

Second Meeting of the Trees in Dry Cities Coalition

Tuesday, 30th April 2024

14:30 – 15:30 CEST

Online, teams link [here](#)



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 city pilots to inform national policy dialogue and drive the sustainable management of urban trees and forests for climate and SDG solutions in dry cities.

The event "**Trees in dry cities: luxury or a fundamental climate and SDG solution?**" organized jointly by UNECE and WGEO at COP28 in Dubai played a crucial role in shaping the discourse around urban trees as critical nature-based solutions for climate resilience and sustainable development, with participation from government representatives, international organizations, and development banks.

Following the **First Meeting of the Coalition**, a draft Action Agenda has been developed, drawing upon the insights provided by Coalition's Focal Points. This agenda will be discussed during our upcoming **Second Meeting of the Coalition**, where the primary objective will be to identify key priorities and initiate actionable steps. This meeting represents a pivotal moment for collaborative brainstorming and strategic planning, laying the foundation for broader stakeholder involvement in our forthcoming Third Meeting.



AGENDA (ENG)

Welcome

14:30 – 14:35 The moderator will present the meeting objectives and structure, introducing the moderators of the breakout groups.

Action Agenda

14:35 – 14:45 UNECE will present highlights from the Action Agenda, focusing on the objectives, structure and approach to implementation.

- *Participants are invited to review the Action Agenda document before the meeting, as the presentation will not cover every proposed action in detail.*

Breakout group discussions

14:45 – 15:00 Participants will be divided into breakout groups giving the opportunity to discuss and prioritize items in the action agenda that can be taken forward by the Coalition.

Finalization of the Action Agenda

15:00-15:20 Each moderator will report back the outcomes of the groups for discussion in plenary. Participants will be invited to comment on the prioritized actions to seek a consensus among participants on priorities for the Action Agenda and agree on actions over 6-12 months.

(the Action Agenda will be updated on screen and uploaded to UNECE website following the meeting)

Next steps

15:20 – 15:30 UNECE will share proposed next steps for comment by participants.

These include a membership drive, finalizing activities under the action agenda and beginning their implementation, and the next meeting of the coalition.