



Preliminary Programme

Innovative Solutions to Pollution in South East and Southern Europe

Preliminary Conference Programme

4 – 5 December 2018

Palace of Serbia, Belgrade

4 December 2018 09.30 – 13.00 <i>Towards a Pollution-Free South East and Southern Europe</i>	
A) Participants	Governments, international and regional organization, Donor Agencies, Local Authorities, Civil Society Organizations, and the Private Sector
B) Topics	- Presentation of solutions to pollution-related regional challenges. In addition, South East European countries will get the opportunity to present various national pollution challenges and present their plans of actions.
C) Expected outcomes	- Accelerating the implementation of the 2017 UN Environment Assembly Ministerial Declaration, resolutions, commitments and pledges from UNEA 3 in addressing pollution in the region, while also supporting Governments, The Private Sector and other stakeholders in raising their level of ambition. - Adoption of the “<i>Joint Regional Vision on Innovative Solutions to Pollution</i>”

4 December 2018 14.00 – 18.00 <i>UNEA 4 Informal Preparatory Ministerial Consultation for South East and Southern Europe</i>	
A) Participants	Governments, international and regional organization, Donor Agencies, Local Authorities, Civil Society Organizations, and the Private Sector
B) Topics	- Presentation of the status of preparations for the 2019 Environment Assembly; - Discussion on the 2017 UN Environment Assembly Ministerial Declaration and resolutions addressing various aspects of pollution including the draft 2017 UN Environment Assembly Implementation Plan;



	- Presentation of the 2019 UN Environment Assembly theme (<i>Innovative solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable consumption and production</i>), and presentation of the draft thematic report
C) Expected outcomes	- Improved understanding of UN Environment Assembly 3 resolutions on pollution, and appraisal of the expected outcomes of UN Environment Assembly 4; - Enhanced recognition of the role of the United Nations Environment Assembly as world's highest decision-making body on global environment and the opportunities for South East European Countries to engage.

5 December 2018 09.30 – 18.00 Multi-stakeholder meeting	
A) Participants	Governments, International and regional organization, Donor Agencies, Local Authorities, Civil Society Organizations, and the Private Sector
B) Topics	The second day would take the form of multi-stakeholder round tables, which will be organised in an interactive manner, allowing the audience to participate in the discussions. The round tables will serve to collect information on progress made to move towards a pollution-free South East and Southern Europe. Proposed thematic round tables: • Round table 1 The Role of the Private Sector: From Pollution to Solution • Round table 2 Local Authorities: At the forefront in addressing pollution • Round table 3 How can research institutions, and civil society organizations work with governments and the private sector to address pollution challenges – Strengthening the Science – Policy – Society Interface • Round table 4 Pollution as global concern: Engaging with international partners to build capacity
C) Expected outcomes	Round table 1 will focus on the role of the Private Sector in the path towards pollution-free South East Europe, exploring the ways in which businesses could play an active and positive role in addressing pollution and pollution related challenges. Topics could range from corporate social responsibility approaches,



	to green technologies and scientific innovation in the field of pollution. Round table 1 is expected to contribute to enhancing partnerships with the private sector in the region. Round table 2 will focus on the role of local authorities, identifying the ways in which they can contribute to the concrete implementation of the Ministerial Declaration and 2017 UN Environment Assembly resolutions utilizing their role as an interface between Government and local communities. Round table 2 is expected to contribute to identifying a programme of actions on pollution based on voluntary commitments at the national and local level. Round table 3 will focus on the role of research institutes and other knowledge providers in responding to pollution related challenges through science, technology and awareness raising. Additionally, it will also identify the ways in which Civil Society Organisations and other stakeholders can work together with governments and the private sector in addressing pollution related challenges by building on the contributions of science and innovative technologies towards achieving of the most relevant Sustainable Development Goals. Round table 3 is expected to contribute to strengthening partnerships to mobilize political will public awareness on pollution issues. Round table 4 will focus on the role international partnerships can have in the field of capacity building and exchange of experiences in dealing with pollution-related challenges. This round table will provide participants with an updated review on Best Available Technologies and approaches from other countries in dealing with pollution concerns. Round table 4 is expected to contribute to create further international synergies and to mobilize possible additional resources.
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