

**Draft Meeting report n. 19****Nineteenth Meeting of the IBC on Environment and Climate Change**

20 November 2025 (10:00-11:30, Geneva/Venice/CET)

The purpose of the meeting was to review the deliverables and achievements of the IBC 2025 workplan in response to UNCT requests and exchange updates on the Regional Collaborative Platform (RCP), encouraging a collegial and cooperative IBC members engagement for reflections and discussions. The meeting was opened by IBC co-chair Arnold Kreilhuber, Director of the UNEP Regional Office for Europe, and closed by IBC co-chair Dario Liguti, Director of UNECE Sustainable Energy Division.

In total, 11 IBC members were represented: FAO, ILO, IOM, OHCHR, UNECE, UNEP, UNESCO, UNFCCC, UNICEF, UNOPS, WMO.

In the opening of the meeting, Arnold Kreilhuber, IBC co-chair, formally introduced the new UNECE co-chair Dario Liguti and core team member Chiara Giamberardini.

During the first session, DCO/RCP Secretariat shared key insights from RCP meetings:

- Positive feedback on IBC's work was reported in subregional workshops in Türkiye and Western Balkans;
- RCO Secretariat's priorities for 2026 will be shaped by the evolving UN80 initiatives, particularly on the Regional Integration Platform, knowledge management hub, and the regional reset;
- Next online RCP meetings on 24-25 November will review achievements, future directions, expectations arising from UN80.
- Future directions will focus on regional expertise, engagement with EU institutions, and support to the UN Office in Brussels.
- Currently, the RCP will continue to implement its workplan through established mechanism and modalities, according to last year's approach.

UNEP stressed the importance of receiving the RCP survey early, given limited IBC resources and the need to tailor support to UNCT priorities. While the survey is useful, additional bilateral consultations with RCO and UNCT remain essential for understanding specific support requirements. These consultations require sufficient time.

DCO/RCP Secretariat agreed to convey these concerns to the RCP Secretariat, confirming the intention to circulate the survey as early as possible.

The second session, moderated by IBC co-chair Magdalena Landry (UNESCO), outlined the IBC 2025 workplan, including:

(1) Results and achievements:



IBC core team presented key products on biodiversity following the webinar “[Incorporating global agendas at the national level – Biodiversity](#),” namely “[Key Advocacy Messages for Biodiversity Mainstreaming](#)” and “[Guidance for integrating biodiversity into CCA & UNSDCF](#)” disseminated at the webinar “[Regional workshop on Guidance and Finance for Mainstreaming Biodiversity into CCAs and UNSDCFs](#)” in March 2025.

Moreover, it was highlighted the IBC-led training and awareness online session for the UNCT in Bishkek on the Atlas of Environmental Change, and its application to climate risk assessment, NDCs and water management strategies as well as capacity development for just transitions and climate adaptation policies.

It was also reported near-finalisation of the brochure on air pollution in the Western Balkans, developed at the request of the UNRC in North Macedonia, providing a comprehensive overview of air pollution as health, biodiversity, and development challenge.

It was then introduced the webinar “[Integrating gender equality into just transitions and climate change](#),” organised in coordination with IBC Gender, in response to requests from UNCTs in Kyrgyzstan, Türkiye and Serbia on strengthening gender mainstreaming within climate and environmental agendas ([report](#)).

The work achieved on water issues was showcased, namely the two sub-regional knowledge products on water management initiatives for Central Asia ([UN initiatives on water management in Central Asia and potential entry points](#)) and South Caucasus ([UN initiatives on water management in the South Caucasus and potential entry points](#)).

Additionally, it was reported on the webinar on “[Financing Sustainable Development Initiative](#),” in response to UNCT request from North Macedonia and extended to other UNCTs. The webinar aimed at strengthening UNCT capacity to identify, access, and align financing with national goals ([recording](#)).

ILO highlighted water scarcity as a recurring concern across Central Asia and South Caucasus and noted ILO’s forthcoming paper on the collapse of labour market impacts, developed jointly with UNECE, UNDP, and other UN agencies.

(2) Ongoing activities:

WMO outlined the upcoming [Webinar for UN Country teams on Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems](#), jointly organised by WMO, UNDRR, UNESCO, ITU, UNDP, UNICEF, UNEP and IFRC. The webinar will focus on integrating the EW4All initiative into national disaster risk reduction strategies.



UNEP introduced the regional webinar series on Urban Sustainability, requested by the UNCT in Türkiye, covering: (1) sustainable urban development, (2) decarbonizing construction and resilient housing, (3) sustainable cooling and urban heat resilience. Delivery will span from late 2025 to early 2026.

ILO reported progress on the policy brief on financing just transition, prepared jointly with UNEP and UNECE in response to request from Serbia UNCT, and currently undergoing final revisions.

UNESCO noted ongoing preparations for a targeted webinar, in discussion with the UNCT in Kyrgyzstan.

The co-chair Magdalena Landry (UNESCO) opened the floor to all IBC members to express their thoughts on lessons learned during 2025.

- ILO reiterated the importance of adequate timelines for responding to UNCT requests, follow-up, clarification of needs, and effective planning.
- UNEP highlighted the need to review delivery modalities and ensure effective support within existing mechanisms.
- UNICEF underscored the coordination demands of a large, multi-agencies IBC. She acknowledged recent improvements in the review of requests but noted that further strengthening is needed to ensure strategic and impactful engagement. Additionally, she proposed focusing on broader regional priorities and in the context of EU accession processes, clarifying the IBC's role in supporting environment and climate-related pillars. Finally, she encouraged reflection on the IBC's engagement in middle- and high-income countries, where its support remains highly relevant.
- UNEP observed the increasing number of requests related to access to financing and recommended consolidating this information for more effective use by UNCTs. She concurred with the need to identify overarching regional priorities while noting the complexity of cross-cutting issues, which require contributions from all UN entities. She cited examples from other regions where IBCs have conducted in-person workshops.

IBC co-chair Dario Liguti (UNECE) moderated the session on “Outlook 2026: preliminary outline,” inviting IBC members to reflect on future priorities for the IBC.



- UNEP underscored the importance of integrated policy advice, and noted the limited resources constraints for knowledge products, while proposing greater agility through the expert roster.
- The IBC co-chair Arnold Kreilhuber (UNEP) encouraged identification of up to three strategic priorities, either by consolidating existing areas of work or by selecting new strategic themes, drawing on the collective expertise of participating agencies. He further recommended aligning IBC engagement with key regional environmental milestones.
- Building on these remarks, the IBC co-chair Dario Liguti (UNECE) proposed three overarching priorities for 2026: (1) just transition; (2) resilience; and (3) financing.
- FAO reiterated FAO's commitment to supporting countries under the Rio Conventions and endorsed agile guidance on financing, to which FAO can contribute.
- UNEP proposed a survey to assess the use and impact of IBC products.
- UNICEF supported the proposed priorities and recommended reflecting this approach within the survey.

In closing, IBC co-chair Dario Liguti (UNECE) emphasized the need for cohesion and selectivity as the IBC prepares for 2026. He concluded by acknowledging the strong collaboration and commitment of IBC members.

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Provisional agenda

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

20 November 2025 (10:00–11:30, Geneva/Venice/CET)

[Teams link](#)

The purpose of the meeting is to review the 2025 deliverables and achievements and provide opportunities for discussion and reflection on ongoing work and lessons learned.

10:00 – 10:10	Welcome and opening addresses, including meeting objectives – by Arnold Kreilhuber, UNEP
10:10 – 10:15	Introduction of UNECE new IBC co-chair and focal point by Dario Liguti and Chiara Giamberardini
10:15 – 10:25	Updates from RCP - by Mona Folkesson, DCO
10:25 – 11.10	IBC 2025 workplan moderated by Magdalena Landry, UNESCO • Results and achievements of 2025: - Mainstreaming Biodiversity into CCAs and UNSDCF - Support to regional climate risk assessments, NDCs and water management strategies as well as capacity development for just transition and climate adaptation policies. - Brochure on air pollution in the Western Balkans - Integrating gender equality into just transitions and climate change - Regional knowledge products and dialogue on transboundary water management in Central Asia and in South Caucasus - Webinar on Financing Sustainable Development Initiative • Ongoing work and pending requests during last quarter of 2025: - Webinar for UN Country teams on Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems - Regional webinar series on Urban Sustainability - Policy brief on financing just transition in Serbia - Climate risk assessment and NDCs - Joint programming, including gender and climate change in Central Asia



	Lessons learned during 2025 (5 min) <i>The moderator will invite reflections from all IBC members on the collaboration in 2025.</i>
11:10 – 11:25	Outlook 2026: preliminary outline by Dario Liguti, UNECE <i>The moderator will invite reflections from all IBC members.</i>
11:25 – 11:30	Closing remarks and next steps – by IBC co-chair Dario Liguti, UNECE

Meeting documents:

- [UNCT requests 2025 status table](#)
- [IBC Env input to RCP ECA Work Plan 2025](#)
- [IBC Env and CC 18th meeting summary report with annexes](#)



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

19th membership meeting

20 November 2025 (online)

10:00–11:30 CET



Agenda

10:00 – 10:10 <i>[10 min]</i>	Welcome and opening addresses, including meeting objectives – by IBC co-chair, Arnold Kreilhuber, UNEP
10:00 – 10:15 <i>[15 min]</i>	Introduction of UNECE new IBC co-chair and focal point
10:15 – 10:20 <i>[5 min]</i>	Updates from RCP – moderated by Mona Folkesson, DCO
10:20 – 10:50 <i>[30 min]</i>	IBC 2025 workplan – moderated by IBC co-chair, Magdalena Landry, UNESCO • Results and achievements of 2025 – by Marika Palosaari, UNEP • Ongoing work ending requests during last quarter of 2025 – Samuel Partey, UNESCO
10:50 – 11:25 <i>[35 min]</i>	Outlook 2026: preliminary outline – by IBC co-chair, Dario Liguti, UNECE <i>The moderator will invite reflections from all IBC members.</i>
11:25 – 11:30 <i>[10 min]</i>	Closing remarks and next steps – by IBC co-chair, Dario Liguti, UNECE



Introduction

of UNECE new IBC co-chair and focal point

Dario Liguti, IBC co-chair, UNECE
Chiara Giamberardini, IBC focal point, UNECE



Updates

From RCP

by Mona Folkesson, DCO



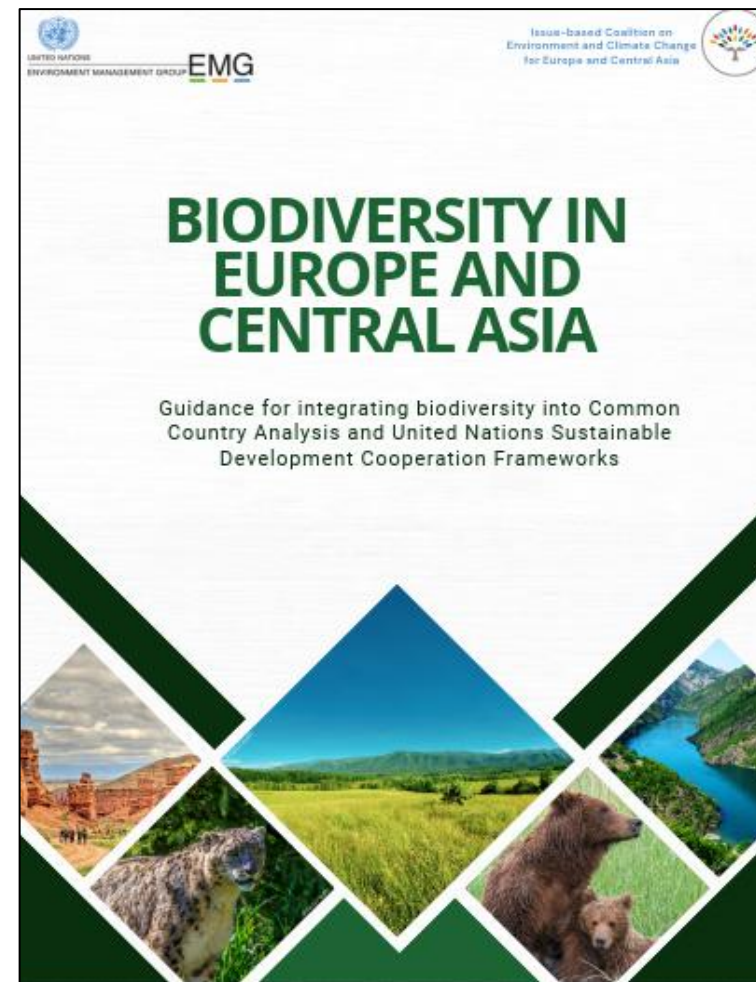
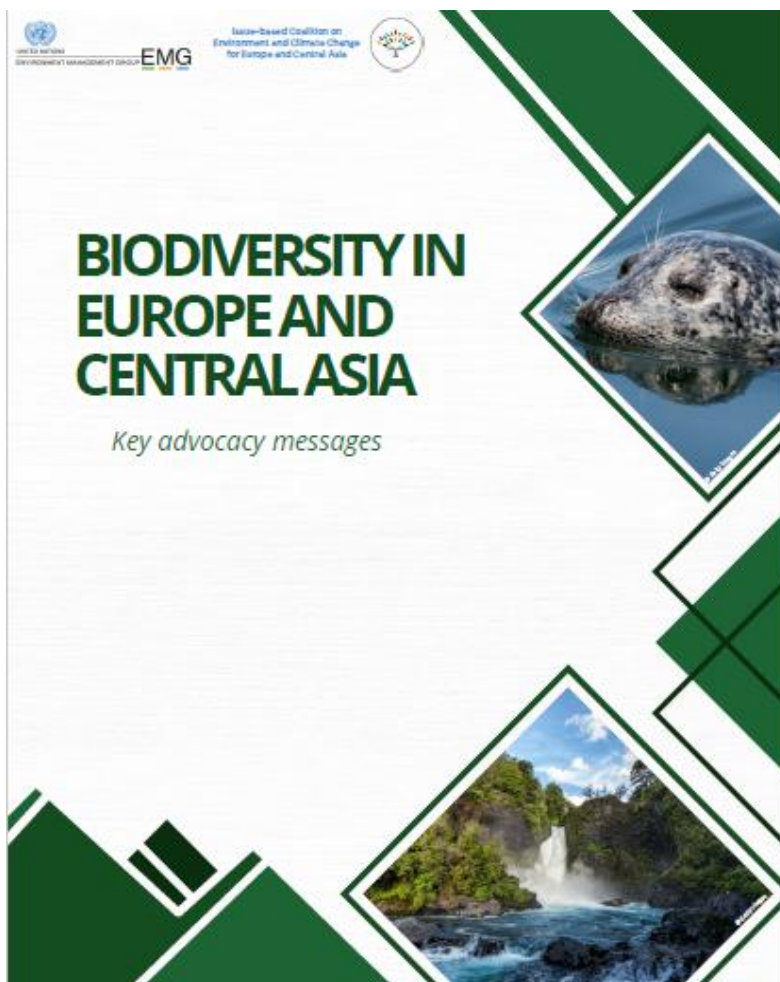
IBC 2025 Workplan

Results and achievements

Moderated by Magdalena Landry, IBC co-chair, UNESCO



Mainstreaming Biodiversity into CCAs and UNSDCFS





Support to regional climate risk assessments, NDCs and water management strategies as well as capacity development for just transition and climate adaptation policies – Kyrgyzstan

- The IBC conducted a **training and awareness online session with the UNCT in Bishkek**, presenting a recently produced **Atlas of Environmental Change**.
- The session introduced **national-level environmental data and provided guidance on how to interpret and apply the Atlas for policy and planning purposes**.



Brochure on air pollution in the Western Balkans

- Produced through a regional mapping of UN system initiatives on air quality in the Western Balkans
- Proposal from the North Macedonia UNRC, developed collaboratively with UNCTs and the IBC Task Team on Air Pollution
- Provides a comprehensive overview of air pollution as a pressing global and regional issue, highlighting its impacts on health, biodiversity, and development.





Integrating gender equality into just transitions and climate change

- Date: 26 June 2025
- Responding to requests for support: from UN Country Teams (UNCTs) in Kyrgyzstan, Türkiye, and Serbia.
- Co- Organizer: IBC Gender (first joint IBC-GE and IBC-ENV session)
- 72 participants were represented: FAO, ILO, IOM, UNECE, UNESCO, UN Women, UNFPA, UNDP, UNICEF, WFP, WHO, Resident Coordinator Offices.
- Purpose: To support strengthened gender mainstreaming within climate and environment agendas

Regional knowledge products and dialogue on transboundary water management in Central Asia and in South Caucasus



Mapping of water cooperation in Central Asia (2022, updated in 2024) - used for informal dialogue on water cooperation in Feb. 2023 and for an informal dialogue on transboundary water management in Feb. 2025

[UN initiatives on water management in Central Asia and potential entry points](#)

Mapping of water cooperation in South Caucasus conducted and used as basis to identify programmatic and policy entry points for collective UN actions at country level, as well as at transboundary / subregional level. It has been used to inform dialogue among resident coordinators

The study also served as direct input to the South Caucasus common country analysis Common Chapter

[UN initiatives on water cooperation in the South Caucasus and potential areas of focus](#)

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UN initiatives on water management in Central Asia and potential entry points

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Webinar on Financing Sustainable Development Initiative

- Date: 12 June 2025
- UNCT request (North Macedonia)
- Purpose: strengthen UNCT capacity to identify, access, and align financing with national goals



IBC 2025 Workplan

Ongoing work and pending requests during last quarter

Moderated by Magdalena Landry, IBC co-chair, UNESCO



Webinar for UN Country teams on Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems

- Date: 21 November 2025, 10-11.30am
- Origin: through an IBC survey
- Purpose: strengthen regional understanding of MHEWS and provide approaches for integrating the EW4All initiative into national DRR strategies
- Partner: WMO, UNDRR, UNESCO, ITU, UNDP, UNICEF, UNEP and IFRC



Regional webinar series on Urban Sustainability

- **Delivery during Q4 2025 and Q1 2026**
- **Purpose: foster internal UN dialogue, capacity-building, and cooperation; strengthen UN support to governments on urban action**
- **Main thematic areas**
 - Sustainable urban development
 - Decarbonizing the construction sector and resilient housing
 - Sustainable cooling, urban heat resilience and integrated urban energy
- **First webinar 16 Dec 10 – 11:30_{CET} Integrated Approaches to Urban Sustainability**



Lessons learned during 2025

Moderated by Magdalena Landry, IBC co-chair, UNESCO



Outlook 2026: preliminary outline

Moderated by Dario Liguti, IBC co-chair, UNECE



Conclusion and next steps

by Dario Liguti, IBC co-chair, UNECE

Regional Collaborative Platform in Europe and Central Asia

Work Plan January 2025 – December 2025

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	1. RCP <i># of RCP coordination meetings successfully delivered</i> <i># of thematic request-based knowledge products (policy documents, guidance notes, advocacy papers, etc.) developed by the IBCs and/or other regional coordination groups</i> <i># of CCAs/UNSDCFs supported by the IBCs/PSG and reviewed by the RCP through the Country Dialogues mechanism</i>						
	2. Knowledge management <i>Regional knowledge management hub developed and fully operational</i>						
	3. Results reporting <i>Annual regional report developed and presented at the RFSD</i>						
	4. Consolidate capacities on data and statistics <i>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</i>						
	5. Increase regional efficiencies through common back offices <i>Regional BOS developed</i>						
1. RCP and IBCs							
	1.1 Regular activities of the RCP	Client / Recipient of support	Q 1	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	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	
1.3.1 IBC on Environment and Climate Change						
Respond to UNCT 2025 requests (by Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Serbia, North Macedonia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and possibly others). Tentatively, organized thematically:	UNCTs across region	x	x	x	x	IBC on Environment and Climate Change
• Climate risk assessment, NDCs (Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan)		x	x	x	x	
• Support to UNSDCF processes (Azerbaijan, Serbia, Turkmenistan)		x	x	x	x	
• Joint programming, including gender and climate change (Azerbaijan, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan)		x	x	x	x	with IBC on Gender Equality
• Just transitions (Kyrgyzstan, Serbia)		x	x	x	x	
• Funding (North Macedonia)		x	x	x	x	
Regional/subregional activity on multi-hazard early-warning systems, possibly at Global Platform for DRR (theme identified through an IBC survey of webinar participants.)	UNCTs across region		x			
Subregional informal dialogue on transboundary water management in Central Asia (follow-up to subregional mapping and analysis of UN interventions)	Central Asia UNCTs	x				
Regional launch of guidance on mainstreaming biodiversity into CCAs and UNSDCFs, and key messages, with discussion on different funding opportunities for biodiversity	UNCTs across region	x				
Publication of factsheet on air pollution and policy responses in the Western Balkans	Western Balkan UNCTs		x	x		
Outreach, communication, and partner engagement: regular IBC membership meetings; contributions to RCP website; preparation of communications materials, making IBCs products more available; and dialogue with RCs/UNCTs.		x	x	x	x	
1.3.2 IBC on Sustainable Food Systems						
1.3.3 IBC on Social Protection						
1.3.4 IBC on Adolescents and Youth						

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	1.3.5 IBC Health and Wellbeing						
	1.3.5 IBC on Large Movement of Populations, Displacement and Resilience						
	1.3.7 IBC on Gender Equality						
	1.3.8 Digital Transformation Group						
	1.3 Support to UNDS Cooperation Frameworks and CCAs (PSG)	Client / Recipient of support	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Name of Group / Task Team
2. Knowledge management (SG's Recommendation 2)							
	2.1 Coordinate the development, implementation and maintenance of the Knowledge Management platform	Client / Recipient of support	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Name of Group / Task Team
3. Results reporting (SG's Recommendation 3)							
	3.1 Prepare the annual system-wide results reporting	Client / Recipient of support	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Name of Group / Task Team
4. Consolidate capacities on data and statistics (SG's Recommendation 4)							
	4.1 Consolidate capacities on data and statistics	Client / Recipient of support	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Name of Group / Task Team
5. Increase regional efficiencies through common back offices (SG's Recommendation 5)							

Thematic Area	Country	Issue, origin and context	Status Update	Description of Action Taken	Outcome/Follow up needed
Environment and Climate Change	Azerbaijan	Developing a potential joint programme on climate change as part of the new cooperation framework. Gender Responsive M&E Systems; application of GEM	Postponed to 2026 as per the request from the RCO	An initial meeting with the UNCT was held in February to begin developing a joint programme on green and just transition. The RCO initially requested to postpone the work until mid-June, while in June 2025, the RCO proposed a further postponement until 2026 due to slowed progress with the new Cooperation Framework.	Follow up with the RCO in early 2026 after the new Cooperation Framework is signed and implementation begins.
Environment and Climate Change	Kyrgyzstan	Integrating gender equality into the just transition and climate change agenda (Developed jointly with IBC Gender)	Ongoing	A webinar on integrating gender equality into the just transition and climate change agenda will be held jointly with the IBC Gender on last week of June.	Finalization of the preparations for the webinar and dissemination of guidance documents after the webinar.
Environment and Climate Change	Kyrgyzstan	Promote regional climate risk assessments, enhanced NDCs and water management strategies using AI and geospatial tools. Build advocacy points and support capacity development for just transition and climate adaptation policies.	Completed	The IBC conducted a training and awareness online session with the UNCT in Bishkek, presenting a recently produced Atlas of Environmental Change. The session introduced national-level environmental data and provided guidance on how to interpret and apply the Atlas for policy and planning purposes.	Note: The IBC subsequently received a request from the UNCT to use the Atlas to identify communities living in high altitude zones to support the identification of livelihood grants by the government.
Environment and Climate Change	North Macedonia	Provide guidance on applying to global environmental funds for projects related to air pollution, health, and climate resilience. Address gaps in application knowledge and expand access to funding opportunities to improve environmental programming.	Completed	Webinar on financing sustainable development initiatives organized on 12 June.	
Environment and Climate Change	Serbia	Capacity-building and producing joint knowledge products for effective UNSDCF alignment.	Ongoing	Two meetings with the RCO Serbia to clarify the request and identify the scope of the response.	Consulting the agenda with UNCT Serbia; webinar scheduled at the end of June (see above line for Kyrgyzstan).
Environment and Climate Change	Serbia	Address the triple planetary crisis by promoting gender-sensitive programming for biodiversity protection, pollution reduction, and just transitions. Support includes capacity-building and producing joint knowledge products for effective UNSDCF alignment.	Ongoing	An upcoming webinar on integrating gender equality into the just transition and climate change agenda is being developed jointly with IBC Gender Equality. Two meetings were held with the RCO Serbia to clarify the request and define the scope of the planned support.	
Environment and Climate Change	Tajikistan	Strengthen environmental data analysis, integrate climate considerations across Results Groups, and align programming efforts with global climate agendas. Provide technical support for environmental monitoring and climate-resilient planning.	Ongoing	One meeting has been held with the RCO to further explore the UNCT request	Tajikistan will move to their next CF in 2027, the IBC will continue to provide bespoke support throughout this process. Due to the International Glaciers Conference, the RCO requested the IBC wait until after this date (29 May – 01 June 2025)
Environment and Climate Change	Turkmenistan	Develop JPs with the government and enrich the UNSDCF 2026-2030 through evidence-based contributions on climate resilience and SDG alignment. Build advocacy for climate policies and facilitate cross-country knowledge sharing.	Ongoing	A first meeting with the RCO on 18 Feb 2025 resulted in a more detailed list of requests. At a follow-up meeting on 16 April 2025, the RCO identified joint programming as a priority, with interest in multi-country activities, including early warning systems, NDCs, and water management. In Jan 2025, the IBC issued a report titled “UN Initiatives on Water Management in Central Asia and Potential Entry Points.”	Invite to participate in planned Webinar for UN Country teams on MultiHazard Early Warning Systems (date tbc). Follow up on organization of activities foreseen in the 2nd half of 2025 on (i) Climate risk assessment and NDCs, and (ii) Joint programming, including gender and climate change. Finally, check back with RCO whether request adequately addressed on for feedback on impact.

Environment and Climate Change	ECA	Regional/subregional activity on multihazard early-warning systems in line/after the Global DRR Platform 2-6 June 2025	Ongoing	First internal meeting on 17/2, Concept note for a webinar drafted, Survey on Early Warnings for All & Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems Readiness and Awareness launched to Result Groups in June, Survey results analyzed. Concept note for webinar revised according to survey, date fixed, draft agenda <i>not discussed 2/10</i>	Webinar (finalization of agenda with speakers) foreseen for 21 November 2025.
Environment and Climate Change	ECA	Guidance on finance and integrating biodiversity into UN planning frameworks and key advocacy messages for biodiversity mainstreaming.	Completed	Organized 2webinars: one on guidance document draft, another on final documents and finance aspects; issued 2 key documents, a guidance note for integrating biodiversity into UN planning frameworks and key advocacy messages for biodiversity mainstreaming.	Promote the products among the UNCTs
Environment and Climate Change	UNCT in Central Asia	Water initiatives and transboundary water management in Central Asia.	Completed	Commissioned a study to gather information on water initiatives and transboundary water management in Central Asia. Held an informal dialogue in February to present findings and discuss policy and programmatic entry points.	
Environment and Climate Change	UNCT in South Caucasus	Transboundary water management initiatives in the South Caucasus.	Completed	Conducted a study on water management initiatives in the South Caucasus. Organized an informal dialogue in April, leading to inclusion of a special chapter on transboundary water management in the CCAs of these countries.	
Environment and Climate Change	Türkiye (request originally listed only under the IBC Jobs and Social Protection')	Support needed for sustainable urban planning and resilient cities.	Ongoing	Developed the concept for capacity-building and peer learning webinars for the UNCTs of the region. Discussed the plan with the UNCT Türkiye and agreed to offer the service for the whole region. Concept note 'Greener Cities, Resilient Communities: Integrated Approaches to Urban Sustainability' completed with inputs from the IBC partners. Prepared programme outline for the first webinar.	Deliver the webinars during the Q4 2025 and Q1 2026