The Issue-based Coalition on environment and climate change (IBC) was established in March 2020. The purpose of the IBC is to support Resident Coordinators (RCs) and UN Country Teams (UNCTs) in their assistance to programme countries on environmental and climate change issues and their implementation of the 2030 Agenda in the Europe and Central Asia region.

The following is a menu of services the IBC has developed for that purpose, based on demands of RCs and UNCTs and on available IBC resources developed through its 11 task teams.

### Services:

- **Providing policy advice to RCs and UNCTs** on the environment and climate change
  - Developing guidance and recommendations on the environment and climate change, including within the context of COVID-19 response
  - Issuing thematic briefing notes through its 11 task teams

- **Advisory services for UNCTs on the development of CCAs and UNSDCFs**
  - Providing guidance and checklists on strengthening the environmental and climate change dimension of UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks (UNSDCFs) and Common Country Analyses (CCAs)
  - Providing expertise in the analysis of the environmental and climate change dimension of CCAs in coordination with the regional Peer Support Group through Regional Development Coordination Office (R-DCO), and key resident agencies
  - Analyzing existing CCAs and UNSDCFs to identify common environment and climate change priorities as well as gaps and preparing recommendations

- **Capacity development** on environmental and climate change dimensions
  - Training sessions for UNCTs on specific themes identified through task teams with UNCTs

- **Knowledge management, scientific data and information sharing** within the UN system on environment and climate change
  - Knowledge products continuously uploaded in UN Regional Knowledge Management Hub

- **Catalyst for international, regional and transboundary cooperation** within UN system on environment and climate change

- **Outreach and communication**:
  - Outreach to RCs and countries, World Environment Day messages, website for IBC
  - Organization and facilitation of experience sharing including peer-learning sessions at the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

- **Interagency** support to RCs and UNCTs
  - Acting as a contact point for requests by RCs and UNCTs for the identification of experts to provide coordinated interagency support, with the provision of such support being subject to the resources available among IBC members

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1 Climate change and disaster risk reduction; Biodiversity & nature-based solutions; Socioeconomic assessments and post pandemic recovery strategies (build back better, with a green and circular economy); Air pollution; Sustainable consumption & production; Water management; Food security & land management; Sustainable infrastructure; Environment & youth; Environment & gender; Migration, environment & climate change.