



Issue-based Coalition on Environment and Climate Change

Regional workshop on environment and climate change issues in the implementation of UNSDCF

12-14 SEPTEMBER 2023 | İSTANBUL | TÜRKİYE

Provisional Agenda

Day 1: Tuesday, 12 September 2023

08:30-08:45

REGISTRATION

08:45-09:00

UN SECURITY BRIEFING

09:00-09:30

OPENING SESSION

- **Welcome Address**

Gwi-Yeop Son, DCO Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia [5' In-person (IP)]

- **Opening Remarks by IBC Co-chairs** [10' Online (OL)]

- Marco Keiner, Director, Environment Division, UNECE

- Arnold Kreilhuber, Director, Europe office, UNEP

- Ana Luiza M. Thompson Flores, Director, UNESCO Regional Bureau

- **Overview of Workshop Agenda and Methods**

Workshop Facilitator: Darren Swanson, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) [10' IP]

- **Ice-breaker Systems-thinking Exercise** (IISD) [5']

09:30-10:40

TOPIC 1: COORDINATED UN ACTION TO ADDRESS ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE ISSUES

- **Introduction** [30']

- Introduction: Why Coordinated UN Action? (Dyfan Jones, UN Development Coordination Office for Europe and Central Asia) [IP]

- Joint UN Actions: What options do we have on the menu?

- The New Joint Programme Guidance: What is new?

- Good Examples from across the UNDS.

- **Breakout Group Discussion** [20']

- What are the challenges and lessons learned in coordinated action to address environment and climate change issues?

- What are the opportunities going forward?

- What additional support do you need to make UN coordinated action more effective?

- **Plenary Highlights and Discussion** [20']

10:40-11:00

BREAK

11:00-13:00

TOPIC 2: CLIMATE CHANGE & ENERGY

- **Opening Remarks**

Françoise Jacob, UN Resident Coordinator in the Republic of Serbia) [Online (OL), 7']

- **Global and Regional Climate Outlooks** [50']

- Presentation 1: Climate change trends and challenges and NDC Commitments (Marianna Bolshakova, UNEP and Nuri Ozbagdatli, UNDP) [In Person (IP) 15']

- Presentation 2: State of Climate in Europe and Central Asia (José Álvaro Silva, Consultant, Climate Services Branch, WMO) [OL 20']

- Q&A [15']



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- **COP28 Panel - From Global Agenda to Regional Reality** [65']
 - Moderator: Marianna Bolshakova (UNEP, Regional Coordinator Environmental Law and Governance) [IP 5']
 - Presentation 1: Issues, Prospects, Challenges of the COP28 (Sergey Kononov, Manager, Programmes Coordination, UNFCCC) [OL 15']
 - Panel Discussion: [IP 25']
 - Evetta Zenina, FAO [5-7']
 - Rohini Kohli, UNDP [5-7']
 - TBD, UNEP [5-7']
 - Q&A and Group Discussion [20']

What are the biggest challenges on mitigation and adaptation in the region? How to voice up the regional needs at the global climate agenda?

 - Instructions (IISD) [2']
 - Table Brainstorming and Virtual Flipcharts [8']
 - Plenary Highlights and Discussion (IISD) [10']

13:00-14:00 | **LUNCH**

14:00-15:40 | **TOPIC 2 - Continued: CLIMATE CHANGE & ENERGY**

- **Interactive Session on NDC implementation and NDC Partnership in the Region** [30']
 - Context and Instructions (Nuri Ozbagdatli, UNDP and Darren Swanson, IISD Facilitator) [5']
 - Rapid Plan Development Exercise [10']
 1. How to scale and speed up the NDC implementation at the country level?
 2. What is the most important partnership that needs to be created regionally (i.e., sector, stakeholder, etc.)?
 - Review of Plans and Voting of Best Plan [7']
 - Highlight of Best Plan and Discussion (Prize for the best plan) (IISD) [8']
- **Carbon Neutrality Pathways for the Region: Energy Efficiency/Security/Finance** [30']
 - Presentation 1: Progress on SDG7 in the region and the role of UNDP Sustainable Energy Hub (Stefanie Held, UNDP) [8']
 - Presentation 2: Carbon neutrality pathways in the EU Eastern Partnership region (Yevgen Groza, UNDP) [7']
 - Q&A and Discussion [OL, 15']

What are the challenges and opportunities for decarbonization of the energy sector for the region? Which actors are key for stakeholder engagement?

 - Q&A [5']
 - Open Mic [8']
 - Highlights (IISD) [2']
- **Climate Finance** [40']
 - Presentation 1: Climate Finance (Laura Altinger, UNDP) [20']
 - Q&A and Group Discussion: [20']

What are the current and future finance mechanisms used by countries in the region?

 - Q&A [5']
 - Table Brainstorming and Virtual Flipcharts [12']
 - Highlights (IISD) [3']

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16:00-17:50

TOPIC 3: AIR POLLUTION

- **Opening Remarks** (Antje Grawe, UN Resident Coordinator in Kyrgyzstan) [7', OL]
- **Introduction** [10']
 - Commentary and Polls: Nicholas Bonvoisin (UNECE) [3' IP]
 - Presentation: Work of the IBC Task Team on Air Pollution (Tomas Marques, UNEP) [7' OL]
- **Examples of joint Programming at the Country Level** [35']
 - Moderator: Darren Swanson, IISD
 - Presentation 1: Examples of Joint Programming in Serbia (Lorenza Jachia, UNRCO Serbia) [10' OL]
 - Presentation 2: UN Coordination on Joint Programmes on Environment and Climate Change in Georgia (Anna Platonova, UNRCO Georgia and Nino Antadze, UNDP) [10' OL and IP]
 - Q&A [5']
 - Discussion [12']:
 - What challenges and success factors have led to joint programming at the country level?
 - How can air pollution be integrated with other environmental topics?
- **Cooperation at International and Country Levels** [30']
 - Panel Discussion:
 - Moderator: Darren Swanson, IISD
 - Panellist 1: Cooperation under the UNECE Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (Carolin Sanz Noriega, UNECE) [5' OL]
 - Panellist 2: Cooperation in Kyrgyzstan under the Development Partners Cooperation Group (DPCC)'s Subgroup on Air Pollution (Tomas Marques and Katherine Hall, UNEP) [5' OL]
 - Panellist 3: Sand and Dust Storms at United Nations (Sara Basart, WMO) [5' video]
 - Discussion [13']:
How can air quality projects be made attractive for different funding sources?
- **Systems-thinking stretch game** (IISD) [2']
- **Cooperation on Health Impacts** [20']
 - Panel discussion
 - Moderator: Darren Swanson, IISD
 - Panellist 1: Air Pollution Impacts Children's Health and What We Can Do (Maria Osbeck, UNICEF) [5' IP]
 - Panellist 2: Examples of activities on air pollution of the World Health Organization in the European Region (Pierpaolo Mudu, WHO/ EURO) [5' OL]
 - Q&A and General Discussion [10']
How can the argument be made for clean air action?
- **Conclusions** [5']
Commentary: Nicholas Bonvoisin (UNECE) [5' IP]

17:50-18:00

WRAP-UP FOR DAY 1

- Results Group Chairs (TBD) [5']
- Daily Workshop Evaluation Form (IISD) [2']

Adjournment

18:30-22:00

BOAT TRIP AND DINNER ON THE BOSPHORUS



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Day 2: Wednesday, 13 September 2023

08:45-09:00

OPENING SESSION

- Recap of Day 1 and Overview of Day 2 (IISD) [5']
- Setting the Stage Commentary (Nicholas Bonvoisin, UNECE, IBC core team) [5']
- Ice-breaker and Warm-up Exercise (IISD) [5']

09:00-10:30

TOPIC 4: WATER INCLUDING TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION

- **Opening Remarks** (Vladanka Andreeva, UN Resident Coordinator in Azerbaijan) [OL 7']
- **Cooperation at International and Regional Level** [35']
 - Presentation 1: Work of the IBC Task Team on Water (Jonathan Baker, UNESCO) [5', IP] [3' Q&A]
 - Presentation 2: Status of SDG 6 in the Region – Challenges and the Way Forward (Federico Properzi, UN-Water) [10', IP] [3' Q&A]
 - Presentation 3: Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourse and International Lakes – legal and institutional mechanism to support transboundary water cooperation (Francesca Bernardini, UNECE) [10', IP] [3' Q&A]
 - Poll [2']
- **Examples of Joint Programming at the Country Level** [45']
 - Panel Discussion: What are lessons learned and opportunities for integrating water related issues in UNSDCF processes (CCA, UNSDCF, Joint workplan)?
 - Moderator: Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, UNECE
 - Panellist 1: Strengthening WASH Enabling Environment in Tajikistan through joint cooperation (Ammar Orakzai, UNICEF Tajikistan) [10', OL]
 - Panellist 2: Transboundary Water Cooperation – Examples of Dniester, Chu Talas River Basins (Sonja Koepfel, UNECE) [10', IP]
 - Panellist 3: Water for Environment and Climate Change – UN cooperation on water management in the Drini River Basin (Anita Kodzoman, UNDP North Macedonia) [10', IP]
 - Q&A and Discussion [15']

10:30-10:45

BREAK

10:45-11:45

TOPIC 4 - Continued: WATER INCLUDING TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION

- **Group Discussion by Subregion** [55']
 - Instructions (IISD) [5']
 - Breakout Groups [30']
 - **Group A: Central Asia** - Water for health, including access to water and sanitation
 - **Group B: Eastern Europe** - Water for environment, biodiversity, climate change and agriculture
 - **Group C: Caucasus** - Water for cooperation, in particular, transboundary cooperation
 - **Group D: South-Eastern Europe** - Water for cooperation, in particular, transboundary cooperation
- **Group A and B Discussion Questions:**
 - What are the current gaps in the region in the CCAs and actions in the Joint workplans on water for health / water for environment, biodiversity, climate change and agriculture resources management?
 - What next steps would you envisage for successful joint programming in these areas at the country and sub-regional levels based on needs and good practices?



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- **Group C and D Discussion Questions:**
 - How to address transboundary issues in the country level planning?
 - What could be done to design and implement joint programmes on transboundary water cooperation addressing needs in your subregions?
- Highlights and Discussion [20']
- **Concluding Remarks:** [5']
 - Commentary: Francesca Bernardini (UNECE) [5' IP]

11:45-12:00 **BREAK**

12:00-13:30 **TOPIC 5: EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS FOR ALL**

- **Opening Remarks** (Parvathy Ramaswami, UN Resident Coordinator for Tajikistan) [7', OL]
- **Early Warnings for All Initiative – Part A** [32.5']
 - Question for participants to ponder: What kind of challenges there are in the country/region you work in regarding implementation of early warning systems?
 - Presentation 1: Introduction to Early Warnings for All initiative - (Erica Allis, Scientific Officer, WMO) [10' IP]
 - Presentation 2: Action plan for implementation of the EW4All in WMO Region VI – Europe (Milan Dacic, WMO, Senior Scientific Officer) [10' IP]
 - Q&A and Discussion [12.5']
- **Early Warnings for All Initiative – Part B** [42.5']
 - Question for participants to ponder: What role could your organization take in supporting the EW4ALL initiative at the country level?
 - Presentation 3: Presentation of the EW4All National Workshop in Tajikistan first results and actions (Dilshod Kodirov, EW4All UNFP in TJK, National Officer, UNDRR) [10' IP]
 - Presentation 4: Presentation of the methodology and early findings of the Central Asia mapping of gaps and needs for EWSs (Vasko Popovski, UNDP Consultant for EWS mapping in CA) [20' OL]
 - Q&A and Discussion [12.5']
- **Concluding Remarks** [8']
 - Commentary: (WMO, UNDRR and UNDP)

13:30-14:30 **LUNCH**

14:30-16:00 **TOPIC 6: BIODIVERSITY**

- **Opening Remarks** (Rossana Dudziak, UN Resident Coordinator in North Macedonia) [7', OL]
- **Systems thinking warm-up game** (IISD) [5']
- **Overview of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework** [20']
 - Presentation 1: Overview of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (Thierry Lucas, Biodiversity Coordinator, Europe, UNEP) [5', OL, slides]
 - Presentation 2: UN Common Approach to Biodiversity (Hossein Fadaei, Head, Secretariat of the UN Environment Management Group) [5', IP]
 - Q&A and Discussion [10']
- **Protected Areas and other Area-based Conservation Measures** [40']
 - Presentation 1: UNESCO's reconciliation strategy to implement the 30*30 target (Meriem Bouamrane, UNESCO) [12']
 - Presentation 2: Sustainable Tourism (Dr Thiago Beraldo Souza, TAPAS Group Vice Chair) [7.5']
 - Q&A and Discussion [20.5']



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- **Financing for Biodiversity – A New Era** [20']
 - Presentation 1: Biodiversity Finance: Global Overview (Tracey Cumming, UNDP) [10', IP, slides]
 - Presentation 2: National pathways (Tracey Cumming and Pierre Lanfranco, UNDP) [10', IP, slides]

16:00-16:15 | WORKSHOP PHOTO

16:15-16:30 | BREAK

16:30-17:50 | TOPIC 6 - Continued: BIODIVERSITY

- **Financing for Biodiversity – Continued** [35']
 - Breakout Group Exercise & Discussion: Holistic Approaches and Innovative Solutions
 - Instructions (Tracey Cumming and Pierre Lanfranco, UNDP) [5']
 - Group Exercise [25']
 - Plenary Highlights Discussion (Tracey Cumming and Pierre Lanfranco, UNDP) [5']
- **Nature-based Solutions** [43']
 - Presentation 1: Mainstreaming NbS in Biodiversity and Climate Change - Win-wins (Melissa De Kock, Head of the Biodiversity, People and Landscapes Unit, UNEP) [7.5', OL, slides]
 - Presentation 2: Biodiversity for food security and socio-economic resilience (Anna Kanshieva, FAO REU) [7.5', OL]
 - Presentation 3: Video on NbS and Just Transitions – Decent work in Nature-based Solutions (Ebru Okutan, ILO) [7.5']
 - Q&A and Discussion [20.5']
- **Concluding Remarks** [2']
Commentary: (Matthew Billot, UNEP)

17:50-18:00 | WRAP-UP FOR DAY 2

- Results Group Chairs (TBD) [7']
- Daily Workshop Evaluation Form (IISD) [3']

Adjournment



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Day 3: Thursday, 14 September 2023

09:00-09:15

OPENING SESSION

- Recap of Day 2 and Overview of Day 3 (IISD) [5']
- Setting the Stage Commentary (Marika Palosaari, UNEP, IBC core team) [5']
- Ice-breaker and Warm-up Exercise (IISD) [5']

09:15-10:30

TOPIC 7: JUST TRANSITIONS TOWARDS ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIES AND SOCIETIES FOR ALL

- **Opening Remarks** (Michaela Friberg-Storey, UN Resident Coordinator for Kazakhstan) [7']
- **Introductions**
 - Commentary: Dr Cristina Martinez - Senior Specialist, Lead Enterprise Development and Green Jobs-Just Transition, ILO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia/ DWT Eastern Europe & Central Asia [5', OL]
- **The UN AFP's Approaches to Just Transition and Lessons Learned** [55']
 - Moderator: Darren Swanson, IISD
 - Panel Session: Panellists will reflect on the 'practice' at the country level for implementation of Just Transitions, including: What lessons can be taken from the work your agency has undertaken? How do constituents respond to this type of UN intervention? What is the role for social dialogue? What is the role for women leadership? Who can finance Just Transitions?
 - Panellist 1: Hongye Pei (International Consultant for Green Jobs and Just Transition, ILO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia) [7.5', OL]
 - Panellist 2: Maria Osbeck (Senior Programme Specialist, Environment and Climate, UNICEF) [7.5', IP]
 - Panellist 3: Milana Rikanovic (Head of Office & Gender Specialist, UN Women Serbia) [7.5', IP]
 - Panellist 4: Sarah Johansen (Regional Technical Specialist for Europe and Central Asia, Nature, Climate Change and Energy Team, UNDP) [7.5', IP]
 - Q&A and Discussion [15']
 - Live Poll with Panel Commentary [10']

10:30-10:50

BREAK

10:50-12:30

TOPIC 7 – Continued: JUST TRANSITIONS

- **Knowledge Café – Meet the Projects on the Ground** [45']
 - Plenary Project Briefings [25']
 - Project 1: JSB project in Kosovo 'Growth through Green and Just Recovery from COVID-19' (Enisa Serhati, Inclusive Growth and Climate Resilience Portfolio Manager, UNDP Kosovo Team) [5', IP]
 - Project 2: UNICEF (TBD) [5']
 - Project 3: UN Women (TBD) [5']
 - Project 4: Green Jobs in Türkiye (Ebru Okutan, ILO) [5', IP]
 - Project 5: Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE), Sergey Vassilyev, PAGE National Coordinator in Kazakhstan (ILO, UNDP, UNEP, UNIDO, UNITAR) [5' OL]
 - Meet and Greet the Projects [20']

Participants will have the opportunity to visit the project leads and ask questions to learn more.
- **Knowledge Exchange and Ideation** [55']
 - Breakout Group Exercise



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- Introduction of Focus Questions and Instructions (TBD, ILO) [5']
 - Focus question #1: What is your big idea(s) for future work at the country level to ensure green transitions are just?
 - Focus question #2: How can we assure joint programming and resource mobilization?
- Table Brainstorming and Virtual Flipcharts [25']
- Highlights and Plenary Discussion (IISD) [25']
- **Concluding Remarks** [5']
Commentary: (Dr Cristina Martinez, ILO)

12:30-13:00

CLOSING SESSION

- **Workshop Closing Remarks and Next Steps from the IBC Co-chairs** [17.5']
 - UNESCO
 - UNECE
 - UNEP
- **Workshop Evaluation & Summary Report** (IISD) [2.5']

Adjournment

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