Survey for evaluation of the organization and conduct of the Batumi Ministerial Conference

I. Introduction

1. The Eighth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference took place in Batumi, Georgia, on 8–10 June 2016. The Conference addressed two themes: greening the economy in the pan-European region; and improving air quality for a better environment and human health. In addition, during a segment on education for sustainable development, the Conference assessed progress made during the ten-year implementation of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development and decided on the next priorities and the Strategy’s future implementation framework.

2. The key outcomes of the Conference include: the Batumi Ministerial Declaration; the Pan-European Strategic Framework on Greening the Economy and its Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (BIG-E); the Batumi Action on Cleaner Air (BACA); and the Batumi Ministerial Statement on Education for Sustainable Development.

3. The ECE Committee on Environmental Policy prepared the Conference. The ECE secretariat, in cooperation with partner organizations, supported the work of the Committee. The Georgian Government efficiently supported the preparation, organization and hosting of the Conference in accordance with decisions taken by the Committee. The preparatory process and the Conference were organized based on the provisions of the Environment for Europe Reform Plan, adopted in 2009 (ECE/CEP/S/152, annex I, and Corr.1), and in accordance with the procedures for the Batumi Ministerial Conference, adopted in 2014 (ECE/CEP/2014/15).[[1]](#footnote-2)

4. The preparatory process commenced in 2014 and included: two regular sessions (in 2014 and 2015) and two special sessions (in 2016) of the Committee; two separate meetings of the Committee’s Bureau (in 2014 and 2015) and four meetings back-to-back to Committee sessions (2014–2016); and the work by virtual means of the group of experts on green economy as well as one meeting of the group (in 2016).

II. Survey

5. The purpose of the survey is to collect information from the members of and observers to the Committee on Environmental Policy on the process of preparation, organization and running of the Batumi Ministerial Conference.

6. The survey’s target audience comprises the representatives of national Governments of the ECE region. In addition, the survey aims to collect views from observers to the Committee that participated in the preparatory process and in the Conference. Those members of and observers to the Committee that participated in the preparatory process but could not attend the Conference are invited to answer the survey questions, as appropriate. Committee members and observers are invited to provide one consolidated response per country or organization.

7. The survey contains sections covering the content of the Conference, the organization, format and running of the Conference, the preparatory process, the side events on the margins of the Conference and possible themes for the next conference. The structure of the survey is as follows:

(a) Contact information (page 3);

(b) Organization of the Batumi Conference (pages 3–11);

(c) Content and conduct of the Batumi Conference (pages 11–21);

(d) Preparatory process of the Batumi Conference (page 21);

(e) Possible themes for the next Conference (pages 21–22);

(f) Batumi side-events (pages 22–27);

(g) Any other issues (page 27).

8. Conference documents and materials are available on the ECE webpages dedicated to the Conference.[[2]](#footnote-3) In particular, the following documents are relevant to the overall content and format of the Conference:

(a) Annotated provisional agenda of the Conference (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/1);

(b) Organization of work at the Conference (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/3);

(c) Organization of work at the Conference: list of speakers (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/3/Add.1/Rev.1);

(d) Guidance for speakers at the Conference (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/3/Add.2/Rev.4).

9. The survey has been developed to be user-friendly, mostly using a tick-box approach; respondents who would like to elaborate on their choice will have the possibility to include their comments in the explanatory field. Such an approach is expected to simplify the process of filling in the survey. The use of web-based software to develop such a survey on-line will be explored, if technically adequate and resource efficient. Having an on-line survey would considerably facilitate the consolidation of the responses received.

10. The final version of the survey, which will reflect any comments by the Committee made at its twenty-second session, will be circulated (tentatively in February 2017) to the members of and observers to the Committee, with a deadline of one month for completion and submission to the secretariat ([efe@unece.org](mailto:efe@unece.org)). Based on the responses received, the ECE secretariat will prepare an analysis for consideration by the Committee at its twenty-third session.

A. Contact information

*Please indicate the name, title or position, organization and country, as well as the contact data of the person who is filling in the survey*

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B. Organization

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| **1. Organization of arrival and welcoming (welcome desk, information desk, transportation) at:**  **1.1 Batumi airport was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **1.2 Other airport (please specify the airport ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **1.3 Batumi train station was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **1.4 In Batumi hotels:**  **1.4.1 In the Batumi Sheraton Hotel (recommended by the host country) was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **1.4.2 In the Batumi Hilton Hotel (recommended by the host country) was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **1.4.3 In the Batumi Radisson Blue Hotel (recommended by the host country) was::**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **1.4.4 In the Batumi Hotel Intourist Palace (recommended by the host country) was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **1.4.5 In other hotel in Batumi (please specify the hotel ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **1.5 Organization of departure was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  … |
| **2. Accommodation:**  **2.1 In the Batumi Sheraton Hotel (recommended by the host country) was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **2.2 In the Batumi Hilton Hotel (recommended by the host country) was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **2.3 In the Batumi Radisson Blue Hotel (recommended by the host country) was::**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **2.4 In the Batumi Hotel Intourist Palace (recommended by the host country) was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **2.5 In other hotel in Batumi (please specify the hotel ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  … |
| **3. Various logistics and events:**  **3.1 Commuting in Batumi was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.2 Lunches provided by the host country were:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.3 Overall availability of dining facilities in Batumi were:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.4 Organization of the concert and reception hosted by Georgia was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.5 Organization of the family photograph event was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  … |
| **4. The Conference registration process:**  **4.1 On-line registration on the ECE website (information provided, clarity of registration process, deadline, etc.) was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **4.2 In Batumi (on-site registration and obtaining Conference badge) was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **4.3 Logistical arrangements at the Conference venue (including security check before entering the Conference premises) were:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  … |
| **5. The Conference pre-session communication and provision of information by the ECE secretariat was:**  **5.1 Timely**  strongly agree /  somewhat agree /  somewhat disagree /  strongly disagree /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **5.2 Comprehensive**  strongly agree /  somewhat agree /  somewhat disagree /  strongly disagree /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **5.3 Useful**  strongly agree /  somewhat agree /  somewhat disagree /  strongly disagree /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  … |
| **6. Conference meeting rooms (main plenary and roundtables):**  **6.1. In Batumi Sheraton Hotel (main plenary room):**  **6.1.1 Accessibility was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **6.1.2 Seating arrangement was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **6.1.3 Audio-conferencing equipment (headphones, microphones, ease of their use) was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **6.1.4 Information technology equipment (usefulness of locally provided netbooks) was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **6.1.5 Wi-Fi service in the main Conference room was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **6.1.6 Interpretation in the main Conference room was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **6.2. In Batumi Hilton Hotel (multistakeholder roundtables):**  **6.2.1 Accessibility was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **6.2.2 Seating arrangement was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **6.2.3 Audio-conferencing equipment (headphones, microphones, ease of their use) was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **6.2.4 Wi-Fi service (multistakeholder roundtables) was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **6.2.5 Interpretation during the multistakeholder roundtables was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  … |
| **7. Overall support throughout the Conference and events organized on its margins:**  **7.1 Services provided by the host country secretariat:**  **7.1.1 Before the Conference were:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **7.1.2 During the Conference were:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **7.1.3 After the Conference were:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **7.1.4 Through the host country website was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **7.2 Services provided by the ECE secretariat:**  **7.2.1 Before the Conference were:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **7.2.2 During the Conference were:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **7.2.3 After the Conference were:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **7.2.4 Through the ECE website was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  … |
| **8. Conference documents:**  **8.1 Availability of:**  **8.1.1 Pre-session formal documents in English, French and Russian in due time before the Conference was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **8.1.2 Pre-session formal or informal documents on the ECE website was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **8.2 Quality of pre-session documents:**  **8.2.1 Overall quality of formal documents was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **8.2.2 Formal documents were clear:**  strongly agree /  somewhat agree /  somewhat disagree /  strongly disagree /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **8.2.3 Formal documents were concise:**  strongly agree /  somewhat agree /  somewhat disagree /  strongly disagree /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **8.2.4 Formal documents were comprehensive:**  strongly agree /  somewhat agree /  somewhat disagree /  strongly disagree /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **8.2.5 Formal documents were of an appropriate length:**  too long /  somewhat long /  about right /  somewhat short /  too short /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **8.2.6 Overall quality of informal documents was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **8.3 Quality of in-session documents (Ministerial Declaration and Chair’s summary of the Conference):**  **8.3.1 Overall quality of in-session documents was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **8.4 Quality of post-session documents (Report of the Conference and its Addenda):**  **8.4.1 Overall quality of post-session documents was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  … |
| **9. Visual identity of the Conference (posters, banners, information stands, etc. in Batumi) was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  … |

C. Content and conduct

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| **1. Choice of the Conference themes on:**  **1.1 Greening the economy in the pan-European region was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **1.2 Improving air quality for a better environment and human health was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  … |
| **2. Agenda item 1: Opening**  **2.1 Substance was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **2.2 The time allocation for this agenda item was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **2.3 Welcoming and keynote addresses and statement were:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **2.4 Opening show (sand art) highlighting the two themes of the Conference was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **2.5 Family photograph (as an agenda item) was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **2.6 Format of the session (organized in plenary) was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **2.7 Format is to be repeated in the next ministerial Conference:**  yes, fully /  yes, but with some adjustments /  no, there’s a better way  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  … |
| **3. Agenda item 2(a): The environment dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development — moving forward in the pan-European region: Multilateral environmental agreements, mechanisms, policies and institutions supporting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**  **3.1 Substance was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.2 The time allocation for this agenda item was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.3 Interventions by the roundtable participants were:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.4 Format (moderated talk show with the participation of Ministers and other Heads of Delegation, High-level representatives of intergovernmental organizations and civil society) of the session was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.5 Format is to be repeated in the next ministerial Conference:**  yes, fully /  yes, but with some adjustments /  no, there’s a better way  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.6 Festive event to celebrate 20 years of successful implementation of the ECE Environmental Performance Review Programme was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  … |
| **4. Agenda item 2(b): The environment dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development — moving forward in the pan-European region: Keeping the pan-European environment under review**  **4.1 Substance was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **4.2 The time allocation for this agenda item was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **4.3 Keynote addresses were:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **4.4 Country testimonials on establishing the Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) were:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **4.5 Moderated panel discussion on the main outcomes of the regional assessment of the Sixth Global Environment Outlook were:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **4.6 Format of the session (organized in a plenary, including a moderated panel discussion) was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **4.7 Format is to be repeated in the next ministerial Conference:**  yes, fully /  yes, but with some adjustments /  no, there’s a better way  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  … |
| **5. Agenda item 3: Towards a new society: 10 years of education for sustainable development**  **5.1 Substance was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **5.2 The time allocation for this agenda item was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **5.3 Keynote addresses and presentation were:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **5.4 Format of the session (organized in plenary) was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **5.5 Format is to be repeated in the next ministerial Conference:**  yes, fully /  yes, but with some adjustments /  no, there’s a better way  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  … |
| **6. Agenda item 4: Greening the economy in the pan-European region**  **6.1 Substance was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **6.2 The time allocation for this agenda item was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **6.3 Keynote addresses were:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **6.4 Video screening with testimonials on greening the economy was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **6.5 Presentation of the Pan-European Strategic Framework for Greening the Economy and the Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (BIG-E) was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **6.6 Launching ceremony of BIG-E was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **6.7 Video screening on green economy (by European ECO-Forum) was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **6.8 Questions identified for the multi-stakeholder discussion on greening the economy were:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **6.9 Multi-stakeholder round table 1 on greening the economy (in Batumi Sheraton Hotel) was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **6.10 Multi-stakeholder round table 2 on greening the economy (in Batumi Hilton Hotel) was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **6.11 Format (plenary session and roundtable discussion run in two parallel sessions) of the session was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **6.12 Format is to be repeated in the next ministerial Conference:**  yes, fully /  yes, but with some adjustments /  no, there’s a better way  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  … |
| **7. Agenda item 5: Improving air quality for a better environment and human health**  **7.1 Substance was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **7.2 The time allocation for this agenda item was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **7.3 Video screening with sand art highlighting the issue of air pollution was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **7.4 Keynote addresses were:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **7.5 Presentation of the Batumi Action for Cleaner Air (BACA) was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **7.6 Launching ceremony of BACA was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **7.7 Questions identified for the multi-stakeholder discussion on improving air quality were:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **7.8 Multi-stakeholder round table 1 on improving air quality (in Batumi Sheraton Hotel) was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **7.9 Multi-stakeholder round table 2 on improving air quality (in Batumi Hilton Hotel) was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **7.10 Format (plenary session and roundtable discussion run in two parallel sessions) of the session was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **7.11 Format is to be repeated in the next ministerial Conference:**  yes, fully /  yes, but with some adjustments /  no, there’s a better way  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  … |
| **8. Agenda item 6: Reporting on the outcomes of the thematic sessions**  **8.1 Substance was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **8.2 The time allocation for this agenda item was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **8.3 Reporting on green economy segment was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **8.4 Reporting on improving air quality segment was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **8.5 Format of the session (organized in plenary) was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **8.6 Format is to be repeated in the next ministerial Conference:**  yes, fully /  yes, but with some adjustments /  no, there’s a better way  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  … |
| **9. Agenda item 7: Adoption of the Conference outcomes**  **9.1 Substance was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **9.2 The time allocation for this agenda item was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **9.3 Adoption of Ministerial Declaration was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **9.4 Signature of the Joint Statement in support of the Efforts on Reforestation and Afforestation in the Aral Sea Basin between ECE and the Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **9.5 Format of the session (organized in plenary) was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **9.6 Format is to be repeated in the next ministerial Conference:**  yes, fully /  yes, but with some adjustments /  no, there’s a better way  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  … |
| **10. Agenda item 8: Closure of the Conference**  **10.1 Substance was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **10.2 The time allocation for this agenda item was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **10.3 Presentation of the Chair’s summary of the Conference was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **10.4 Concluding remarks were:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **10.5 Format of the session (organized in plenary) was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **10.6 Format is to be repeated in the next ministerial Conference:**  yes, fully /  yes, but with some adjustments /  no, there’s a better way  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  … |
| **11. Timeframe of the Conference:**  **11.1 The duration of two and a half days of the Conference was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **11.2 The share of time allocated for each session of the Conference was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **11.3 The time allocated for the thematic multistakeholder roundtables was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **11.4 The time during the lunch breaks for conducting bilateral discussions was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  … |

D. Preparatory process

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| **1. The preparation process for the Batumi Conference was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  … |
| **2. The length of the preparation period for the Batumi Conference (May 2014–June 2016) was:**  too long /  somewhat long /  about right /  somewhat short /  too short /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  … |
| **3. The five- year periodicity of the ministerial conferences is:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  … |

E. Preliminary ideas concerning the themes for the next Conference

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| **1. First thematic priority (an “established” theme of importance to the entire region, e.g. Astana Conference addressed “Sustainable management of water and water related ecosystems”; and Batumi Conference addressed “Improving air quality for a better environment and human health”)**  *Please propose a theme:* …  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  … |
| **2. Second thematic priority (an “emerging” theme of importance to the entire region, e.g. Astana Conference addressed “Greening the economy: mainstreaming the environment into economic development”; and Batumi Conference addressed “Greening the economy in the pan-European region”)**  *Please propose a theme:* …  *Please elaborate (up to 250 words):*  … |
| **3. It would be useful if the next ministerial conference continues to address issues related to greening the economy:**  strongly agree /  somewhat agree /  somewhat disagree /  strongly disagree /  does not apply  *Please elaborate (up to 250 words):*  … |
| **4. It would be useful if the next ministerial conference addresses issues related to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development:**  strongly agree /  somewhat agree /  somewhat disagree /  strongly disagree /  does not apply  *Please elaborate (up to 250 words):*  … |

F. Side events[[3]](#footnote-4) on the margins of the Batumi Conference

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| **1. Timeframe and number of side events:**  **1.1 The timeframe allocated for the side events on the margins of the Batumi Conference was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **1.2 The total number of side events on the margins of the Batumi Conference (33) was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  … |
| **2. Logistical support provided by the host country secretariat in the organization of side events was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  … |
| **3. Please assess those side events that member(s) of your delegation attended:**  ***Wednesday, 8 June 2016 (lunch time)***  **3.1** [**Launch of the Environmental Performance Review of Georgia**](http://efebatumi.com/uploads/other/0/658.pdf) (Batumi Sheraton Hotel) **was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.2** [**Riding towards green economy: cycling and green jobs**](http://efebatumi.com/uploads/other/0/657.pdf) (Batumi Hilton Hotel) **was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.3** [**Implementing green growth in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia**](http://efebatumi.com/uploads/other/0/623.pdf) (Batumi Hilton Hotel) **was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.4** [**Greening the economy through promoting sound waste and chemicals management - opportunities and challenges**](http://efebatumi.com/uploads/other/0/660.pdf) (Batumi Hilton Hotel) **was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.5** [**Effective stakeholder participation –– why it matters for Sustainable Development Goals**](http://efebatumi.com/uploads/other/0/642.pdf)**.** [**Global/regional/national application of Rio Principle 10, Aarhus Convention, the Bali Guidelines and the Environmental Democracy Index**](http://efebatumi.com/uploads/other/0/642.pdf) (Batumi Hilton Hotel) **was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.6 Greening the economy through sustainable production and consumption** (Batumi Radisson Blue Hotel) **was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.7 Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTRs) as a tool of air quality public monitoring** (Batumi Radisson Blue Hotel) **was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  ***Wednesday, 8 June 2016 (evening)***  **3.8** [**Towards greening the economy across sectors through nexus assessments: lessons from the Alazani/Ganykh and the Syr Darya River Basins**](http://efebatumi.com/uploads/other/0/650.pdf) (Batumi Hilton Hotel) **was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.9** [**Land degradation neutrality –– a contribution to sustainable growth**](http://efebatumi.com/uploads/other/0/638.pdf) (Batumi Hilton Hotel) **was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.10** [**SEIS implementation in the pan-European region – progress and benefits of working together**](http://efebatumi.com/uploads/other/0/624.pdf) (Batumi Hilton Hotel) **was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.11** [**Green economy providing social innovation, economic diversification and environmental sustainability**](http://efebatumi.com/uploads/other/0/639.pdf) (Batumi Hilton Hotel) **was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.12** [**Regional Environmental Centres as catalysers of sustainable development goals in the Central and Eastern Europe, South-Eastern Europe and Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asian regions**](http://efebatumi.com/uploads/other/0/668.pdf) (Batumi Radisson Blue Hotel) **was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.13** [**Towards a circular economy in South East Europe –– resource efficient and cleaner production for inclusive and sustainable industrial development**](http://efebatumi.com/uploads/other/0/621.pdf) (Batumi Radisson Blue Hotel) **was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  ***Thursday, 9 June 2016 (morning)***  **3.14** [**Greening economies in Eastern Partnership countries**](http://efebatumi.com/uploads/other/0/648.pdf) (Batumi Hilton Hotel) **was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.15** [**Greening the economy and sustainable development in Central Asia –– current achievements and the way forward**](http://efebatumi.com/uploads/other/0/651.pdf) (Batumi Hilton Hotel) **was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.16 Green investment for greening economy: perspectives for the State and people** (Batumi Hilton Hotel) **was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.17** [**Promoting green economy in the Caucasus**](http://efebatumi.com/uploads/other/0/644.pdf) (Batumi Hilton Hotel) **was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.18** [**German cooperation breakfast show supporting greening of the South Caucasus economies**](http://efebatumi.com/uploads/other/0/653.pdf) (Batumi Radisson Blue Hotel) **was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.19** [**Civil society organizations of Georgian Eastern Partnership national platform for advancing of green economy**](http://efebatumi.com/uploads/other/0/646.pdf) (Batumi Radisson Blue Hotel) **was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  ***Thursday, 9 June 2016 (lunch time)***  **3.20** [**Clean air for life**](http://efebatumi.com/uploads/other/0/632.pdf) (Batumi Hilton Hotel) **was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.21** [**From Kiev to Batumi and beyond: the prospects for Environment and Security Initiative (ENVSEC) contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**](http://efebatumi.com/uploads/other/0/640.pdf) (Batumi Hilton Hotel) **was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.22** [**The role of strategic environmental assessment in greening economies**](http://efebatumi.com/uploads/other/0/629.pdf) (Batumi Hilton Hotel) **was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.23** [**Circular economy in the ECE region:  business opportunities, innovative solutions, job creation and growth potential**](http://efebatumi.com/uploads/other/0/654.pdf) (Batumi Hilton Hotel) **was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.24 Enabling green growth through nature-based** (Batumi Radisson Blue Hotel) **was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.25** [**European Water Initiative for Eastern Partnership countries**](http://efebatumi.com/uploads/other/0/641.pdf) (Batumi Radisson Blue Hotel) **was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  ***Thursday, 9 June 2016 (evening)***  **3.26** [**Towards a green economy in the context of sustainable development: practical tools for the forest sector**](http://efebatumi.com/uploads/other/0/633.pdf) and [**Eleven years from St. Petersburg Declaration on illegal logging and eight years of the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument East countries Forest Law Enforcement and Governance Programme (ENPI-FLEG**](http://efebatumi.com/uploads/other/0/622.pdf)**): what next?** (Batumi Hilton Hotel) **was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.27** [**Twenty years of environmental performance reviews: lessons for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals**](http://efebatumi.com/uploads/other/0/656.pdf) (Batumi Hilton Hotel) **was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.28** [**Global Water Partnership: network for knowledge on water security to help stakeholders move towards to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals**](http://efebatumi.com/uploads/other/0/631.pdf) (Batumi Hilton Hotel) **was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.29** [**Launch of the European Environment Agency report “More from less –– material resource efficiency in Europe. 2015 overview of policies, instruments and targets in 32 countries”**](http://efebatumi.com/uploads/other/0/635.pdf) (Batumi Hilton Hotel) **was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.30 Environmental public private partnerships (PPPs) to implement the Sustainable Development Goals in Eastern Partnership countries: from commitments to achieving targets** (Batumi Radisson Blue Hotel) **was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.31 Master class: interactive education for sustainable development game design “from scratch”** (Batumi Radisson Blue Hotel) **was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  ***Friday, 10 June 2016 (morning)***  **3.32 Emerging environmental health challenges in the ECE region – key recommendations from the Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference 2016 to the Environment for Health Ministerial Conference 2017** (Batumi Hilton Hotel) **was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  …  **3.33** [**Mainstreaming practical application of green development mechanisms into environmental policies and practice in South Caucasus**](http://efebatumi.com/uploads/other/0/652.pdf) (Batumi Hilton Hotel) **was:**  very satisfactory /  satisfactory /  fair /  unsatisfactory /  very unsatisfactory /  no opinion  *Please elaborate (up to 150 words):*  … |

G. Any other issues you consider important

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| *Please raise any other issues relevant to the scope of this survey that you may wish to address:*  … |

1. Available on [www.unece.org/environmental-policy/environment-for-europe/efe-conferences/batumi-conference/welcome](http://www.unece.org/environmental-policy/environment-for-europe/efe-conferences/batumi-conference/welcome). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Available at [www.unece.org/environmental-policy/environment-for-europe/efe-conferences/batumi-conference/documents-and-materials](http://www.unece.org/environmental-policy/environment-for-europe/efe-conferences/batumi-conference/documents-and-materials). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. The list and schedule of side events is available on the host country website at: <http://efebatumi.com/en/side-events/side-events-schedule>. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)