Session 5: Sustainable, Inclusive and Resilient Economies

UNEP’s Covid-19 Response for Building Back Better and Greening the Recovery Packages

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• Response 1: The medical & humanitarian emergency phase

• Response 2: A transformational change for nature and people

• Response 3: Investing to build back better

• Response 4: Modernizing global environmental governance

While there is a clear need to focus on an immediate humanitarian response, governments cannot lose sight of environmental sustainability

The pandemic has exposed many fragilities in our economies, and deepened existing inequalities, while highlighting the need for resilience, innovation and cooperation.
UNEP’s response will focus on:

- Supporting governments to rebuild the next generation of social, ecological and productive infrastructure
- Reaching real economy actors to scale up and accelerate Sustainable Consumption and Production and create new green jobs
- Linking recovery efforts with the clean energy transition, nature-based solutions and the Paris Agreement
Regional and National Level Cooperation Platforms

• United Nations Inter-Agency Issue-Based Coalition on Environment and Climate Change for Europe and Central Asia
  • Strengthening environmental and climate change governance and implementing the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda
  • Supporting countries in the environmental and climate change dimension of UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) and Common Country Analysis (CCA) processes
  • Monitoring and reporting on the environmental and climate change dimensions of SDGs

• Close cooperation with UN Country Teams and Resident Coordinators in the countries to agree on joint actions for a post COVID-19 recovery
  • Communication with UNCTs in all Central Asian countries
SCP/GE engagement in North and Central Asia and South Caucasus

- **10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns (10YFP)**
  - Engages regional actors from various sectors to bring together expertise, resources, innovation and commitment towards a shift to more sustainable modes of production and consumption
  - 6 programmes: Sustainable Public Procurement, Sustainable Buildings and Constructions, Sustainable Food Systems, Consumer Information, Sustainable Lifestyles and Education and Sustainable Tourism

- **Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE)**
  - Launched in 2013 as a response to Rio+20
  - Supports those countries wishing to embark on greener and more inclusive growth trajectories
  - Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan

- **Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP)**
  - SPP is a key policy instrument to support a transition towards sustainable development and an inclusive green economy
  - UNEP’s methodology has been introduced and continues to be promoted in EECCA (EaP Green, EU4Environment, UNDA SPP project)
UNEP's Covid-19 actions, articles, blogs and webinars

- Green Fiscal Policy Network
- Green Growth Knowledge Partnership
- International Resources Panel
- One Planet Network
- Partnership for Action on Green Economy
- UNEP Finance Initiative
Thank you!

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