



Final meeting report

Fifteenth Meeting of the IBC on Environment and Climate Change

29 May 2024 (10:00–11:30, Geneva/Venice/CET)

The purpose of the meeting was to update the IBC members on the progress made in implementing the 2024 work plan and to provide an overview of the IBC activities carried out in the first half of 2024, including responses to UN country-teams requests. Additionally, members were invited to share their feedback on the revised IBC terms of reference.

The meeting was opened by Arnold Kreilhuber, Regional Director of UNEP Europe Office and closed by Magdalena Landry, Director of the UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe. In total 14 IBC members were represented: FAO, ILO, OHCHR, UNFCCC, UN Habitat, UN-Women, UNDP, UNECE, UNEP, UNESCO, UNICEF, UNOPS, WFP, WHO and WMO.

Following the IBC 14th membership meeting held on 14 February 2024, the IBC core group conducted a survey to update the membership list. In total, 11 out of 17 members have new focal points and/or alternates: FAO, OHCHR, UN Habitat, UN-Women, UNDP, UNFCCC, UNICEF, UNOPS, WFP and WHO. During the first session of the meeting, moderated by Matthew Billot, UNEP, new members were welcomed and given the opportunity to take the floor.

Alper Almaz, DCO, followed by presenting the latest **updates from the Regional Collaborative Platform (RCP)**. The RCP met in January and focused the discussion on the operational side of the IBCs covering regional interagency mechanisms, country level support, and IBCs' 2024 work plan. The second meeting in March took place during the 2024 Regional Forum on Sustainable Development and focused on the regional structure. Its most significant outcome was the establishment of the regional evaluation network (For more information, please refer to the IBC 14th meeting report) highlighting the need for regional interagency structures to assist UNCTs, emphasizing the importance of reliable data collection and analysis for evidence-based programming. Two more RCP meetings are scheduled for 2024, with the one planned in June focusing on addressing the challenges raised in previous meeting. Regarding the regional evaluation network, the RCP Secretariat will be circulating a template to collect and monitor the advancement of IBCs in country level support.

Afterwards, Francesca Bampa, UNESCO, presented the **revised IBC terms of reference (ToR)** going through comments received from members. She started by presenting an overview of the history of the ToR. In 2020, when the IBC was established, the ToR were developed through contribution by all IBC members. In 2021 the ToR was revised to align more closely with the evolving of the IBC workplan. The 2024 revised version, which was circulated throughout the month of May among members, focused on streamlining the document by removing information which can be found on the [IBC's website](#). Instead of focusing on management arrangements, additional information on working modality, outreach, and



communication, with a greater emphasis on the IBC's core mission on Environment and Climate Change was added. After a brief discussion, a new deadline of one week was given so that members would have more time to provide comments. The terms of reference were subsequently adopted one week after the 15th membership meeting and sent to RCP.

During the third session, moderated by Matthew Billot, UNEP, a detailed **progress report on the implementation of IBC 2024 work plan** was provided. Sari Lappi, WMO, gave to IBC members an overview on [the Regional Forum for Sustainable Development 2024](#). [The 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"](#) organized by the IBC. The Forum was held on 13 March 2024. The speakers addressed: (1) Climate-related risks and extreme events; and (2) jointly addressing climate change and biodiversity loss. Overall, it was a great success, sparking strong discussions with experts and keynote speakers. Ms Lappi focussed on the first half of the roundtable, particularly on the early warnings for all initiative presented by WMO Secretary General. The first half involved government representatives from Tajikistan and Romania, a local level representative from Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as a youth representative from the Sava Youth Parliament of the International Sava River Basin Commission. A representative of the WHO European Environment and Health Process Partnership on Youth with a statement from the floor highlighted the [Budapest Youth Declaration](#) and inclusive adaptation policies and activities that have proved effective in ensuring no one is left behind. [A short summary report of the Forum is available on the IBC website.](#)

Cristina Martinez, ILO followed by giving a presentation on the response to a request by the **Kazakhstan UNCT/RCO** that comprised a [webinar on Just transitions from mining and fossil fuels to a green economy in Kazakhstan](#), which was held 16 April 2024. The webinar focused on supporting the low carbon development of large companies through piloting industrial resource efficiency and emission reduction pathways, organizing round tables, training research officers, promoting clean production, and helping companies develop sustained low carbon strategies for transformation. Additionally, it called for facilitating the transition of coal mining regions towards the green economy by creating new economic opportunities and diversifying to attract public and private sector investment for more effective implementation. [A recording on the webinar is available through the IBCs website.](#)

Jing Fang, UNESCO, gave a presentation on IBC's support to **Moldova UNCT/RCO on national response** on sustainable forest management with focus on sustainable afforestation models. The IBC member agencies provided [Input to Thematic Workshop on Sustainable Forest Management, Republic of Moldova](#) which was held online on 11 April 2024 organized by the Results Group 4 "Green Development, Sustainable Communities and Disaster and Climate Resilience" and RCO. The workshop focused on policy framework for forest landscape restoration and good practice on sustainable afforestation that have been implemented alongside alternative economic activities for local communities on non-timber forest products



and promoting eco-tourism opportunities. Participants also discussed opportunities for joint projects, including the potential for conducting a feasibility study on implementing government programs for forestation combined with income-generating components.

Following, Matthew Billot, UNEP, provided **an overview of ongoing and planned IBC activities**. Starting with **responses to UNCT requests**, he recalled the method used in the implementation of [the IBC 2024 work plan](#), the clustering and progress monitoring approach. Through this approach, the number of UNCTs request received has been reduced from 24 to 16: 8 requesting assistance on how to incorporate the global agenda at the national level, 3 requesting support on the development of the CCAs, and 6 national requests, with three of them delivered (Kazakhstan, Moldova and Tajikistan) and one halted (Azerbaijan) by the UNCT.

Lastly, the IBC members discussed possible **support to UNCTs/RCOs at the climate COP29**. The IBC reminded members of the [climate change messages which were developed and released in 2023 for COP28](#). Aiping Chen, UNFCCC, provided an introduction on the work for COP29 in relation to the UN system, outlining two relevant streams for the IBC members: 1) a negotiable intergovernmental regulation process, 2) a non-negotiable one called the climate action agenda which the Azerbaijani presidency has put forward through a request for support. Efforts on COP29 are organized through a dedicated task force that includes all relevant UN agencies.

Cristina Martinez, ILO, offered the possibility for an IBC joint side event under the ILO-EU Just Transition Pavilion during the COP29. UNDP, UNFCCC and WMO showed interest. It was suggested during the meeting to convey a separate meeting for follow up.

Sari Lappi, WMO, thanked members for their expertise and contribution to the 2023 European State of the Climate report, which is available [here](#). She invited members to contribute to the European State of the Climate report for 2024.

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Final Agenda

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

28 May 2024 (10:00–11:30, Geneva/Venice/CET)

Background

For information about the United Nations Inter-Agency Issue-Based Coalition (IBC) on Environment and Climate Change for Europe and Central Asia please visit the [website](#).

Agenda

10:00 – 10:10	Welcome and opening addresses, including meeting objectives – by IBC co-Chair, Arnold Kreilhuber, UNEP
10:10 – 10:20	Introduction of new focal points – moderated by Matthew Billot, UNEP, IBC core team
10:20 – 10:30	Updates from the RCP – by Alper Almaz, DCO
10:30 – 10:45	Term of Reference – by Francesca Bampa, UNESCO, IBC core team - Presentation of revised ToR and comments received; adoption <i>Discussion</i>
10:45 – 11:20	2024 IBC workplan – moderated by Matthew Billot, UNEP, IBC core team - Overview of activities undertaken ○ Regional Forum for Sustainable Development – by Sari Lappi, WMO ○ Kazakhstan UNCT/RCO request – by Cristina Martinez, ILO ○ Moldova UNCT/RCO request – by Jing Fang, UNESCO, IBC core team - Overview of ongoing and planned activities – by Matthew Billot, UNEP, IBC core team ○ Responses to UNCT requests – ○ Possible support to UNCTs/RCOs on climate COP29 <i>The moderator will invite reflections from all IBC members.</i>
11:20 – 11:30	Conclusions and next steps – by IBC co-Chair Magdalena Landry, UNESCO



Meeting documents:

- Report of the 14th IBC membership meeting, available [here](#)
- RCP workplan (see page 2), available [here](#)
- UNCT Requests to IBC, with focal points
- Draft revised IBC terms of reference



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

15th membership meeting

28 May 2024 (online)

10:00–11:30 CET



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Welcoming Remarks

By IBC co-Chair, Arnold Kreilhuber, UNEP



Introduction of new focal points

By Matthew Billot, UNEP, IBC core team



Organization	Type	Name	Role
FAO	Director	Viorel Gutu	Assistant Director-General/Regional Representative for Europe and Central Asia, REU
	Alternate I	Evetta Zenina	Natural Resources officer
OHCHR	Alternate II	Sabina Akhmetzhanova	National Programme Officer on Youth, OHCHR for Central Asia
UN Habitat	Focal point	Katja Schaefer	Inter-Regional Advisor
UN Women	Focal point	Ela Ionescu	Regional Partnership and Resource Mobilization Specialist
	Alternate I	Milana Rikanovic	Head of Office UN Women Serbia
UNDP	Director	Natalia Alonso Cano	Chief
	Alternate II	Nuri Ozbagdatli	climate change specialist for Europe and Central Asia
UNFCCC	Focal point	Muhammad Taimur Ali Khan Gandapur	Manager, Implementation Coordination Subdivision, Mitigation Division
	Alternate I	Aiping Chen	Special Assistant to the Senior Director, Programmes Coordination Division
UNICEF	Alternate II	Diana Rose King	Social Policy Specialist, Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (ECARO)
UNOPS	Alternate I	Sophie Djugeli	the UNOPS Regional Partnerships Advisor for Europe and Central Asia region (ECR)
	Alternate II	Nora Sahatciu	Regional SDG Advisor of the ECR
WFP	Focal point	Omar Ali ALRIFAI	Regional Head of Resilience and Climate
WHO	Focal point	Nino SHARASHIDZE	Programme Manager-WHO Regional Office for Europe
	Alternate I	Dovile Adamonyte	Consultant (Multisectoral Partnerships for Environment and Health)- WHO Regional Office for Europe
WMO	Director	Kornélia Radics	Director, WMO Regional Office for Europe
	Focal point	Sari Lappi	Coordinator, WMO Regional Office for Europe
	Alternate I	Natalia Berghi	Programme officer, WMO Regional Office for Europe



Updates from the RCP

by DCO



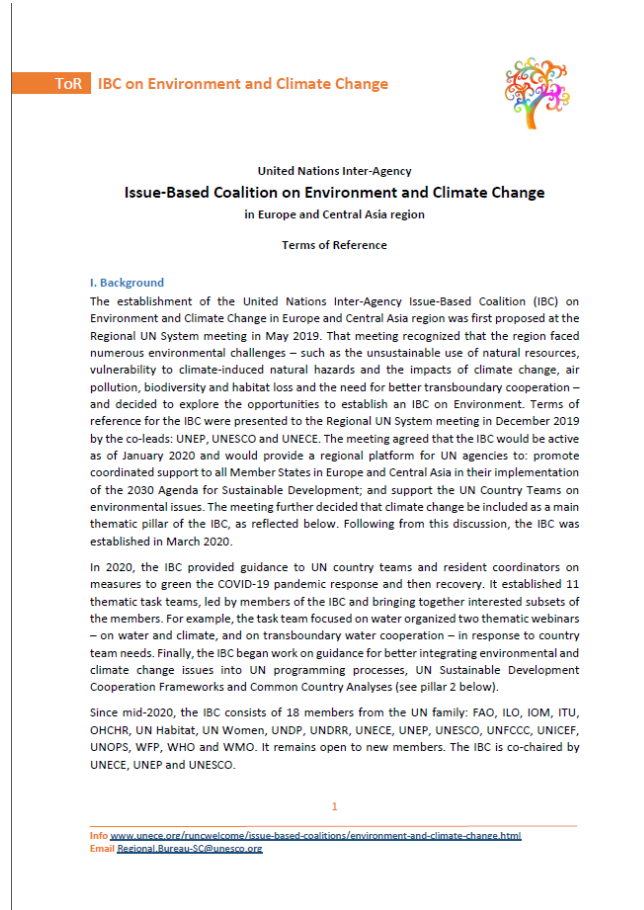
Terms of Reference

Presentation of revised ToR, comments received and adoption

by Francesca Bampa, UNESCO, IBC core team



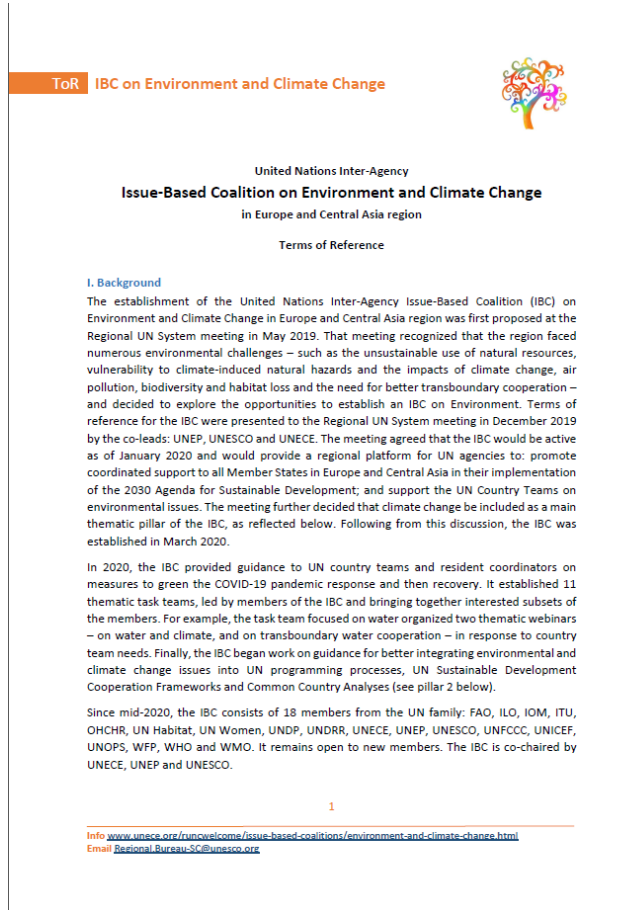
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- 10 pages
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 - II. Main goal and Objectives
 - III. Pillars
 - IV. Menu of services
 - V. Management Arrangements
 - VI. Membership
 - VII. Sunset clause
- Annex: guidance for task teams



Terms of Reference – revision process



- 2020 and revised in 2021
- 10 pages > 6 pages
 - I. Background lighter
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 - III. Pillars lighter
 - IV. Menu of services lighter
 - ~~V. Management Arrangements~~
 - VI. Working modality
 - VII. Outreach and communication
 - VIII. Membership lighter
 - IX. Sunset clause
 - ~~Annex: guidance for task teams~~
- Clean and track changes versions circulated 16.05.2024. Deadline for comments 25.05.2024



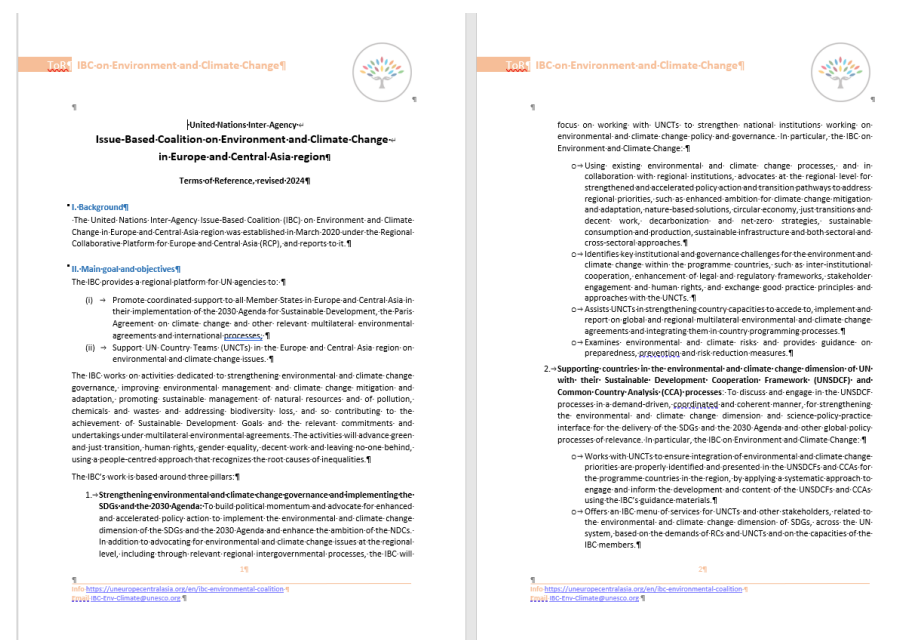
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Pillar 2. Supporting countries

Pillar 3. Information sharing





Terms of Reference – comments received

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Comments received:

- DRR
- OHCHR
- FAO



Discussion on the TOR



2024 IBC workplan

Moderated by Matthew Billot, UNEP, IBC core team



Overview of activities undertaken



Regional Forum for Sustainable Development

by Sari Lappi, WMO

Regional Requests



The role of RC and UNCT in driving whole of Government policy shifts to address climate change

- **Information:**

As part of the RCs Regional Retreat a dedicated discussion on the 6 transitions and engine rooms were planned.

The IBC provided kind support with the session on “ The role RC and UNCT in driving whole of Government policy shifts to address climate change “.

- **Delivery Date:** 12 March 2024
- **Thematic area:** Climate Change
- **Type of support:** Provision of expert panelists

REGIONAL FORUM
ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE UNECE REGION



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

2024 Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

- **Information:**

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

Part 2: Actions to address jointly climate change and biodiversity .

- **Delivery Date:** 13 March 2024
- **Thematic area:** SDG 13 Climate Change
- **Type of support:** In person, peer learning round table



Kazakhstan UNCT/RCO request

By Cristina Martinez, ILO

National responses

Just transitions from mining and fossil fuels to a green economy in Kazakhstan

- Background:**

RCO in Kazakhstan has asked IBC for targeted guidance on supporting a just transition from mining and fossil fuels to a green economy.

RCO is interested in good practices from programme countries in greening industries and creating new sustainable sectors to generate inclusive and decent employment opportunities.

- Delivery Date:** 16 April 2024

- Method:** Webinars/online meeting

- Thematic area:** Environment & Climate Change, Energy

- Type of support:**

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

- Contributors:**

PAGE, ILO, OHCHR, UNECE, UNIDO, UNRCO



Just transitions from mining and fossil fuels to a green economy in Kazakhstan

16 April 2024, 13:00–15:00 Astana

(10:00–12:00 Geneva)

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

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Meeting ID: 925 8422 6887

Passcode: 294901

Programme

13:00–13:10	Welcome and setting the scene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nick Bonvoisin, UNECE, core team of the Issue-based Coalition (2 minutes) Michaela Friberg-Storey, Resident Coordinator, Kazakhstan (5 minutes)
13:10–13:30	Just transition in Ekibastuz, Kazakhstan, and broader challenges related to coal phase-out in Kazakhstan,* by Sergey Vassilyev, PAGE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation (10 minutes) Questions and answers (10 minutes)
13:30–13:50	Green Industry Transformation in Kazakhstan: an example from the Pavlodar Region, by Abu Saieed, UNIDO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation (10 minutes) Questions and answers (10 minutes)
13:50–14:10	Closing coal-fired powerplants in Spain: tripartite agreements for a just transition, by Cristina Martinez, ILO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation (10 minutes) Questions and answers (10 minutes)
14:10–14:30	Transformation of coal-mining areas and communities – what worked, what did not, and how the issue can be effectively tackled in the future, by Michal Drabik, UNECE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation (10 minutes) Questions and answers (10 minutes)
14:30–14:50	Human rights perspectives on just transition, by Ana Paula Souza, OHCHR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation (10 minutes) Questions and answers (10 minutes)
14:50–15:00	Conclusions and next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michaela Friberg-Storey, Resident Coordinator, Kazakhstan (5 minutes) Nick Bonvoisin, UNECE, core team of the Issue-based Coalition (2 minutes)

National responses

Strengthening integration and coherence across the UNSDCF in Tajikistan

- Background:**

RCO in Tajikistan asked the IBC to 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.

- Delivery Date:** 14 May 2024

- Method:** Webinars/online meeting

- Thematic area:** Environment & Climate Change

- Type of support:**

Training and capacity building in thematic areas; Analytical support, data and diagnostics;
Cross country/regional experience sharing

- Contributors:**

ILO, UNDP, UNDRR, UNECE, UNEP, UNESCO, UNRCO



Strengthening integration and coherence across the UNSDCF in Tajikistan

14 May 2024, 13:00–15:00 Dushanbe

10:00–12:00 (CEDT)

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

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Provisional programme

Time	Item
13:00–13:05	Welcome and setting the scene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNRCO, Tajikistan Nick Bonvoisin, UNECE, core team of the Issue-based Coalition
13:05–13:15	Introduction to available tools: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue-based Coalition’s mainstreaming guidance, Nick Bonvoisin, UNECE Common Guidance on Helping Build Resilient Societies, Khusrav Sharifov, UNDP
13:15–13:45	Panel discussion , moderated by Nick Bonvoisin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Khusrav Sharifov or Nuri Ozbagdatli, UNDP Cristina Martinez, ILO Yigyeong Oh or Andrew Bower, UNDRR Tigran Tovmasyan, UNICEF Elena Osipova, UNESCO Matt Billot, UNEP <p>Panelists will each have five (5) minutes to make a pitch (one slide each). They can pitch their entity’s processes or instruments, or they can respond to others to trigger discussions by the result groups.</p>
13:45–13:50	Climate & green transformation priorities & common threads in UNSDCF, by UNRCO
13:50–14:50	Brainstorming among members of UNCT Results Groups on one or two “signature initiatives” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify environmental/greening issues that can be addressed through UN signature initiatives. (e.g., it could be any issue in green economic transformation, disasters, resilience, early warning, climate, water, education and training) What can the UN do collectively to address these issues? Which agencies can engage in these signature initiatives? How might funding be secured?
14:50–15:00	Conclusions and next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nick Bonvoisin, UNECE UNRCO, Tajikistan

7.05.2024



Moldova UNCT/RCO request

by Jing Fang, UNESCO

National responses

RG4 “Green Development, Sustainable Communities and Disaster and Climate Resilience” **Moldova**

- Background:**

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. With particular focus 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.

- Delivery Date:** 11 April 2024

- Method:** Thematic workshop

- Thematic area:** Environment & Climate Change, Environment & Climate Change,

- Type of support:**

Analytical support, data and diagnostics; Cross country/regional experience sharing

- Contributors:**

FAO, ILO, UNECE, UNDP, UNEP, UNESCO



DATE:	April 11, 2024	
TIME:	13:30 – 17:00	
LOCATION:	ARTCOR	
TIME	ITEM	PRESENTER/FACILITATOR
13:30 - 13:35	Opening remarks (5 min): Tudor Robu (FAO), Andrea Curyova (UNDP)	Chair and co-chair about the format of the meeting and expectations.
13:35 - 13:40	Forestry sector and existing capacity for sustainable management (brief assessment of current situation)	Iurje Gumeniuc, Forestry expert
13:40 - 13:55	Policy overview: regulatory and institutional framework, including GoM plans and programs (including recommendations).	Rodica Iordanov. Independent expert ex-Minister of Environment
13:55 - 14:10	Policy framework: National Policy Guiding Principles for Forest Landscape Restoration (preconditions and building blocks)	Roman Michalak, UNECE/FAC Forestry and Timber Section, UNECE
14:10 - 14:25	Key findings of WB study High conservation value forests in Moldova	Aurel Lozan, WB expert
14:25 - 14:40	Q&A	
14:40 - 14:55	⇒ Sustainable forest management and economic empowerment of local communities: Leila Urekeeva (UNEP Europe Office)	UNEP
14:55 - 15:10	⇒ Market analysis and opportunities for non-timber forest products for income generation: Cristina Martinez (ILO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia)	ILO
15:10 - 15:25	⇒ Forest conservation and potential eco-tourism development in UNESCO sites: Megumi Watanabe/Jing Fang (UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe)	UNESCO
15:25 - 15:40	Q&A	
15:40 - 16:00	COFFEE BREAK	
16:00 - 16:45	Technical discussion on opportunities for joint project development and specific needs: ⇒ Feasibility study, pilot project design preparation etc. for JWP Discussion around how to persuade two-fold objective of country's environmental protection combined with income-generating activities: • women and youth economic empowerment • local community engagement, diaspora involvement • eco-tourism development etc.	Moderator (zh)
16:45 - 17:00	Summary of discussion (for follow-up) and Closing remarks (10 min)	Chair and co-chair



Overview of ongoing and planned activities



Responses to UNCT requests

by Matt Billot, UNEP, IBC core team



IBC work plan for RCP 2024

1.3 IBCs and other inter-agency coordination groups	Client / Recipient of support	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1.3.1. IBC on Environment and Climate Change					
Respond to UNCT 2024 requests on climate change, biodiversity, and pollution (Albania, Azerbaijan, Belarus, BiH, Kazakhstan, Kosovo*, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, North Macedonia, Serbia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan)	UNCTs across region	x	x	x	x
Organize a webinar for RCs and UNCTs on seasonal climate forecasts and their effective use	UNCTs across region	x	x		
Conduct a subregional informal dialogue on transboundary water management in Central Asia	Central Asia UNCTs	x	x		
Host a subregional engagement on air pollution in the Western Balkans	Western Balkan UNCTs	x	x	x	
Host a Briefing on COP29, subject to confirmation by RCs/UNCTs (TBC)	UNCTs across region		x	x	
RFSD: peer-learning round table on SDG 13 - climate-related risks and extreme events and jointly addressing climate change and biodiversity loss		x	x		
Prepare guidance on mainstreaming biodiversity into UNSDCFs in the region (subject to resources availability)				x	x
Geneva Environment Network briefing for missions		x	x	x	x



UNCTs requests overview

Clustered response on incorporating global agendas at national level

Country	Thematic area of support	Type of support	IBC contributors (focal point)	Status
Albania	Environment and Climate Change	Training on programming elements and programming principles	UNEP, UNESCO, Core team (Marika)	Initiated
Belarus	Environment and Climate Change	Cross country/ regional experience sharing; Mainstreaming of global agendas and inter-governmental processes	UNEP, UNESCO, Core team (Marika)	Initiated
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Environment and Climate Change	Temporary deployment of technical expertise; Cross country/ regional experience sharing; Analytical support, data and diagnostics; Training and capacity building in thematic areas	UNEP, UNESCO, Core team (Marika)	Initiated
Kosovo	Environment and Climate Change	Capacity building; Exchange of knowledge, experiences, and good practices; Strengthening joint programming	UNEP, UNESCO, Core team (Marika), ILO (Cristina Martinez)	Initiated
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	UNEP, UNESCO, Core team (Marika), ILO (Cristina Martinez)	Initiated
North Macedonia	Environment & Climate Change	Mainstreaming of global agendas and inter-governmental processes	UNEP, UNESCO, Core team (Marika), IOM (Soum)	Initiated
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 processes; Cross country/regional experience sharing	UNEP, UNESCO, Core team (Marika), ILO (Cristina Martinez)	Initiated
Serbia	Environment & Climate Change	Capacity building; Exchange of knowledge, experiences, and good practices; Strengthening joint programming	UNDP, UNEP (Tomas) , UNOPS, UNESCO (Jing)	Initiated



UNCTs requests overview

Clustered response on UNSDCF/CCAs

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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	Alper, Core team, PSG	Initiated
Turkmenistan	Migration; Environment & Climate Change; Movement of People, Displacement	Cross country/ regional experience sharing; Mainstreaming of global agendas and inter-governmental processes	Alper, Core team, PSG IOM (Soum) and ILO (Cristina)	Initiated
Uzbekistan	Environment & Climate Change	Temporary deployment of technical expertise; Cross country/ regional experience sharing; Analytical support, data and diagnostics; Training and capacity building in thematic areas	Alper, Core team, PSG	Initiated



UNCTs requests overview

National responses

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Azerbaijan	Environment & Climate Change	Training on programming elements and programming principles	UNDRR, WMO , ILO, UNESCO	Halted
Kazakhstan	Environment & Climate Change; Energy	Cross country/ regional experience sharing; Mainstreaming of global agendas and inter-governmental processes	UNICEF, ILO, UN-Women, UNECE	Delivered
Moldova	Environment & Climate Change	Temporary deployment of technical expertise; Cross country/ regional experience sharing; Analytical support, data and diagnostics; Training and capacity building in thematic areas	FAO, UNECE	Delivered
Tajikistan	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	UNICEF, ILO, UN-Women, UNECE	Delivered
Tajikistan	Jobs & Social Protection; Environment & Climate Change	Mainstreaming of global agendas and inter-governmental processes	FAO, ILO, UNICEF, UNDP, UNEP	Initiated
Uzbekistan	Environment & Climate Change; Gender Equality	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 processes; Cross country/regional experience sharing	UN-Women, UNEP, UNESCO, ILO	Initiated



Possible support to UNCTs/RCOs on climate COP29

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Discussion



Conclusions and next steps

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A. Strategic vision statement

The Regional Collaborative Platform in Europe and Central Asia fosters regional cooperation among the entities of the regional UN Development System responding to development challenges in the region. It joins regional capacities and uses synergies to respond to regional and country needs with transformative system-wide technical support, advocacy and policy solutions, for achieving the shared goals. Our particular regional added value is bringing together our regional assets and expertise 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.

Results area ¹	Action / Activity	Timeline				Responsible Parties	
Region-specific success indicators for the result area	<p>1. RCP # of RCP coordination meetings successfully delivered # of thematic request-based knowledge products (policy documents, guidance notes, advocacy papers, etc.) developed by the IBCs and/or other regional coordination groups # of CCAs/UNSDCFs supported by the IBCs/PSG and reviewed by the RCP through the Country Dialogues mechanism</p> <p>2. Knowledge management Regional knowledge management hub developed and fully operational</p> <p>3. Results reporting Annual regional report developed and presented at the RFSD</p> <p>4. Consolidate capacities on data and statistics Region-specific aspects of the Secretary-General's Data Strategy and the Chief Executive Board's Roadmap on Data and Statistics implemented in Europe and Central Asia</p> <p>5. Increase regional efficiencies through common back offices Regional BOS developed</p>						
1. RCP and IBCs							
1.1 Regular activities of the RCP		Client / Recipient of support	Q1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Name of Group
	1.2.1 Prepare and hold regular meetings of the RCP, in line with agreed meeting calendar		x	x	x	x	RCP Vice-Chairs with support from RCP Secretariat
	1.2.2 Plan and prepare the annual RCP meeting chaired by the Deputy Secretary-General, back-to-back with the RFSD		x				
	1.2.3 Assess mid-term progress of the RCP's work				x		

¹ The key results areas correspond to the regional review roadmap issued by the Chair of the UNSDG. The expectation for additional activities to be listed as per the priorities of the RCP.

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1.2.4. Provide oversight, guidance and receiving regular reporting from IBCs and other interagency groups		x	x	x	x	
1.2.5- Strengthen dialogue between IBCs and RCs/UNCTs to ensure alignment of regional support offers and requests by the country level.		x	x	x	x	
1.3 IBCs and other inter-agency coordination groups	Client / Recipient of support	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Name of Group / Task Team
1.3.1. IBC on Environment and Climate Change						
Respond to UNCT 2024 requests on climate change, biodiversity, and pollution (Albania, Azerbaijan, Belarus, BiH, Kazakhstan, Kosovo*, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, North Macedonia, Serbia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan)	UNCTs across region	x	x	x	x	
Organize a webinar for RCs and UNCTs on seasonal climate forecasts and their effective use	UNCTs across region	x	x			
Conduct a subregional informal dialogue on transboundary water management in Central Asia	Central Asia UNCTs	x	x			
Host a subregional engagement on air pollution in the Western Balkans	Western Balkan UNCTs	x	x	x		
Host a Briefing on COP29, subject to confirmation by RCs/UNCTs (TBC)	UNCTs across region		x	x		
RFSD: peer-learning round table on SDG 13 - climate-related risks and extreme events and jointly addressing climate change and biodiversity loss		x	x			
Prepare guidance on mainstreaming biodiversity into UNSDCFs in the region (subject to resources availability)				x	x	
Geneva Environment Network briefing for missions		x	x	x	x	
1.3.2. IBC on Sustainable Food Systems						
Organize 2 webinars and dissemination of materials/briefs to share tools and best practices on food systems transformation, showing the need for cross-sectoral and cross-disciplinary collaboration, leading to developing impactful joint UN initiatives on food systems.	Aimed at UNCTs in Belarus, BiH, Kyrgyzstan, Serbia, Uzbekistan.	x	x	x	x	IBC-SFS Secretariat with selected IBC-SFS Members
Provide technical support to UNCT Belarus to discuss the food systems approach and share best practices on sustainable agriculture and food security and nutrition.	Responds to the requests of Belarus.	x	x	x	x	
Organize a webinar on the use of Food Systems Countdown Initiative.	Responds to the requests of Serbia and Uzbekistan.	x	x	x	x	

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Showcase results from countries in the region on changing dietary patterns, including more sustainable food choices.	Responds to request of Serbia.	x	x	x	x	
Deliver a series of up to 4 Food Systems Talks	RCs/RCOs, UNCTs		x	x		IBC-SFS Secretariat with selected IBC-SFS Members
Launch of the 2024 SOFI Report - Managing water sustainably in Europe and Central Asia Region	RCs/RCOs, UNCTs, MS and other professionals					FAO leads (co-chair); all IBC-SFS members contributing
In support of the follow-up to the UNFSS Stock-take Moment (UNFSS+2), coordinate and engage with the UN Food Systems Coordination Hub to provide technical support and regional perspectives of sustainable food systems. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-organise a National Food Systems Convenors Regional Meeting and a side event on “Food Systems Transformation as Accelerator for the SDGs Implementation and Climate Action” at the RFSD 2024 and at the COP29 with the UNFSS Coordination Hub. In preparation for the COP29 event in Azerbaijan, co-organize a regional event with the UN Food Systems Coordination Hub. 	UNFSS Coordination Hub and RCs/RCOs, UNCTs	x	x	x	x	IBC-SFS Secretariat and UN Food Systems Coordination Hub
Organize a peer-learning round table on SDG 2 and produce a video material under the RFSD 2024	RCs/RCOs, UNCTs, MS and other professionals	x				IBC-SFS Secretariat, FAO and UNECE lead
Organize a capacity building session/webinar in collaboration with the IBC Environment and Climate Change.	RCs/RCOs, UNCTs, MS and other professionals				x	UNEP lead
Co-organize a webinar in collaboration with the IBC Health to emphasize the interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental health within food systems.	RCs/RCOs, UNCTs, MS and other professionals				x	FAO and WHO
Conduct a multi-country analysis on school feeding	RCs/RCOs, UNCTs, MS and other professionals		x	x	x	UNICEF (lead), FAO, WHO, WFP
Publish the report on “Specific Food System Challenges and Priorities in the ECA region to be considered when transforming food systems and improving sustainability” through the multi-agency and diverse UN agencies perspectives.	RCs/RCOs, UNCTs, MS and other professionals		x	x	x	FAO (lead), all IBC-SFS members

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Knowledge products to update the CCA and UNSDCF taking into account the specific food systems challenges and priorities in the ECA region.	RCs/RCOs, UNCTs, MS and other professionals					
Maintain an online repository to share the latest available evidence, analysis and best practices related to the resilience of food systems (COVID 19 and the war in Ukraine)	RCs/RCOs, UNCTs, MS and other professionals	x	x	x	x	IBC SFS-Secretariat
1.3.3. IBC on Social Protection						
Develop key messages and advocacy points on joint UN initiatives of SME and youth employment	Responds to the request of Kyrgyzstan	x	x	x	x	
Provide guidelines and examples of UN good practices in the discourse of the impact of brain drain on social protection systems.	Responds to the request of Belarus.	x	x	x	x	
Provide training on developing impactful joint UN initiatives across the jobs and social protection transition (policy or programmatic)	Responds to the requests of BiH, Kosovo*.					
Mapping of best practice related to specific social services for women, victims of violence, persons with disabilities, among others.	Responds to the request of Moldova.					
Organize the peer learning round table at RFSD on SDG 1.		x				
Provide guidance/support on preparation of strategies/plans for alignment/implementation of Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions.	Responds to the requests of Belarus, Kosovo*, Moldova, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.	x	x	x	x	
1.3.4. IBC on Adolescents and Youth						
Conduct a webinar on effective mapping of ongoing youth engagement related initiatives in Central Asia	Responds to the request of Kazakhstan.	x	x	x		
Provide a guidance note/knowledge product on best practices and effective structures to ensure meaningful youth engagement and participation in UNCT work.	Responds to the request of Belarus.	x	x	x		

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Host a webinar on UN initiatives on SMEs and youth employment, and guidance on engagement of youth in Kyrgyzstan.	Responds to the request of Kyrgyzstan.	x	x	x		
Conduct a Webinar/ provide Guidelines of effective mapping of engagement of youth in social cohesion, and examples of the role that the UN can play in facilitating such processes.	Responds to the request of Moldova.					
Host a Webinar on good practices of engagement in youth and HIV, and capacity building of youth empowerment, HIV integration into broader context and advocacy for multi sectoral approach on HIV	Responds to the request of Uzbekistan.					
Develop guidance for UNCTs on inclusion of young people’s participation and youth related issues in CCA/UNSDCF on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of Inter-agency Youth Advisory Groups • 2030 Youth Scorecard 	UNCTs and youth theme groups primarily from countries developing CCA/UNSDCFs in 24/25	x	x			
Support youth participation in the RFSD 2024	UN MGCY, UNECE, Young People	x				
1.3.5. IBC Health and Wellbeing						
Provide good practice and guidance on UN agency collaboration and prioritization in health	Responds to the request of Armenia.	x	x	x	x	
Provide guidance and examples on youth and HIV	Responds to the request of Uzbekistan.					
Foster connections with other IBCs: Large Movement of People, Environment, Youth and Gender, to align activities and avoid duplication		x	x	x	x	
Support CCA/UNSDCF preparation in roll-out countries, identify opportunities to offer contextual/specific expertise. Revision of the Guidance Note on including Health in the UNSDCF, considering the 6 transitions.		x	x	x	x	
Keep abreast collaborative work between UN agencies which are covered by other partnership platforms, outside the IBCs, specifically on follow-up on International Conference on PHC and joint work on Mental Health (Belarus and CAR) to provide UNRC/UNCT support when requested.		x	x	x	x	
Expand mandate of WHO-UN-RCM Emergency Coordination platform to include emergency preparedness and response.		x	x	x	x	

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Organize dedicated sub-regional discussions with UN RCs on how to operationalize One Health at local level and integrate it in the UNSDCF – in CAR & Eastern Europe + Türkiye.	Eastern Europe + Türkiye	x	x	x	x	
Adapt key One Health documents and messaging and develop guidelines/briefings	UNRC/UNCTs	x	x	x	x	
Actively integrate nature and the environment into One Health to jointly address climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution to enhance country office support priorities. Liaison with IBC-Environment to Align with the 7 th ministerial conference on Environment and Health to support getting on track with the SDGs	UNCTs across the region	x	x	x	x	
Contribute to the RFSD on how One Health links into the 5 selected SDGs for review (1, 2, 13, 16, 17), submit proposal for a virtual side session on One Health.	UNCTs across the region	x	x	x	x	
Support Uzbekistan to develop a comprehensive strategy and action plan on healthy and active longevity.	Uzbekistan	x	x	x	x	
Develop guidelines for national media assessment on reducing ageism stigma across the life cycle.	UNCTs across the region	x	x	x	x	
Ageing refugees: collaborate to expand support in receiving countries, ensuring social protection by addressing the financial security and social care needs of ageing refugees.	UNCTs across the region	x	x	x	x	
Mainstream ageing into emergency preparedness, response, and recovery, including climate-related risks and extreme events.	UNCTs across the region	x	x	x	x	
Mainstream migrant health in public health approaches: <i>“Preparing for future health emergencies by mainstreaming public health considerations into migration policies and services, at national and local levels”</i> through organizing a regional joint event, providing webinars, or developing policy briefs, etc.	UNCTs across the region	x	x	x	x	
1.3.6 IBC on Large Movement of Populations, Displacement and Resilience						
Lead on the organization and follow-up of the Global Compact for Migration (GCM) Regional Review 2024 for the UNECE Region.	Member States and non-governmental stakeholders	x	x			IBC LPMDR Co-chairs (IOM/UNDP/ UNHCR)
In preparation for the GCM Regional Review, organize dedicated pre-consultations with Member States (1); non-governmental stakeholders (3) and UN Resident Coordinators	Member States, Non-governmental stakeholders, UNRCs	x				IBC LPMDR Co-chairs (IOM/UNDP/ UNHCR)
In follow-up to the GCM Regional Review, organize briefings to UN Country Networks on main priorities and key takeaways.	UNCTs across the region		x	x		IBC LPMDR Co-chairs (IOM/UNDP/ UNHCR)

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Provide guidance on strengthening resilience on refugee-related issues, in line with cross-cutting concerns including climate change, gender mainstreaming, social protection, etc.	Responding to a request from Armenia		x	x			
Provide capacity building on effective cross-sectoral coordination and planning, and good practices in strengthening UN internal coordination and capacities to respond to such emerging situations.	Responding to a request of Montenegro	x	x	x	x		IBC LPMDR Co-chairs (IOM/UNDP/ UNHCR) with contributions from IBC Members
Provide capacity-building trainings to UNCTs upon request on mainstreaming migration in UNSDCF and CCAs and through the regional Network facilitation	Responding to requests of Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkmenistan	x	x	x	x		
1.3.7 IBC on Gender Equality							
Development of common positions and joint advocacy to promote gender equality related to key issues and trends across the region. (Trend analysis on SDG data availability at regional levels, development of key messages on GEWE for ECA region for the High levels platforms/events in 2024)	UNCTs across the region		x	x	x		UN Women lead (data availability) UNFPA
Leverage the momentum of the 2024 high level platforms to advance and implement commitments on gender equality and women’s human rights. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beijing 30+ Summit for the Future 	UNCTs across the region	x	x	x	x		UNICEF (lead), UN Women (lead) (Gender Equality and CSW68)
Webinar/information sharing/training for UNCTs and GTGs on gender mainstreaming in the design of the UN cooperation frameworks (in the context of 12 UNCTs from ECA region developing new UNSDCF in 2024).	UNCTs across the region	x	x	x	x		IBC-GE Chairs, Members and GTG/GRGs
Disseminate guidance, checklists, and technical support available on strengthening the integration of gender equality into UN UNSDCF and CCAs in coordination with the regional Peer Support Group	UNCTs across the region	x	x	x	x		Cooperation with R-DCO and R-PSG
Organize inter-IBCs meetings prioritizing the integration of a gender dimension in areas such as climate change, data, etc.	UNCTs across the region	x	x	x	x		Lead: IBC-GE co-chairs

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1.3.8. Digital Transformation Group							
Develop the reference document facilitating roll out of digital transition in line with the framework of Six Transitions: Investment Pathways to Deliver the SDGs.	UNCTs across the region	x	x	x	x		
Update of the UN Digital Development Toolbox for Europe and Central Asia	UNCTs across the region	x	x	x	x		
Complete of the Digital Skills Compendium	UNCTs across the region	x	x	x	x		
Stock take of flagship initiatives of the UN system related to Digital Transformation	UNCTs across the region	x	x	x	x		
Disseminate examples of good practice on UN engagement on the Transition related to Digital Connectivity, and information on the Global Digital Compact and the Summit of the Future	Responds to the request of Albania.	x	x	x	x		
Provide examples of good practice on digital transformation in the agriculture sector and UN initiatives of on-the-job trainings on digital transformation in agriculture.	Responds to the request of Azerbaijan.	x	x	x	x		
Provide guidance on digital transformation as a cross-cutting priority and impactful joint UN initiatives across the digital connectivity transition.	Responds to the requests of Belarus and BiH.	x	x	x	x		
Build capacity to address challenges of digital transformation on priority policy areas and actions in line with the SDG Commitments ahead of the Summit of the Future in September.	Responds to the request of Kosovo*.	x	x	x	x		
Provide support through exchange of knowledge between countries and best practices on digitalization on education, social protection, public transportation, health, and provide case studies on effective approaches to digitalization.	Responds to the request of Moldova, Montenegro, and Uzbekistan.	x	x	x	x		
Host a public event on Human-centric digital transformation (11 March 2024, Online)		x					
Organize a Digital development peer learning session at the RFSD (14 March 2024, Geneva, Switzerland)		x					
Host the Side event at the WSIS+20 High-Level Event (May 2024, Geneva, Switzerland)			x				

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1.3 Support to UNDS Cooperation Frameworks and CCAs (PSG)	Client / Recipient of support	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Name of Group / Task Team
<p>Provide strategic planning support to CCA/ Cooperation Framework cycle to increase likelihood of high-quality roadmap, CCA and cooperation framework.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review/Update the PSG Menu of services for UNCTs. Develop a full training package on CF in co-ordination with DCO NY Based on demand, provide capacity building on UNSDCF related topics. Liaise with IBCs and other regional groups to leverage thematic expertise. Assign PSG focal points for UNCTs. 		x			X	
<p>Review of drafts of UNCT Roadmap, CCA and Cooperation Framework products to provide advice for increasing their quality.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize dialogue-sessions with RCs and UNCT prior to PSG quality assurance (It Can be done through inter-agency missions or focal points/co-ordination with UNRCO) Review the UNCT CF roadmaps. Quality assurance of full-fledged CCA (and CCA annual updates review based on demand) Quality assurance of UNSDCFs Review of JWPs Review of Annual Results Reports 	R-DCO with PSG	X	x	x	x	x
<p>Promote regional level experience exchange on good practice and examples in advancing the 2030 Agenda through the Cooperation Framework.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify, document, disseminate and promote good practices, lessons and innovations observed in the UNSDCF process. Contribute to UN development system’s update of global CF guidelines based on lessons learned at regional level. Cross-regional and global peer exchanges and knowledge sharing Mapping of practices and lessons learned of entities in UNSDCF related reviews. Quarterly newsletters to the RCP on UNSDCF status, regional initiatives, and issues. 	R-DCO in consultation with PSG and IBCs R-DCO in consultation with PSG R-DCO	x	x	x	x	x

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	<p>Increase capacity of PSG members to provide integrated UNSDCF support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update a document with links to key information and trainings relevant to PSG ECA Update capacity mapping of the PSG Induction briefing for new PSG members. PSG annual retreat Organize capacity building opportunities for PSG members based on demands. Organize briefings on new guidance for PSG members if applicable. 	<p>R-DCO + PSG members R-DCO ECA + R-DCO NY</p>	<p>x x x x</p>	<p>x x x x</p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	
<p>3.1 Prepare the annual system-wide results reporting</p>		<p>RCP membership</p>	<p>Q1</p>	<p>Q2</p>	<p>Q3</p>	<p>Q4</p>	<p>RCP Secretariat</p>
<p>4. Consolidate capacities on data and statistics (SG’s Recommendation 4)</p>							
<p>4.1 Consolidate capacities on data and statistics</p>		<p>Client / Recipient of support</p>	<p>Q1</p>	<p>Q2</p>	<p>Q3</p>	<p>Q4</p>	<p>Name of Group / Task Team</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide training and assistance on data and statistics to UNCTs as per country-level requests. Develop a platform and interactive tool to follow up and collaborate on support requests. Further strengthen involvement of data focal points in UNCTs in technical cooperation activities Provide contributions and stories to the 2024 regional SDG progress report 			<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	
<p>5. Increase regional efficiencies through common back offices (SG’s Recommendation 5)</p>							
<p>1. Ensure Effective R-OMT Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Act as technical advisory group to the RCP ECA and engage formally twice a year as per the ToR of the R-OMT. Strengthen collaboration with PSG to operationally align with the UNSDCFs. Strengthen collaboration with local OMTs through an enhanced governance model. Fully establish R-OMT BOS WGs (HR, Procurement, Finance, Logistics, ICT, Administration). Provide technical support to UNCTs/OMTs on BOS 2.0 and other relevant matters. Provide advisory support on BOS, CBO and Common premises to OMTs. 			<p>X X X X</p>	<p>X X X X</p>	<p>X X X X</p>	<p>X X X X</p>	<p>R-OMT Co-Chairs and R-OMT members/WG Members.</p>

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	<p>2. Culture of Proactive Engagement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan R-OMT retreat annually to conduct a year-end review of achievements, challenges and lessons learned and to plan for the upcoming year. Plan one R-OMT BOS WGs retreat annually for the annual review of the R-BOS and to explore new operational collaboration and address challenges. 		x	x	x	x	R-OMT Co-Chairs and Chairs of the R-BOS WGs
	<p>3. Ensure Effective Implementation of R-BOS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up and continuous monitoring on implementation progress, conduct annual review and assess BOS understanding within R-OMT and the BOS Working Groups to ensure equal accessibility of a working knowledge to concerned members. 		x	x	x	x	Chairs of the R-BOS WGs and R-OMT Secretary
	<p>4. Common Back Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide continuous information sharing and advisory services to UNCTs/OMTs (R-OMT members to their respective agency in the region) on CBO development. 		x	x	x	x	DCO regional BOS officer
	<p>5. Common Premises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the CP roadmap countries for 2024-2025 and identify countries in our region to engage on the implementation of the project. Coordinate with TTCP through DCO to ensure active engagement in providing technical support to pilot countries within the region. Capture any lessons learned from CP projects in other countries/regions and share it with the pilot countries. 		x	x	x	x	DCO regional BOS officer
	<p>6. COs Business Operations Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate knowledge sharing among country OMTs. Support DCO in the quality assurance of the overall country BOS annual review 		x	x	x	x	Members nominated by R-OMT



United Nations Inter-Agency
**Issue-Based Coalition on Environment and Climate Change
in Europe and Central Asia region**

Terms of Reference, revised 2024

I. Background

The United Nations Inter-Agency Issue-Based Coalition (IBC) on Environment and Climate Change in Europe and Central Asia region was established in March 2020 under the Regional Collaborative Platform for Europe and Central Asia (RCP), and reports to it. For its operation, the IBC relies upon human and financial resources provided by its members.

II. Objectives

The IBC provides a regional platform for UN agencies to:

- (i) Promote coordinated support to all Member States in Europe and Central Asia in their implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement on climate change and other relevant multilateral environmental agreements and international processes;
- (ii) Support UN Country Teams (UNCTs) in the Europe and Central Asia region on environmental and climate change issues.

The IBC works on activities dedicated to strengthening environmental and climate change governance, improving environmental management, enhancing adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change, while contributing to reducing GHG emissions. The work of the IBC furthermore promotes sustainable management of natural resources and of pollution, chemicals and wastes and addressing biodiversity loss, and so contributing to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals and the relevant commitments and undertakings under multilateral environmental agreements. The activities will advance green and just transition, human rights, gender equality, decent work and leaving no-one behind, using a people-centred approach that recognizes the root causes of inequalities.



The IBC's work is based around three pillars:

1. **Strengthening environmental and climate change governance and implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable development and its 17 SDGs:** To build political momentum and advocate for enhanced and accelerated policy action to implement the 2030 Agenda, with a particular focus on the environmental and climate change dimension of the SDGs, and enhance the ambition of relevant national commitments and priorities. In addition to advocating for environmental and climate change issues at the regional level, including through relevant regional intergovernmental processes, the IBC will focus on working with UNCTs to strengthen national institutions working on environmental and climate change policy and governance. In particular, the IBC on Environment and Climate Change:
 - In the context of environmental and climate change processes, and in collaboration with regional institutions, advocates at the regional level for strengthened and accelerated policy action and transition pathways to address country and regional priorities, such as enhanced ambition for climate action, biodiversity protection, nature-based solutions, circular economy, just transitions and decent work, decarbonization and net-zero strategies, sustainable consumption and production, sustainable infrastructure and both sectoral and cross-sectoral approaches, strengthened resilience to climate related disasters.
 - Support with identifying the key institutional and governance challenges for the environment and climate change within the programme countries, such as inter-institutional cooperation, enhancement of legal and regulatory frameworks, stakeholder engagement and human rights, and exchange good practice principles and approaches with the UNCTs.
 - Assists UNCTs in strengthening country capacities to accede to, implement and report on global and regional multilateral environmental and climate change agreements and integrating them in country programming processes.
 - Examines environmental and climate risks and provides guidance on preparedness, prevention and risk reduction measures.



2. **Supporting UN Country Teams in the environmental and climate change dimension of Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) and Common Country Analysis (CCA) processes:** To discuss and engage in the UNSDCF processes in a demand-driven, coordinated and coherent manner, for strengthening the environmental and climate change dimension and science-policy-practice interface for the delivery of the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda and other global policy processes of relevance. In particular, the IBC on Environment and Climate Change:
 - Works with UNCTs to ensure integration of environmental and climate change priorities are properly identified and presented in the UNSDCFs and CCAs for the programme countries in the region, by applying a systematic approach to engage and inform the development and content of the UNSDCFs and CCAs using the IBC's guidance materials and other resources.
 - Offers an IBC menu of services for UNCTs and other stakeholders, related to the environmental and climate change dimension of SDGs, across the UN system, based on the demands of RCs and UNCTs and on the capacities of the IBC members.
3. **Information sharing relevant to the environmental and climate change dimension of SDGs:** To make IBC resources available through the RCP website for the benefit of UNCTs and other stakeholders, to share and streamline scientific data and information and existing tools across the UN family, with a focus on the implementation of the environmental and climate change dimension of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs in Europe and Central Asia (while fully acknowledging the integrated nature of environment, social, health, economic and governance aspects). In particular, the IBC on Environment and Climate Change promotes sharing of information to UNCTs preparing their CCAs about relevant environmental and climate change data, statistics, existing tools and assessments, at both the national level and through global, regional and thematic assessments.



III. Menu of Services

IBC thematic Coverage		Main support modalities	Linkages and coordination with regional/country-level mechanism
<p>Climate change and disaster risk reduction</p> <p>Biodiversity & nature-based solutions</p> <p>Air pollution</p> <p>Sustainable consumption & production</p> <p>Water management</p> <p>Food security & land management</p> <p>Sustainable infrastructure</p> <p>Environment & youth</p> <p>Environment & gender</p> <p>Migration, environment & climate change</p> <p>Human rights, environment and climate change</p> <p><i>Note: Thematic coverage is provided by task teams, which may be arranged jointly with other IBCs in the region.</i></p>		<p>Providing policy advice to RCs and UNCTs on the environment and climate change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Developing guidance and recommendations on the environment and climate change <p>Advisory services for UNCTs on the development of CCAs and UNSDCF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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; ○ Analysing existing CCAs and UNSDCF to identify common environment and climate change priorities as well as gaps and preparing recommendations. <p>Capacity development on environmental and climate change dimensions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Training sessions for UNCTs on specific themes identified through task teams with UNCTs. <p>Knowledge management, scientific data and information sharing within the UN system on environment and climate change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Knowledge products continuously uploaded in UN Regional Knowledge Management Hub. <p>Catalyst for international, regional and transboundary cooperation within UN system on environment and climate change.</p> <p>Outreach and communication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 <p>Interagency support to RCs and UNCTs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 	<p>Linkages with RCs, UNCTs, environment results groups, technical groups, focal points, Peer Support Group (PSG), Regional Collaborative Platform (RCP), R-DCO, subregional focus where appropriate (i.e., to address common challenges or transboundary issues) through relevant groupings of RCs and UNCTs</p>



IV. Working modality

1. UNEP, UNESCO and UNECE to co-chair.
2. The focal points and alternates represent their organization and are responsible for providing an update on their organization's environmental and climate change science-policy practice, work and activities supporting the delivery of the environmental and climate change dimension of the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda. The focal point is also responsible for keeping their colleagues in the respective agencies informed on the activities of the IBC.
3. IBC members to meet through regular video conferencing, approximately every three or four months, as needed, to maintain momentum and coordination and foster an inclusive process in which all members can make their contributions to the IBC strategy, direction and focus.
4. Technical representatives of the co-chairs and DCO to meet approximately weekly to coordinate the functioning of the IBC.
5. A retreat of the IBC to be held annually as conditions allow.
6. Ad-hoc calls to be made if needed to prepare for supporting activities at the national and regional level.
7. An annual review to be carried out of work, results, progress towards achieving these terms of reference, engagement and attendance of agencies, country feedback and UN Regional Coordination Platform.
8. Based on a common format prepared by Joint RCP Secretariat, the IBC co-chairs to prepare input to end of year reporting for the Regional Annual Results report. More frequent reporting to be carried out if required by the RCP.
9. The IBC to report regularly and be accountable to the RCP.
10. The IBC will create task teams to address technical issues following specific requests from UNCTs.
11. The IBC will create synergies with other IBCs where themes overlap between them.
12. Products, such as policy briefs, will be issued through the IBC co-leads to Regional DCO and thus to RCs and UNCTs.
13. The holding of webinars will be coordinated by the IBC co-leads to avoid overloading RCs and UNCTs.
14. The IBC does not engage in operational matters, or in mobilizing resources for programmes or projects, or in implementing them.
15. All types of support services provided by the IBC to UNCTs are request based.
16. Finally, the IBC maximizes the opportunities presented by the UN Reform even where some agencies are not physically present in the target countries.



V. Outreach and Communication

The IBC, through RCP, maintains its webpage (<https://uneurocentralasia.org/en/ibc-environmental-coalition>) that acts as a knowledge hub for the UN system on environment and climate change in the region, complementing the anticipated overall Regional Knowledge Management Hub. The webpage is continuously updated with IBC products. This platform organizes relevant information in an easily accessible way for the UN system as a whole and particularly RCs and UNCTs. It includes calendar of outreach activities especially for RCs and UNCTs to increase their engagement with the IBC and awareness of the response offer of the IBC.

VI. Membership

The IBC is open to all UN agencies, funds and programmes. Related entities working at the regional level on environment and/or climate change may also be invited.

The membership is reviewed and confirmed every year based on specific needs or joint activities included in the annual workplan. Observers may be invited as necessary and when relevant.

Each member designates a focal point and an alternate(s), ideally specialists working on SDGs. Gender and geographical balance need to be considered.

Any cost of participation is met by each participating member.

The IBC consists of 17 members from the UN family: FAO, ILO, IOM, OHCHR, UN Habitat, UN Women, UNDP, UNDRR, UNECE, UNEP, UNESCO, UNFCCC, UNICEF, UNOPS, WFP, WHO and WMO.

VII. Sunset Clause

The IBC will be terminated if the number of members falls below 10, or the IBC has no meaningful input to the end of year reporting for the Regional Annual Results report, or its activities are absorbed by another mechanism.

The regional director of an IBC member that is inactive within the IBC for a period of 12 months will be asked to explicitly confirm its continued membership.

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