



### **Meeting report n. 14**

#### **Fourteenth Meeting of the IBC on Environment and Climate Change**

14 February 2024 (10:00–12:00, Geneva/Venice/CET)

The objective of this meeting was to discuss with IBC members the best method to implement the 2024 workplan and agree on the proposed approach to address the UN country level requests received. Members were asked to indicate to which UNCT request they would like to provide support. The meeting was opened and moderated by Marco Keiner, Director, UNECE Environment Division and closed by Magdalena Landry, Director of the UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe. In total 15 IBC members were represented: FAO, ILO, IOM, OHCHR, UNDP, UNDRR, UNECE, UNEP, UNESCO, UNICEF, UNOPS, UN Women, WFP, WHO, and WMO.

The first session, moderated by Jing Fang, UNESCO, and Marianna Bolshakova, UNEP, focusing on **the 2024 IBC workplan**, was opened by **Alper Almaz, DCO, delivering key messages from the recent RCP meeting that took place on 26 January 2024**. In total, UNCTs submitted 60 requests to the IBCs and other regional structures, including PSG and other support groups, 20 of them were addressed to the IBC on Environment and Climate Change. The RCP meeting emphasized the importance of providing quality and timely responses, and thus decided to establish a system that would track IBCs' support to UNCTs' requests on a quarterly basis. It was determined that the number of IBCs within the region would remain unchanged, and IBCs were encouraged to activate the sunset clause if required. Lastly, a Regional Evaluation Network Group in ECA would be established, which would be chaired by FAO and UN Women. With reference to the energy request received from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Kazakhstan, it was decided that UNDP and UNECE would provide specific support.

**Marika Palosaari, UNEP**, continued further expanding on the topic. **As of February 2024, the IBC received 20 requests in total by 13 countries**. These requests were clustered thematically to maximize limited resources and facilitate peer learning among UNCTs and countries facing similar challenges. The 3 proposed clustered are: (1) Incorporating global agendas at the national level, which includes 7 countries that requested expertise and peer-learning support in mainstreaming the Paris agreement and key global agendas into their national policies, advocacy work, capacity building, and more; (2) Environment and climate section to the new cycle of CCAs and UNSDFs, which includes 3 countries that requested support through data, analysis, and foresight, with a regional perspective; (3) 7 national-level responses and 1 sub-regional level request on air quality. Members were called upon to indicate their intention to support specific requests.

**Lastly, Francesca Bampa, UNESCO**, provided a detailed overview of activities proposed for **the 2024 workplan**, with the core focusing on UNCT requests, with the aim of seeking final remarks from members before submitting them to the RCP.



Members were invited to share their input on the IBC 2024 workplan and the UNCT requests. **Maria Osbeck, UNICEF**, expressed UNICEF's willingness to assist with UNSDCF-related requests and recommended a joint meeting with all relevant IBC members to plan and implement a well-structured response. **Laura Altinger, UNDP**, requested guidance on how to proceed with the energy-related requests received. She also suggested a joint webinar with UNECE following an informal meeting UNDP had with UNCT Albania, then concluded by mentioning a useful publication prepared by UNDP for the Western Balkans. **Cristina Martinez, ILO**, suggested collaborating on the energy transition request. **Dovile Adamonyte, WHO**, reported the establishment of a new EHP Partnership mechanism within the European Environment and Health Process to implement commitments from the seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health (5–7 July 2023, Budapest, Hungary). The mechanism aims to accelerate national and international implementation of Budapest commitments to tackle the triple environmental crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss, and environmental pollution.

**Nicholas Bonvoisin, UNECE**, presented the **Regional Forum on Sustainable Development 2024**. The IBC is organizing a peer-learning roundtable on SDG 13 "*Solving the Rubik's Cube of the Planetary Crisis: Lining Up Policy Solutions for Climate Risk and Biodiversity Loss*." on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 in the afternoon. It will be held in two parts: (1) Climate-related risks and extreme events; and (2) Jointly addressing climate change and biodiversity loss. Keynote speakers, moderators and panellists are still being identified.

**The IBC's communication and outreach** were presented by **Francesca Bampa, UNESCO**, giving a review of IBC's online presence. From 11 Nov 2023 to 6 Jan 2024, the IBC's web page was the second most-clicked page on the Issue Based Coalitions website. An overview of the number of views of the IBC's webinar recordings available online highlighted the need to better guide users to IBC resources. **Hanouf Alyami, UNESCO**, then presented a user-friendly and easy-to-navigate tool to increase the visibility of IBC resources to potential users, notably UNCTs. The tool aims at increasing UNCTs knowledge by giving an overview of the IBC's services and resources. IBC members have been requested to provide feedback on this tool.

**There was consensus on continuing the further development of the 2024 workplan and the UNCT responses based on the plan presented and discussed.**

**Note.** In the previous months the IBC core team conducted a review of the membership (focal points and alternates). Almost all agencies provided information (Annex 7). ITU requested to halt its membership of the IBC for 2023-2025.

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## Final Agenda

### Fourteenth meeting of the IBC on Environment and Climate Change for Europe and Central Asia

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#### 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. For more information about the IBC and its previous meetings, please visit the website.<sup>1</sup> The objective of this meeting is to elaborate on the country level requests received, expand on the IBC proposed approach of addressing them, and discuss with members the implementation of the 2024 work plan.

#### Agenda

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**Meeting documents:**

- Report of the 13th IBC membership meeting
- IBC workplan 2024
- UNCT Requests IBC Focal points
- RFSD 2024 – peer learning roundtable SDG13 draft outline
- RCP website analytics



# Issue-based Coalition on Environment & Climate Change for Europe and Central Asia

**14<sup>th</sup> membership meeting**

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# Welcome session

Marco Keiner, IBC co-Chair and Director, UNECE Environment





# 2024 IBC workplan

Moderation by Jing Fang, UNESCO, & Marianna Bolshakova, UNEP



# 2024 UNCT requests to the IBC

- 13 countries have made in total 20 requests as of February 2024
- IBC analysed the requests and considered options for addressing them. Energy-related requests were directed to UN agencies with specialized expertise on energy.
- A clustered response is applied to to optimize limited resources.
- The consolidates approach will also foster peer-learning and facilitate collaboration among UNCTs and countries with similar challenges.
- The requests were grouped by thematic proximity and line with existing streams of IBC work.



# 2024 UNCT requests to the IBC

- **7 national level responses and 1 sub-regional level on air quality**
- 2 clustered responses;
  - a) Incorporating global agendas at national level (7 countries);** consolidated response to 7 countries requesting expertise and peer-learning support in mainstreaming the Paris agreement and key global agendas into national policies, advocacy work, capacity building etc.
  - b) Environment and climate section to the new cycle of CCAs and UNSDFs (3 countries);** data, analysis, foresight, with a regional perspective.

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Belarus	Environment and Climate Change	Cross country/ regional experience sharing; Main-streaming of global agendas and inter-governmental processes	Production of knowledge product (e.g., mapping, briefing note, report, guidance note, etc.); Webinars/online meetings	Examples of how to better incorporate environmental and climate change as a continuous area for work, with key messages interconnected with global initiatives and trends.	UNEP, UNESCO, Core team (Marika)
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Environment & CC	Temporary deployment of technical expertise; Cross country/ regional experience sharing; Analytical support, data and diagnostics; Training and capacity building in thematic areas	In-person support; Webinars/online meetings	Guidance and TA from the IBC on developing at scale impactful joint UN initiatives across the climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution transition, either policy or programmatic, that demonstrates the value of the UN's global and regional expertise.	UNEP, UNESCO, Core team (Marika)
Kosovo	Environment and Climate	Capacity building; Exchange of	Webinars/online meetings; In-person support;	Provision of capacity-building support for UNCT staff to address needs and challenges	UNEP, UNESCO, Core team (Marika)



# Link to the IBC 2024 workplan in Teams

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Teams interface for the 'IBC on Environment and Climate Change' team. The left sidebar lists various channels and groups. The main area displays the 'General' channel with a file list. The file list includes folders such as 'COVID-19', 'IBC membership meetings', 'IBC Task Teams', 'logo 2022', 'Mainstreaming ENV & CC in UNSDCF', 'Reporting to RCP', 'RETREATS', 'Subregional RCs UNCTs meetings', 'Surveys', 'ToRs and membership', 'UNCT requests', 'Webinars', and 'Workplan & Menu of Services'. The 'Workplan & Menu of Services' folder is circled in blue.

Name	Modified By	Modified
COVID-19	Nicholas Bonvoisin	April 30, 2020
IBC membership meetings	Nicholas Bonvoisin	June 18, 2020
IBC Task Teams	Bampa, Francesca [...]	October 13, 2020
logo 2022	Nicholas Bonvoisin	June 14, 2022
Mainstreaming ENV & CC in UNSDCF	Bampa, Francesca [...]	March 9, 2021
Reporting to RCP	Nicholas Bonvoisin	December 16, 2021
RETREATS	Bampa, Francesca [...]	January 9, 2023
Subregional RCs UNCTs meetings	Bampa, Francesca [...]	June 12, 2020
Surveys	Nicholas Bonvoisin	June 12, 2020
ToRs and membership	Nicholas Bonvoisin	June 12, 2020
UNCT requests	Nicholas Bonvoisin	February 14, 2022
Webinars	Nicholas Bonvoisin	June 12, 2020
Workplan & Menu of Services	Bampa, Francesca [...]	July 13, 2021

[IBC Env and CC workplan 2024 v1.docx](#)

The screenshot shows a file explorer view of the '2024' folder. It contains two documents: 'IBC Env and CC workplan 2024 v1.docx' and 'UNCT Requests IBC Focal points .docx'.

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IBC Env and CC workplan 2024 v1.docx
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# Events in the region 2024

Moderation by Nick Bonvoisin, UNECE



# Regional Forum on Sustainable Development 2024

- **Solving the Rubik's cube of the planetary crisis: lining up policy solutions for climate risks and biodiversity loss**
  1. Climate-related risks and extreme events
  2. Jointly addressing climate change and biodiversity loss
- Wednesday 13 March 2024, 15:00-18:00
- In person, not hybrid. UN WebTV
- Gender-balanced
- Strict time management
- No slides by panellists except for images
- Key points submitted 10 days in advance – shared with other panellists
- Background papers?

## Regional Forum on Sustainable Development 2024 – scenario

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- Part 1 planned by WMO, UNDRR and UNICEF – contact Sari Lappi, WMO
- Part 2 planned by UNEP and UNESCO – contact Marika Palosaari, UNEP
- Coordinated by UNECE, UNEP and UNESCO
- Keynote speakers and moderators identified
- Panels still being fixed



15:00–15:10	<b>Welcome</b> (moderator)
	<b>Part 1: actions to address climate-related risks and extreme events</b>
15:10–15:25	<b>Setting the scene</b> (keynote speaker)
15:25–16:25	<b>Moderated panel</b> (Four panellists representing member States, youth and civil society; interactions within the panel, followed by a discussion with round-table participants; wrap-up of key messages)
16:25–16:35	<b>Active exercise</b>
	<b>Part 2: actions to address jointly climate change and biodiversity loss</b>
16:35–16:50	<b>Setting the scene</b> (keynote speaker)
16:50–17:50	<b>Moderated panel</b> (Four panellists representing member States, youth and civil society; interactions within the panel, followed by a discussion with round-table participants; wrap-up of key messages)
17:50–18:00	<b>Concluding remarks and closing</b>





# Communications and outreach

Moderated by Francesca Bampa, UNESCO



## WEBPAGE

<https://uneuropecentralasia.org/en/ibc-environmental-coalition>

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Issue-based Coalition on  
Environment and Climate  
Change

- Info on menu of services
- Resources:
  - Reports
  - Concept notes
  - Thematic
- Link to videos
- Link to events



# Google Analytics

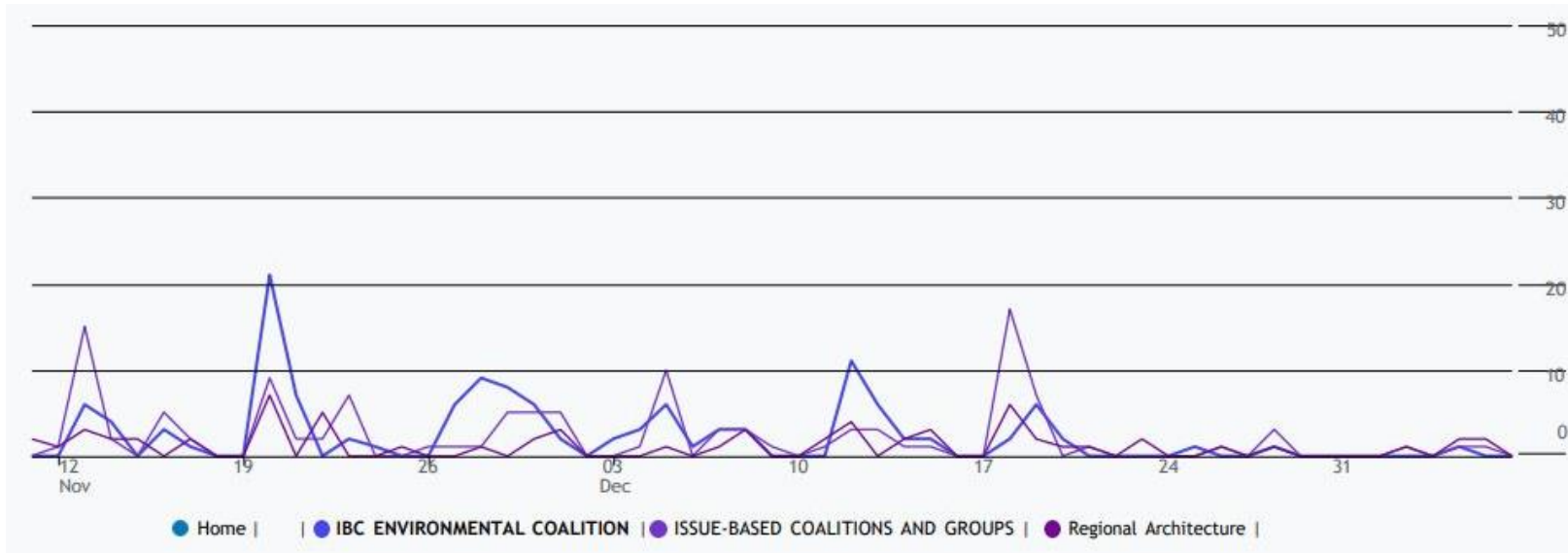
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2	IBC ENVIRONMENTAL COALITION	128	51	2.51	1m 19s	402
3	ISSUE-BASED COALITIONS AND GROUPS	122	60	2.03	32s	344
4	Regional Architecture	66	46	1.43	26s	205
5	Issue-based Coalition on Environment and Climate Change Workshop 2023	60	31	1.94	40s	236
6	Issue-based Coalition on Sustainable Food Systems	57	23	2.48	1m 17s	190
7	Knowledge and Expertise	51	35	1.46	40s	165
8	Home   RCP	43	19	2.26	14s	152
9	IBC Gender Equality	40	20	2.00	26s	120



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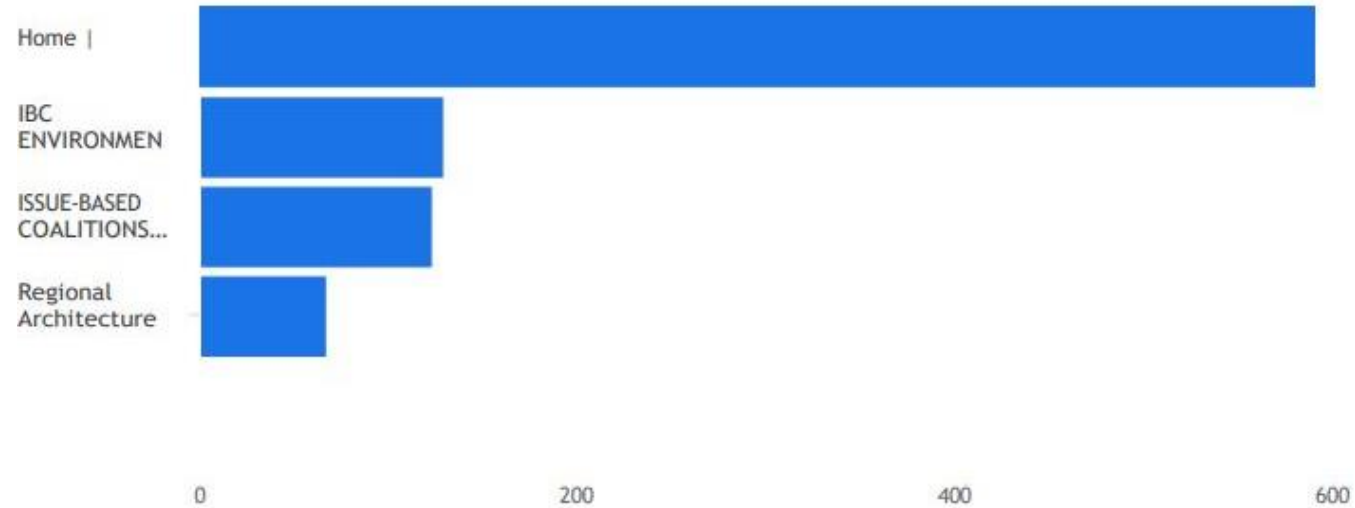


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## IBC webinar recording views, 14 December 2023

Event	Date	Views
Incorporating the Global Biodiversity Framework into UNSDCF processes	June 2023	92
Disability-inclusive climate change adaptation and DRR materials, and innovative “green schools” solutions	June 2023	56
Nexus of climate action and LNOB	June 2023	103
Green Transitions, workshop 5: Enabling policies and strategic frameworks	Nov. 2022	27
Green Transitions, workshop 4: Plastics	Nov. 2022	28
Green Transitions, workshop 3: Circular Economy	Oct. 2022	29
Green Transitions, workshop 2: Energy	Oct. 2022	34
Green Transitions, workshop 1: Finance	Sept. 2022	34
Mainstreaming environment and climate change into UNSDCF processes - approaches and tools for mainstreaming (Eastern Europe & the Caucasus)	Jan. 2022	64
Mainstreaming environment and climate change into UNSDCF processes - approaches and tools for mainstreaming (South-Eastern Europe)	Jan. 2022	60
Mainstreaming environment and climate change into UNSDCF processes - approaches and tools for mainstreaming (Central Asia)	Jan. 2022	89
Mainstreaming environment and climate change into UNSDCF processes - mainstreaming entry points (all regions)	Dec. 2021	118
Preventing water conflicts through transboundary water cooperation	Oct. 2021	67
Air pollution from domestic heating in Serbia – impacts, challenges and solutions	May 2021	26
"Partnerships for a sustainable recovery: Initiatives to accelerate the achievement of the environment and climate goals of the 2030 Agenda", peer-learning round table	March 2021	59
Promoting measures to green the post-pandemic recovery	Jan. 2021	59
Transboundary water cooperation, based on examples from Drin and Drina river basins	July 2020	36



# How can we improve IBC communication with UNCTs?

by Hanouf Alyami, JPO, UNESCO



# Conclusions and next steps

by Magdalena Landry, UNESCO



Regional Collaborative Platform in Europe and Central Asia  
IBC on Environment and Climate Change: Work Plan 1 January 2024 – 31 December 2024

<b>A. Strategic vision statement</b>							
<i>The Regional Collaborative Platform in Europe and Central Asia aims at fostering regional cooperation among the entities of the regional UN Development System to provide solutions to the common sustainable development challenges of the countries in the region. It aims at joining forces and using synergies in offering different modalities of support, including at the regional and country level, for achieving the shared goals of these countries. Our particular regional value-added is bringing together our expertise and other assets to provide the best support to countries, to scale up common solutions and to mobilize global, regional, and national actors to address common issues in support of accelerated action for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.</i>							
Results area	Action / Activity	Timeline				Responsible Parties	Lead agency and contact person
<b>Region-specific success indicators for the result area</b>	<i>(to be defined at the level of the RCP)</i>						
<b>1. RCP and IBCs</b>	<b>1.3 IBCs and other inter-agency coordination groups</b>						
	<b>1.3.4 IBC on Environment and Climate Change</b>	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	IBC on Environment and Climate Change	
	<b>Pillar I: Strengthening environmental and climate change governance and implementing the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda</b>						
	<b>Thematic</b>						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responding to UNCT requests on the triple planetary crisis: climate change, biodiversity and pollution (see under pillar II)</li> </ul>						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Webinar for RCs and UNCTs to understand seasonal forecasts and how these can be utilized effectively</li> </ul>						
	<b>Cross-cutting</b>						ILO contributing (Cristina)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subregional informal dialogue on transboundary water management</li> </ul>						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Forum on Sustainable Development: peer-learning round tables</li> </ul>						

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	on climate-related risks and extreme events and jointly addressing climate change and biodiversity loss						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Possibly: Briefing for RCs/UNCTs on COP29, April/May or September – subject to confirmation by RCs/UNCTs)</li> </ul>						ILO contributing / possible to lead one regional knowledge sharing workshop for constituents if funding is confirmed (Cristina Martinez)
	<b>Pillar II: Supporting the environmental and climate change dimension of UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) and Common Country Analysis (CCA) processes</b>						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Responding to UNCT country requests<sup>1</sup>:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clustered response on incorporating global agendas at national level (Albania, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Kyrgyzstan, North Macedonia, and Uzbekistan)</li> <li>Clustered response on UNSDCF/CCAs (Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan)</li> <li>7 national responses (Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Moldova,</li> </ul> </li> </ul>						ILO contributing (Cristina Martinez)

<sup>1</sup> The process for responding to UNCT requests is elaborated in a separate note.

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	Serbia, Tajikistan (twice), and Uzbekistan)						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparation of guidance on mainstreaming biodiversity into UNSDCFs in the region (subject to resources availability)</li> </ul>						
	<b>Pillar III: Monitoring and reporting on the environmental and climate change dimension of SDGs</b>						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awaiting activation of the regional knowledge-management hub</li> </ul>						
	<b>Outreach, communication and partner engagement</b>						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contributions to RCP website</li> <li>Regular IBC membership meetings</li> <li>Preparation of communications materials, making IBCs products more available</li> <li>Dialogue with RCs</li> <li>Geneva Environment Network briefing for missions</li> <li>Coordination with other IBCs</li> </ul>						

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Bosnia and Herzegovina	Environment & CC	Temporary deployment of technical expertise; Cross country/ regional experience sharing; Analytical support, data and diagnostics; Training and capacity building in thematic areas	In-person support; Webinars/online meetings	Guidance and TA from the IBC on developing at scale impactful joint UN initiatives across the climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution transition, either policy or programmatic, that demonstrates the value of the UN's global and regional expertise.	UNEP, UNESCO, Core team (Marika)
Kosovo	Environment and Climate Change	Capacity building; Exchange of knowledge, experiences, and good practices;	Webinars/online meetings; In-person support; Production of knowledge product (e.g., mapping, briefing note, report, guidance note, etc.);	Provision of capacity-building support for UNKT staff to address needs and challenges on priority policy areas and actions, as well as support for in-country activities; Support is requested to facilitate knowledge exchange through regular online/webinar/BBL meetings,	UNEP, UNESCO, Core team (Marika)

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		Strengthening joint programming		including guiding positions on big emerging issues, with the aim to expand and improve IBC topics in Kosovo;	
Kyrgyzstan	Environment & Climate Change;	Training and capacity building in thematic areas; Analytical support, data and diagnostics; Development of key messages and advocacy points; Cross country/ regional experience sharing; Mainstreaming of global agendas and inter-governmental processes	Webinars/online meetings; Production of knowledge product (e.g., mapping, briefing note, report, guidance note, etc.); In-person support	Provision of guidance, TA and examples of country best practice for both UN and national partners (including women and youth) on effective engagement on climate and environment issues through advocacy and programming support, as well as guidance for the UNCT on implementing the transition on climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution in the Kyrgyzstan / Central Asia context.	UNEP, UNESCO, Core team (Marika), ILO (Cristina Martinez)
North Macedonia	Environment & Climate Change	Mainstreaming of global agendas and inter-governmental processes	Webinars/online meetings; In-person support	Information sharing and capacity building of RG members and national partners on global and regional conventions and treaties, and guidance on how to mainstream into national policies. This could be done among the other by sharing best practices and lessons learnt on successful UN engagement in other countries.	UNEP, UNESCO, Core team (Marika), IOM
Uzbekistan	Environment & Climate Change;	Training and capacity building in thematic areas; Analytical support, data and diagnostics; Training on programming elements and programming principles; Mainstreaming of global agendas and inter-governmental	Webinars/online meetings; Production of knowledge product (e.g., mapping, briefing note, report, guidance note, etc.); In-person support	Analytical support, data, and diagnostics to assess the impact of climate change in the country and the sub-region and provision of training, and capacity building in climate change adaptation and mitigation, and how other UNCTs have managed to effectively mainstream global agendas like the Paris Agreement/NDCs and inter-governmental processes.	UNEP, UNESCO, Core team (Marika), FAO , ILO (Cristina Martinez)

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		processes; Cross country/regional experience sharing			
<b>Clustered response on UNSDCF/CCAs</b>					
Kazakhstan	Environment & Climate Change; UNSDCF Dev+Implement +Eval;	Analytical support, data and diagnostics; Training and capacity building in thematic areas; Cross country/regional experience sharing; Support to UNSDCF development process; Temporary deployment of technical expertise	Webinars/online meetings; In-person support; Production of knowledge product (e.g., mapping, briefing note, report, guidance note, etc.);	Support the UNCT in preparing the Environment and Climate Change section of the new, full-fledged CCA in 2024 by providing data, analysis and foresight in the area of environment for climate change in the region and the potential impact on development in Kazakhstan and Central Asia in the short-medium term	Core team, PSG, UNESCO (Wally Merotto), DCO (Alper), ILO (Cristina Martinez)
Turkmenistan	Migration; Environment & Climate Change; Movement of People, Displacement	Training and capacity building in thematic areas; Support to UNSDCF development process; Cross country/regional experience sharing	Webinars/online meetings	TA, expertise and examples of country good practice on effective integration of the migration agenda into the CCA and UNSDCF	Core team, PSG, UNESCO (Wally Merotto), DCO (Alper), IOM, ILO (Cristina Martinez)
Uzbekistan	Environment & Climate Change	Training and capacity building in thematic areas; Cross country/regional experience sharing; Mainstreaming of global agendas and inter-governmental processes	Webinars/online meetings; Production of knowledge product (e.g., mapping, briefing note, report, guidance note, etc.); In-person support	As we start developing the new cycle of UNSDCF soon, IBC support is required to provide a sub-regional mapping, analysis and diagnostics on environmental issues, in particular, brief analysis of transboundary climate related issues affecting neighboring countries.	Core team, PSG, UNESCO (Wally Merotto), DCO (Alper, ), ILO (Cristina Martinez)

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<b>7 national responses</b>					
Azerbaijan	Environment & Climate Change	Cross country/ regional experience sharing; Main-streaming of global agendas and inter-governmental processes	Webinars/online meetings; Production of knowledge product (e.g., mapping, briefing note, report, guidance note, etc.)	Guidance on effective advocacy, sharing relative country examples of the EW4ALL initiative with support from IBC.	UNDRR (Chiara Menchise, Yigyeong Oh), WMO (Sari Lappi), ILO (Cristina Martinez); UNESCO (Francesca Bampa),
Kazakhstan	Environment & Climate Change; Energy;	Analytical support, data and diagnostics; Training and capacity building in thematic areas; Cross country/ regional experience sharing; Support to UNSDCF development process; Temporary deployment of technical expertise	Webinars/online meetings; In-person support; Production of knowledge product (e.g., mapping, briefing note, report, guidance note, etc.);	Provision of guidance, TA and examples of country best practice on how countries have successfully undertaken a just transition, and the role that the UN effectively played in terms of conceptualization, policy, programming, partnerships and advocacy	UNICEF, ILO, UN-Women, UNECE (Nick) <i>(with first request by Tajikistan below)</i> , ILO (Cristina Martinez)
Moldova	Environment & Climate Change	Analytical support, data and diagnostics; Cross country/regional experience sharing	Webinars/online meetings; Production of knowledge product (e.g., mapping, briefing note, report, guidance note, etc.)	Mapping of best practices of subregion on policies and initiatives for sustainably managing woods, and provision of guidance and TA on the approach in Moldova, including through good practice examples of establishing schemes for issuing of CO2 certificates. Particular focus should be on sustainable afforestation models that can be implemented together with alternative economic activities (value added) for the rural areas, such as ecotourism, production of ecological honey, medicinal plants, mushroom cultivation, woods for fire production etc. This would include feasibility analysis of what to produce and where in the country (N, S or central part of country), as well as how to integrate into existing supply chains would be necessary.	FAO, UNECE (Sara)

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				TA to develop feasibility model in one pilot area which would draw on regional expertise and good practice from other countries. TA and facilitation of workshop with national partners, including the private sector, on these issues.	
Serbia	Environment & Climate Change	Training and capacity building in thematic areas; Analytical support, data and diagnostics; Cross country/regional experience sharing	Webinars/online meetings; Production of knowledge product (e.g., mapping, briefing note, report, guidance note, etc.)	Environment and climate change are at the core of strategic priority 1 of the Serbian CF. Analysis, TA, guidance and examples of good practice from other countries is required on how to intensify cooperation with EU, IFIs and the private sector, in order to offer a multi-sectoral approach to environmental issues is crucial for moving the agenda forward.	UNDP, UNEP, UNOPS, UNESCO (Jing)
Tajikistan	Environment & Climate Change	Training and capacity building in thematic areas; Analytical support, data and diagnostics; Cross country/regional experience sharing	Webinars/online meetings; Production of knowledge product (e.g., mapping, briefing note, report, guidance note, etc.)	Analytical: Map examples and share good practice from other countries on how the UN identified key drivers of change and helped develop an integrated approach in green transformation that mainstreams economic, environmental, and social dimensions.	UNICEF, ILO (Cristina), UN-Women, UNECE (Nick) <i>(with request by Kazakhstan above)</i>
Tajikistan	Jobs & Social Protection; Environment & Climate Change	Training and capacity building in thematic areas; Analytical support, data and diagnostics; Cross country/regional experience sharing	Webinars/online meetings; Production of knowledge product (e.g., mapping, briefing note, report, guidance note, etc.)	Capacity development: Guidance, TA and examples of good practice on how the PMT and RGs related to (i) inclusive green economic growth; and (ii) climate and environment have successfully developed and delivered a common approach in their policy advocacy and programmes in these thematic areas.	FAO, ILO (Cristina), UNICEF, UNDP, UNEP (Matt)
Uzbekistan	Environment & Climate Change; Gender Equality	Training and capacity building in thematic areas; Development of key messages and advocacy points; Cross country/regional experience sharing; Main-	Webinars/online meetings; Production of knowledge product (e.g., mapping, briefing note, report, guidance note, etc.); In-person support	A mapping / knowledge product on impact of environment and climate change on women in Central Asia more specifically in Uzbekistan.	UN-Women, UNEP (Marianna), ILO (Cristina Martinez), UNESCO (Hanouf)



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<b>Subregional response</b>					
North Macedonia	Environment & Climate Change	Analytical support, data and diagnostics	Short factsheet Production of knowledge product (e.g., mapping, briefing note, report, guidance note, etc.);	Overview of the various activities and expertise that UN has on the topic of air pollution, on which a number of UN entities are engaged in the Western Balkans For contact: Head of RCO in North Macedonia, Joana Babushku <a href="mailto:joana.babushku@un.org">joana.babushku@un.org</a> and the Partnerships Officer Lilian Kandikjan <a href="mailto:lilian.kandikjan@un.org">lilian.kandikjan@un.org</a>	Task Team on air pollution (Tomas, Carolin, Dorota)



## **Solving the Rubik's cube of the planetary crisis: lining up policy solutions for climate risks and biodiversity loss**

**Wednesday 13 March 2024, 15:00 – 18:00**

*Room XIX, Palais des Nations, Geneva, and live on UN TV*

### **Background**

#### **Climate-related risks and extreme events**

Managing the risk of climate related disasters relies on effective prevention and preparedness actions and instruments, which can help reduce or avoid the detrimental impacts of hazardous events. The Sustainable Development Goals, Paris Agreement and Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 identify strengthened early warning systems as a critical component of building the resilience to disasters and crises and, by extension, contributing to sustainable development. Early warning systems rely on multi-sector and multi-stakeholder coordination, community involvement, enabling environments, as well as clear roles, responsibilities and adequate capacities.

The Roundtable will focus on the importance of strengthening preparedness for and managing risks of climate extremes through multi-hazard early warning systems, building on the Early Warnings for All (EW4All) initiative of the UN Secretary General, which aims at spearheading action to ensure every person on Earth is protected by early warning systems by 2027, while also recognizing the unique vulnerability of children.

#### **Jointly addressing climate change and biodiversity loss**

Climate change and biodiversity loss are closely interconnected: they share common drivers, they interact, and both have cascading and complex effects that impact human well-being and quality of life. Climate change is one of the main drivers of biodiversity loss; at the same time, ecosystems and their biodiversity play a key role in delivering benefits for both climate mitigation and adaptation. However, nature's contribution to tackling climate change is at risk. For instance, ecosystem degradation through land-use change is a major contributor to cumulative CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and, therefore, a driver of climate change. Biodiversity loss also contributes to land degradation and weakens agricultural systems, food systems and livelihoods.

Although the biodiversity and climate crises are closely intertwined, previous policies have largely tackled these challenges independently. Moving forward, these crises must be tackled together with holistic policies that address both issues simultaneously. That's why integrated approaches, such as nature-based solutions, will be essential, including those that rely on nature to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

## Programme

Moderators: Co-chairs of the UN Issued-based Coalition on Environment and Climate Change for Europe and Central Asia:

**Marco Keiner**, Director of Environment Division, UNECE

**Arnold Kreilhuber**, Director of Europe Office, UNEP

**Magdalena Landry**, Director, UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe

15:00 – 15:10

Welcome - *moderator*

### Part 1: actions to address climate-related risks and extreme events

#### Guiding Questions:

1. What policy and other instruments have proven most effective in reducing risks resulting from a changing climate? How can their impact be measured?
2. What inclusive adaptation policies and activities have proven effective in ensuring no-one is left behind, including women, children and youth, people living with disabilities and other disadvantaged groups?
3. How can we optimize climate financing, including for early warning system development, to ensure both resilience-building and long-term sustainable development?

15:10 – 15:25

Setting the scene –

*Prof. Celeste Saulo, Secretary-General, World Meteorological Organization*

15:25 – 16:25

Moderated panel – and interactions within the panel

- *H.E. Sharaf Sheralizoda, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Tajikistan to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva*
- *Mihaela Frasinianu, State Counsellor, Chancellery of the Prime Minister of Romania*
- *Senad Tutić, Director of the Center for Social Welfare, City of Bihac, Bosnia and Herzegovina*
- *Blaž Lipovšek, President of the Sava Youth Parliament*

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Wrap-up of key messages

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## Part 2: actions to address jointly climate change and biodiversity loss

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- *Teodora Grncarovska, State Counsellor on Climate Change, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, North Macedonia, and Adjunct Assistant Professor, South East European University*
- *Dan Cronan, Assistant Professor, College of Environmental Science and Forestry, State University of New York*
- *Alexandra Masako Goossens-Ishii, Soka Gakkai International*

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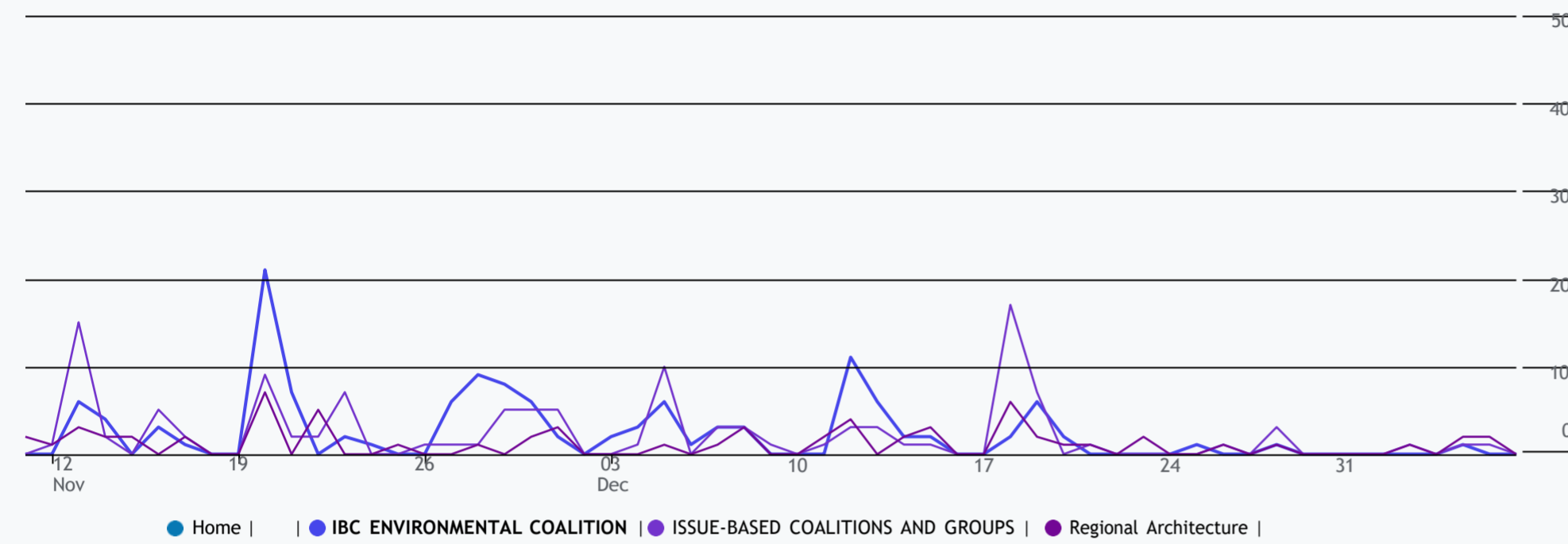
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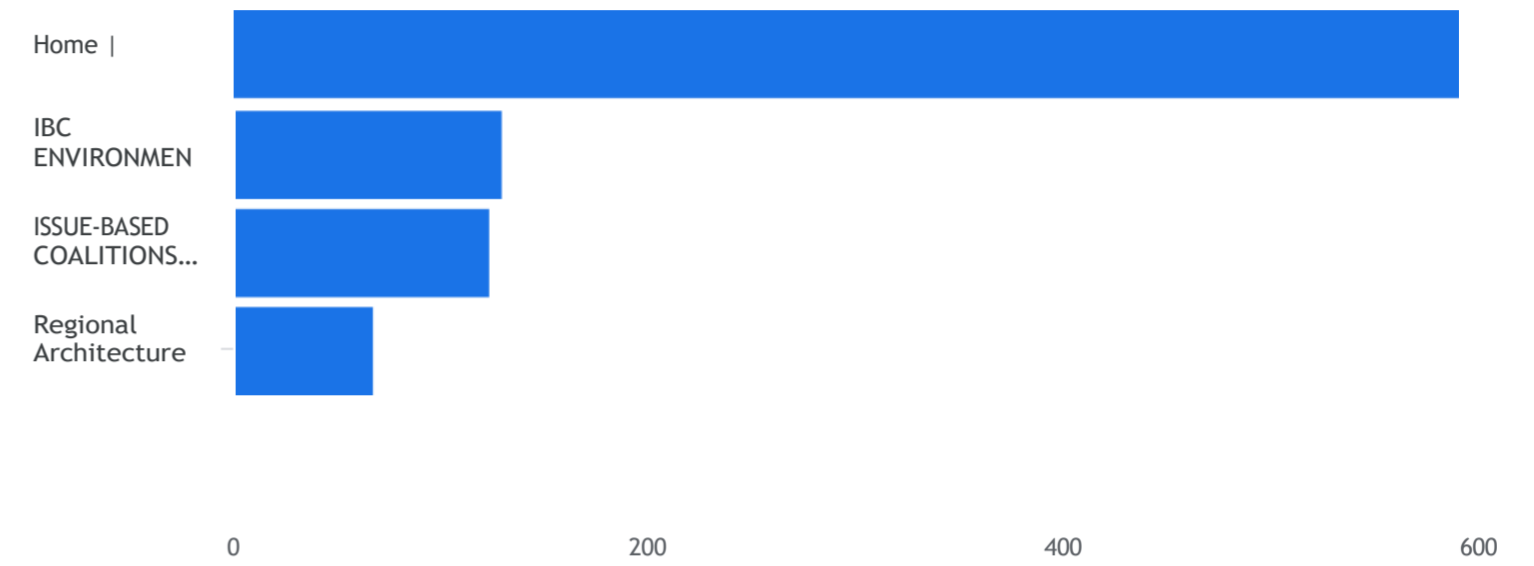


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