



Provisional agenda

Fifth meeting of the IBC on Environment and Climate Change

11 February 2021 (10:00-11:30, Geneva/Venice/UTC+2 time)

Background

The United Nations Inter-Agency Issue-Based Coalition (IBC) on Environment and Climate Change for Europe and Central Asia was established in March 2020. The IBC consists of 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 IBC has met on 21 April, 17 June, 4 September and 6 November 2020. A website provides information about the IBC, resources relating to the response to and economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, and a list of activities to date, including webinars and the issuance of guidance materials.¹

Meeting objective

The primary purpose of the IBC is to support UN Country Teams in their assistance to programme countries. Having engaged with Country Teams and Resident Coordinators, decided on priorities and identified leads for different activities, the IBC needs now to take stock of what has been achieved and undertake strategic planning for 2021. The objective of this meeting is to undertake a stocktaking exercise and provide an overview of ongoing and planned activities and agree on next steps taking into account the challenges and opportunities for 2021.

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10:00 – 10:10	Welcome and opening addresses, including meeting objectives Co-chairs UNEP, UNESCO and UNECE
10:10 – 10:15	Update on UN Regional Reform and the Regional Collaborative Platform Gwi Yeop Son, Regional Director UNDCO Europe & Central Asia
10:15 – 10:20	Implications of the IBC review , including menu of services, calendar of events, etc.
10:20 – 10:40	Updates from Pillar 1 – Multi-lateral governance (biodiversity, climate change), build back better & green measures for the post-pandemic recovery (UNECE)



	<p>Updates from Pillar 2 – Guidance on integrating Environment & Climate Change into UNSDCFs and CCAs, gap analysis and UNSDCF programming cycles (UNESCO)</p> <p>Updates from Pillar 3 – Regional knowledge management hub - <i>Manara</i> platform, sharing of knowledge products/ relevant resources (UNEP)</p>
10.40 – 10.55	<p>Updates on task team activities – an overview of forthcoming activities presented by the IBC co-leads on behalf of the IBC task team co-leads</p>
10.55 – 11.20	<p>Questions, answers and strategic discussion on the challenges and opportunities for 2021 – all IBC members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How effective has the UN system been in supporting a green recovery? • What changes to the IBC’s direction are needed in 2021 to support UNCTs better? • How should the IBC’s working methods be revised? • What is the role of the IBC in providing information and argumentation, and in ensuring the integration of the environment into investment decisions? • How can the IBC provide support at transboundary and subregional levels?
11:20 – 11:25	<p>Update on Regional Forum on Sustainable Development</p>
11.25 – 11.30	<p>Wrap up and moving forward – Co-chairs UNEP, UNESCO and UNECE</p>

Meeting documents:

- Provisional agenda
- Report of the fourth meeting of the IBC