

“Towards COP27: UNECE Regional forum on Climate Initiatives to Finance Climate + the SDGs”

Regional cooperation on enhancing sustainable management and financing for the critical raw materials required for low-carbon transitions

Programme

Monday 17 October 2022, from 09:00 to 18:00 hrs
Geneva, Palais des Nations (Tempus meeting room) and online (Zoom)

Time (min)	Description
9:00 – 10:00 (60 minutes)	<p>Opening and Setting the Scene</p> <p>Master of Ceremonies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Dmitry Mariyasin, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNECE** <p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary, UNECE** <p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, UN Deputy Secretary-General (video message) H.E. Mr. Sameh Shoukry, Egyptian Minister for Foreign Affairs and COP27 President Designate (video message) H.E. Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, UN Climate Change High-Level Champion for COP27 and UN Special Envoy on Financing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** Mr. John Murton, COP Envoy, UK Government* H.E. Mr. Edil Baisalov, Deputy Prime Minister, Kyrgyzstan* H.E. Ms. Svitlana Grynchuk, Deputy Minister of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources, Ukraine)* Mr. Ambroise Fayolle, Vice-President, European Investment Bank (EIB) (video message) Mr. Eric Usher, Head, UNEP Finance Initiative*
10:00 – 11:15 (75 minutes)	<p>High-Level Panel 1: Towards a Common Environmental Social and Governance Framework for Critical Raw Material Value Chains</p> <p>Environmental, social, and governance (ESG) compliance in CRM value chains, with an emphasis on policy perspectives, regulatory developments, and the role of collaborative value chain approaches and advanced technologies, including circular practices in the CRMs sector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How can ESG compliance in value chains of CRMs support or accelerate the sustainable transformation of this industry? Which policies, norms and approaches were proven to be successful in advancing ESG monitoring and reporting in CRMs value chains?

	<p>Moderator: Mr. Grégoire Bellois, Policy Advisor, IGF/IISD**</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Utkirjon Kholbadalov, Head of Department, Green Economy, Ministry of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction, Uzbekistan* • Ms. Margalita Arabidze, Head of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Policy and Sustainable Development Department, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia* • Mr. Christian Hudson, EU G7 G20 Environmental Diplomacy Support, GIZ, Germany** • Ms. Anna Radière-Stanley, Director, Climate Action & Member of the Extended Leadership Group, WBCSD* • Mr. Ben Backwell, CEO, Global Wind Energy Council* • Mr. John Scott, Head of Sustainability Risk, Zurich Insurance Group* <p>Q&A (15 minutes)</p>
<p>11:15 – 12:30 (75 minutes)</p>	<p>High-Level Panel 2: Public-private partnerships and Climate Finance Instruments - Opportunities to scale-up for Critical Raw Materials</p> <p>Climate finance and the need for increased sustainability-focused investments for CRMs, the role of public-private partnerships (PPPs), and other climate finance instruments and sources, such as green bonds, in supporting mitigation and adaptation efforts to address climate change are critical to a transition to a circular economy and the achievement of the SDGs and the Paris Agreement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can PPPs and infrastructure projects unlock access to climate finance and catalyse private investment for green energy transition projects, including CRMs, particularly in low- and middle-income countries? • What are the recommended public policy actions for governments to ensure that PPPs and infrastructure projects become more green, circular, inclusive, resilient, fiscally sustainable, of high quality, and contribute to the SDGs? <p>Moderator: Ms. Elisabeth Tuerk, Director, Economic Cooperation and Trade Division, UNECE**</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms. Ani Ispiryan, Deputy Minister of Economy, Armenia* • Mr. Tarig Ahmed, Programme Officer, Project Facilitation and Support Division at International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)* • Mr. Conrad Albrecht, Managing Director, Eurasian Development Bank** • Mr. Marcus Pratsch, Global Head of Sustainable Fixed Income, DZ Bank AG** • Mr. Jan Kæraa Rasmussen, Head of ESG & Sustainability, PensionDanmark* • Mr. Can Değirmenci, Business Development Director, Limak Energy** <p>Discussant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Sagarika Chatterjee, Finance Lead, UNFCCC High-level Climate Champions** <p>Q&A (15 minutes)</p>
<p>12:30 – 13:00</p>	<p>Discussions</p>

13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 15:15 (75 minutes)	<p>High-Level Panel 3: Regional Priorities and Initiatives for Critical Raw Materials Regional priorities for CRM demand and supply assessment, emerging initiatives and what is needed to advance projects. How regional cooperation can be leveraged to channel climate-related investments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How important are critical raw material projects for low-carbon transitions, and what is the status of investments for these projects? • How do you envisage the regional supply chains and collaboration for mega projects related to critical raw materials? <p>Moderator: Ms. Karen Hanghoj, Director, British Geological Survey, UK*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote: H.E. Ms. Zulfiya Suleimenova, Deputy Minister of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources, Kazakhstan* <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jean-François Gaillaud, Head, Department for Mineral Resources, Ministry of Economy and Finance, France** • Mr. Victor Babashev, President, Eurasian Engineering Association (EEA), Kazakhstan (Global Climate-Neutral Resource Management Platform Regional Project)* • Mr. Nugzar Khaindrava, Project Management Director, Energy Development Fund, Georgia** • Mr. Nikola Kostic, Associate, Energy Transition Investments and Co-Development, ElevenEs, Serbia* • Mr. Peter Sugden, Managing Director of Fleet Financial Inc. Group* • Mr. Jorn Verbeeck, Senior Manager Sustainability, KPMG, and former Head of Research and Innovation at Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy** <p>Q&A (15 minutes)</p>
15:15 – 16:30 (75 minutes)	<p>High-Level Panel 4: Sustainable Management of Critical Raw Material Projects How the UNECE region can optimize the management of endowments of natural resources, including CRMs, and how governments, industry, the financial sector, and civil society can cooperate to share relevant social and environmental information and knowledge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the major social and environmental challenges in the sustainable development of critical raw material projects, and how do you envisage de-risking of the projects? • Can collaborative actions, including sharing of information, between government, industry, financial sector, and civil society stakeholders improve the social and environmental performance of the projects? <p>Moderator: Mr. Dario Liguti, Director, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE**</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote: H.E. Mr. Sherali Kabir, Minister of Industry and New Technologies, Tajikistan*

	<p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Igor Shpurov, First Vice-Chair, UNECE Expert Group on Resource Management* • Ms. Elke Pfeiffer, Senior Project Manager, UN-convened Net-Zero Asset Owner Alliance and Allianz SE* • Mr. Emir Farhadzada, Senior Advisor, Azerbaijan Renewable Energy Agency Azerbaijan (Khizi-Absheron Wind Power Plant and Garadagh Solar Power Plant)* • Mr. Dimitrios Koufos, Lead Direct Finance Associate Director, Green Economy and Climate Action Team, EBRD* • Mr. Roman Samoylov, Industry Advisor, Sustainable and Digital Industries Division, European Investment Bank (EIB)** • Ms. Estefania Ardila, Deputy Director for Country Engagement, NDCs Partnership Support Unit* • Mr. Hans-Juergen Walter, Global Sustainability Leader, Deloitte** <p>Q&A (15 minutes)</p>
<p>16:30 – 17:45 (75 minutes)</p>	<p>Panel 5: Climate-related Initiatives/Projects that support Low-Carbon Transitions</p> <p>Focus: Selected examples of initiatives and projects that support low-carbon energy transitions, including critical raw materials, renewable energy, energy storage etc., eMobility transitions, and digital transitions.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Sara Lemniei, CEO, SLK Capital**</p> <p>Keynote Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Frank Scheidig, Sustainable Finance Advisory Committee of the Federal Government, Germany* <p>Project Promoters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Temirbek Erkinov, Adviser to the Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, Kyrgyzstan (Kambatirskoy Hydropower Plant project)* • Ms. Lucia Castillo Nieto, Senior Sustainability Analyst, International Fertilizer Association (Green Ammonia Roadmap)* • Mr. René Pforte, Head of Business Development, Svevind Group (Green Hydrogen, Kazakhstan)** • Mr. Xavier Mulliez, Project Director, Voltalia (Karavasta Photovoltaic (PV) Plant and Spitalla Solar PV Park, Albania)** • Mr. Radoslav Jonáš , Envien Group (Biofuels Production in Ukraine)** <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Nicolò Giachino, Principal, Climate Expert, Manufacturing & Services, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)* • Mr. Maximillian Schnippering, Team Lead Supply Chain Sustainability & Competence Management, Siemens Gamesa* <p>Q&A (15 minutes)</p>
<p>17:45 – 18:00 (15 minutes)</p>	<p>Wrap-up and Closing Remarks</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, UN Climate Change High-Level Champion for COP27 and UN Special Envoy on Financing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**• Ms. Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary, UNECE**
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* Confirmed online participation

** Confirmed in-person participation
