

Provisional agenda

Virtual meeting of the IBC on Environment and Climate Change

Date: 21st April 2020 (09:30-12:30, Geneva time)

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 from 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 have been asked to identify some initial priorities² and a review of all IBCs in the region is ongoing.

Meeting objective

The primary purpose of the IBC is to support UN Country Teams in their assistance to programme countries. Before engaging further with Country Teams and Resident Coordinators, it is important to agree within the Coalition how to work together to provide coordinated and effective support, including the context of the Covid-19 pandemic.

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

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09.30 – 09.40	Welcome and opening addresses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ana Luiza Massot Thompson-Flores – Director, UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe - Bruno Pozzi – Director, UNEP Europe Office - Marco Keiner – Director, Environment Division, UNECE - Irena Vojackova-Sollorano – a.i. Regional Director UNDCO Europe & Central Asia (tbc)
09.40 – 09.50	Overview of the meeting objectives and outcomes Questions for clarification
09.50 – 10.20	Expectations and suggestions for effective IBC delivery at the country level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lessons learned from other IBCs – presentation of the review of IBCs and views of focal points who are members of other IBCs - Needs of Resident Coordinators – presentation of survey results, with reactions of Irena Vojackova-Sollorano (tbc)
10.20 – 10.25	Break

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

² Survey responses from 13 Resident Coordinators will be made available to the participants.

10.25 – 10:50	Actions for 2020 under Pillar 1 : Strengthening environmental and climate change governance and implementing the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda
10.50 – 11:15	Actions for 2020 under Pillar 2 : Supporting countries in the environmental and climate change dimension of UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) and Common Country Analysis (CCA) processes
11.15 – 11:40	Actions for 2020 under Pillar 3 : Monitoring and reporting on the environmental and climate change dimension of SDGs
11.40 – 11.45	Break
11.45 – 11.55	Communication, outreach and partnerships
11.55 – 12.15	Modalities for operationalizing the IBC , including resource mobilization
12.15 – 12:30	Wrap-up and closure

Meeting documents:

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