



## Programme

### Launch of Guidance on Integrating the Environment and Climate Change in Processes for UNSDCFs

1 July 2021 (13:00–14:00, Geneva/Venice/UTC+2 time)

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. 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.<sup>1</sup>

Elaboration of the *Guidance on Integrating the Environment and Climate Change in Processes for UNSDCFs* (mainstreaming guidance) responds to the request by Resident Coordinators in the Europe and Central Asia region to provide support in identifying and mainstreaming key regional environmental and climate change risks, challenges and opportunities. The mainstreaming guidance complements the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework Guidance (UNSDCF Guidance) by providing recommendations to United Nations Country Teams on how to apply environmental and climate change related standards throughout the entire programming cycle.

13:00 – 13:10	<b>Welcome and opening addresses</b> Co-chairs UNECE, UNESCO and UNEP
13:10 – 13:15	<b>Need for mainstreaming guidance</b> Mona Folkesson, UNDCO Europe & Central Asia
13:15 – 13:30	<b>How to use the guidance</b> Jonathan Baker, UNESCO
13:30 – 13:35	<b>Polling of country teams</b> Marika Palosaari, UNEP  A live poll asking questions such as: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. At which stage of the process do you envisage using the guidance most?</li> <li>2. What type of training could be offered to UNCTs on how to use the guidance? What duration? What geographical coverage?</li> <li>3. Which environment and climate change issues are most important in the context of CCAs and UNSDCFs in your country?</li> </ol>
13:35 – 13:50	<b>Open discussion</b> Moderated by the co-Chairs
13:55 – 14:00	<b>Closing</b> Co-chairs UNEP, UNESCO and UNECE

<sup>1</sup>Info [www.unece.org/runcwelcome/issue-based-coalitions/environment-and-climate-change.html](http://www.unece.org/runcwelcome/issue-based-coalitions/environment-and-climate-change.html)

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