



Provisional agenda

Virtual meeting(s) with Resident Coordinators and UNCTs:

Central Asia subregion

Date: 12th May 2020

Background

At its special session on 20 March 2020, the Regional UN System Meeting saw the launch of the United Nations Inter-Agency Issue-Based Coalition (IBC) on Environment and Climate Change for Europe and Central Asia. The IBC has attracted 18 members of the UN family: FAO, ILO, IOM, ITU, OHCHR, UN Habitat, UN Women, UNDP, UNDRR, UNECE, UNEP, UNESCO, UNFCCC, UNICEF, UNOPS, WFP, WHO and WMO. The terms of reference and a short introduction to the IBC may be found on the UNECE website, where further resources will be added in due course.¹ Resident Coordinators (RCs) have been asked to identify some initial priorities and a review of all IBCs in the region is ongoing.

Meeting objective and outcomes

The primary purpose of the IBC is to support UN Country Teams (UNCTs) in their assistance to programme countries. It is important to discuss and identify concrete ways in which the IBC and RCs/UNCTs can collaborate, at both national and sub-regional levels, so that the IBC is demand driven, relevant and focused in its interventions, and this meeting aims to:

- Introduce the IBC to the RCs/UNCTs and provide relevant background information and context (Terms of Reference);
- Understand better the priority actions that the IBC can deliver to support the RCs and UNCTs, especially in the light of COVID-19;
- Discuss challenges and opportunities related to supporting the development of CCAs and UNSDCFs, in particular their environmental dimension or outcome (preparation, updating and implementation), and COVID-19 socioeconomic assessments; and
- Establish next steps.

The IBC will reach out to the RCs and UNCTs of the region in a series of meetings in May-June, based on sub-regional groupings. The provisional agenda below will be used for each meeting.

¹ <https://www.unece.org/runcwelcome/issue-based-coalitions/environment-and-climate-change.html>



Provisional Agenda (Co-chairs UNEP, UNESCO, UNECE)

Time: 1.5 hours (exact time to be confirmed based on availability of RCs/UNCTs)

Via: Microsoft Teams

Meeting etiquette: please ensure your microphone is **off** when not the speaker. In addition, switch your video on when speaking and, if the connection is weak, switch video off when not speaking.

1. Introduction (background information on IBC)
2. Findings of RC survey
3. IBC workplan and proposed actions for 2020 – discussion of RC priorities
4. Challenges and opportunities related to supporting the development of CCAs, UNSDCFs (preparation, updating and implementation) and COVID-19 socioeconomic assessments
5. Next steps
6. A.O.B.

Meeting documents:

- Provisional agenda
- Terms of Reference for the IBC on Environment and Climate Change
- Results of a short survey of Resident Coordinators
- Interim results of a review of IBCs in the region
- A background paper to support the meeting in identifying practical actions