Conference agenda.

3. A family photograph of the heads of delegation will be taken at the end of the morning session on 5 October, between 12.30 p.m. and 1 p.m.

4. The detailed organization of work for the Conference is presented in document ECE/NICOSIA.CONF/2022/3 and in the annex to the present document. All documents and materials for the Conference will be made available on the ECE website dedicated to the Conference. Other information related to the Conference, including the schedule of side events organized on the margins of the Conference, will be made available on the host country website.¹

1. Opening of the Conference and adoption of the agenda

Wednesday, 5 October, 9.30–10.30 a.m.

5. A high-level representative of Cyprus will open the Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference. Introductory remarks by the Co-Chairs of the Conference and welcoming speeches by high-level representatives of the United Nations will follow.

6. Delegates will be invited to adopt the agenda for the Ninth Environment for Europe Conference.

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda for the Conference (ECE/NICOSIA.CONF/2022/1)

Organization of work at the Conference (ECE/NICOSIA.CONF/2022/3)

Information document

List of documents and materials for the Conference (ECE/NICOSIA.CONF/2022/INF/1)

2. From Dobris to Nicosia: 30 years of environmental cooperation in the pan-European region

Wednesday, 5 October, 10.30–11.30 a.m.

7. The segment will open with introductory remarks by the Co-Chairs of the Conference. Delegates will be invited to reflect upon the role of 30 years of the “Environment for Europe” process in supporting and enhancing countries’ efforts to improve their environmental governance and performance for safeguarding the environment and health in the pan-European region.

8. The segment will be organized in the form of a plenary.

9. The segment will conclude with an event to celebrate 30 years of the “Environment for Europe” process.

Documentation

Progress report on the implementation of the Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (2016–2021) (ECE/NICOSIA.CONF/2022/6)

Final report on the implementation of the Batumi Action for Cleaner Air (2016–2021) (ECE/NICOSIA.CONF/2022/7)

Final review report on the establishment of the Shared Environmental Information System: Key messages and recommendations (ECE/NICOSIA.CONF/2022/8)

¹ <https://nicosiaefe.gov.cy/>

Information documents

Implementing the Pan-European Strategic Framework for Greening the Economy and the Batumi Initiative on Green Economy: Compilation of responses to the Survey on the implementation of BIG-E commitments (ECE/NICOSIA.CONF/2022/INF/6)

3. Environment in the pan-European region: visions of 2030 and beyond

Wednesday, 5 October, 11:30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.

10. The segment will open with introductory remarks by the Co-Chairs of the Conference. Ministers will be invited to share their visions on the state of environment in the pan-European region for 2030 and beyond.

11. The segment will be organized in the form of a moderated interactive discussion between ministers.

Documentation

Summary of key findings and policy messages of the pan-European environmental assessment (ECE/NICOSIA.CONF/2022/9)

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Environmental Performance Review Programme: fourth cycle of reviews (ECE/NICOSIA.CONF/2022/12)

Information documents

Pan-European environmental assessment (ECE/NICOSIA.CONF/2022/INF/3)

4. Third High-level Meeting of Education and Environment Ministries

Wednesday, 5 October, 3–6 p.m.

12. The Third High-level Meeting of Education and Environment Ministries will open with introductory remarks by the Co-Chairs of this segment dedicated to education for sustainable development. Delegates will consider progress achieved in that field.

13. Ministers of education and environment will decide on the next steps to be taken to advance education for sustainable development in the region. The segment will be organized in a plenary and interactive format.

14. The segment will conclude with ministers of education and the environment being invited to adopt the Nicosia Ministerial Statement on Education for Sustainable Development.

Documentation

Framework for the future implementation of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development from 2021 to 2030 (ECE/NICOSIA.CONF/2022/10)

Draft Nicosia Ministerial Statement on Education for Sustainable Development (ECE/NICOSIA.CONF/2022/11)

Information documents

Fourth evaluation report of the ECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development (ECE/NICOSIA.CONF/2022/INF/7)

5. Greening the economy in the pan-European region: working towards sustainable infrastructure

Thursday, 6 October, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

15. The session will open with introductory remarks by the Chair of the first thematic segment on greening the economy in the pan-European region: working towards sustainable infrastructure.

16. Following the plenary part of the thematic segment, the Conference will break into two parallel sessions for interactive moderated discussions on greening the economy in the pan-European region. The discussions will be held in the form of a multi-stakeholder interaction around the table. The consolidated results of the discussions will be presented on the last day of the Conference and will serve as input into the Co-Chairs' Summary of the Conference.

17. To facilitate the work of the Conference, a background thematic document on greening the economy in the region: working towards sustainable infrastructure has been prepared.

Documentation

Greening the economy in the pan-European region: working towards sustainable infrastructure (ECE/NICOSIA.CONF/2022/4)

Final report on the implementation of the Batumi Action for Cleaner Air (2016–2021) (ECE/NICOSIA.CONF/2022/7)

Information documents

List of possible green economy actions (ECE/NICOSIA.CONF/2022/INF/4)

Batumi Initiative on Green Economy: List of Commitments by Country & Organization (Nicosia update) (ECE/NICOSIA.CONF/2022/INF/5)

6. Applying principles of circular economy to sustainable tourism

Thursday, 6 October, 3–6 p.m.

18. The session will open with introductory remarks by the Chair of the second thematic segment, on applying principles of circular economy to sustainable tourism.

19. Following the first part of the session, the plenary will break into two parallel sessions for interactive moderated discussions on applying principles of circular economy to sustainable tourism. The discussions will be held in the form of a multi-stakeholder interaction around the table. The consolidated results of the discussions will be presented on the last day of the Conference and will serve as input into the Co-Chairs' Summary of the Conference.

20. To facilitate the work of the Conference, a background thematic document on applying principles of circular economy to sustainable tourism has been prepared.

Documentation

Applying principles of circular economy to sustainable tourism (ECE/NICOSIA.CONF/2022/5)

Progress report on the implementation of the Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (2016–2021) (ECE/NICOSIA.CONF/2022/6)

Information documents

List of possible green economy actions (ECE/NICOSIA.CONF/2022/INF/4)

Batumi Initiative on Green Economy: list of commitments by country and organization (Nicosia update) (ECE/NICOSIA.CONF/2022/INF/5)

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7. Reporting on the outcomes of the thematic sessions

Friday, 7 October, 10–11.30 a.m.

21. The Friday morning session will open with introductory remarks by the Co-Chairs of the Conference. On the basis of reports from the interactive discussions, the Chairs of the thematic segments will present the outcomes under agenda items 5 and 6.

22. Each presentation will be followed by comments from the floor on the main results and findings of the interactive discussions.

8. Adoption of the Conference outcomes

Friday, 7 October, 11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.

23. This segment will open with introductory remarks by the Co-Chairs of the Conference presenting a draft of the agreed outcome (Ministerial Declaration).

24. In addition, interested countries and organizations will be given the opportunity to briefly present any other initiatives, agreements, pledges or policy tools on subjects related to the Conference themes. The delegates will be invited to consider any initiatives, agreements, pledges or policy tools presented.

25. Participants will then be invited to adopt the Ministerial Declaration.

Documentation

Draft Ministerial Declaration (ECE/NICOSIA.CONF/2022/L.1)

9. Closure of the Conference

Friday, 7 October, 12.30–1 p.m.

26. The Co-Chairs of the Conference will present the results of the Conference in the form of the Co-Chairs' Summary of the Conference.

27. The Conference will close at 1 p.m. on 7 October 2022.

Annex**Organization of work for the Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference (Nicosia, 5–7 October 2022)***Wednesday, 5 October**Thursday, 6 October**Friday, 7 October*

Short greening-the-Conference-related event for heads of delegation (TBC, interactive, 9–9.30 a.m.)

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(plenary, 9.30–10.30 a.m.)

2. From Dobris to Nicosia: 30 years of environmental cooperation in the pan-European region
(plenary, 10.30–11.30 a.m.)

3. Environment in the pan-European region: visions of 2030 and beyond
(interactive discussion, 11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.)

Family photograph of heads of delegation
(12.30–1 p.m.)

Lunch break (1–3 p.m.), **side events**
(1.10–2.50 p.m.)

4. Third High-level Meeting of Education and Environment Ministries
(plenary and interactive discussions, 3–6 p.m.)

Official events/side events
(6.15–8.15 p.m.)

Side events (8.15–9.45 a.m.)

5. Greening the economy in the pan-European region: working towards sustainable infrastructure
(plenary and interactive discussion, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.)

Lunch break (1–3 p.m.), **side events**
(1.10–2.50 p.m.)

6. Applying principles of circular economy to sustainable tourism
(plenary and interactive discussions, 3–6 p.m.)

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