

Third Meeting of the Trees in Dry Cities Coalition

Thursday, 27th June 2024

14:30 – 15:30 CEST

Online, via Microsoft Teams

Register here: <https://forms.office.com/e/bDHugdFuws>



The **Trees in Dry Cities Coalition**, under the auspices of UNECE's [Trees in Cities Challenge](#) and its [Tree Policy Action Lab](#) (Tree PAL), emphasizes the significance of urban trees and nature in dry climates. It supports peer exchange, enhanced knowledge awareness and capacity, joint messaging and events (e.g. COP16 Riyadh), and joint action and fundraising to deliver trees in dry cities through local, national and international approaches. It seeks to support cities and inform national policy to systemically drive the sustainable management of urban trees and forests for climate and SDG solutions in dry cities.

The high-level event "**Trees in dry cities: luxury or a fundamental climate and SDG solution?**" organized jointly by UNECE and WGEO at COP28 in Dubai highlighted the crucial role urban trees play as integrated nature-based solutions for climate, sustainable development, biodiversity and more. with participation from cities, ministries, international organizations, development banks and others.

A draft Action Agenda was developed based on the outcomes of the **First Meeting of the Coalition**, held with organizations that participating in the COP28 event, drawing upon the insights provided by Focal Points from these organizations. The **Second Meeting of the Coalition** served to review the draft Action Agenda and identify key priorities and actionable steps to include in an implementation plan. This plan will be presented at the **Third Meeting**, which invites stakeholders to join the coalition and collaborate in activities of interest.



AGENDA (ENG)

Welcome

14:30 – 14:35
Opening Remarks

Introduction to the Coalition

- 14:35 – 14:45
- UNECE will present the key milestones of the Coalition, providing context and background information for all participants.
 - Q&A session
Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions about the Coalition's activities and milestones.

Implementation agenda

- The Focal Points for proposed activities will present the relevant next steps of the implementation plan, to introduce the activities to participants who may wish to participate in their implementation (3-minute pitches each)
- 14:45 – 15:15
Participants are invited to review the Implementation Plan document, which will be shared before the meeting
- Q&A session
Participants will be invited to ask questions related to the implementation pitches, including potential challenges and solutions.

Discussion: Strategic ideas and technical proposals

- 15:15-15:25
- Participants will share strategic ideas and technical proposals to enhance the Coalition's efforts.

Next steps and Closing

15:25 – 15:30
UNECE will provide closing remarks and outline the future directions and commitments of the Coalition.