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**The Eighth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference:  
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Provisional list of documents for the Batumi Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference

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| *Summary* |
| The Reform Plan of the Environment for Europe process (ECE/CEP/S/152, annex I, and Corr.1) adopted by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Committee on Environmental Policy in 2009, and subsequently endorsed by ECE, mandated the Committee to act as the convening body for the preparatory processes for the Environment for Europe ministerial conferences.  At its twenty-first session (Geneva, 27–30 October 2015), the Committee invited its Bureau to continue with its preparations for the Eighth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference (Batumi, Georgia, 8–10 June 2016). In particular, it invited its Bureau, with support from the ECE secretariat and in cooperation with relevant partners, to further develop the Conference agenda and the options for the format of the Conference sessions, and to submit a note thereon to the Committee for consideration at its special session (see ECE/CEP/2015/2, forthcoming). In accordance with the above mandate, the revised draft provisional annotated agenda for the Conference and the draft organization of work of the Conference are presented in documents ECE/CEP/S/2016/L.1 and ECE/CEP/S/2016/L.7, respectively.  Further, the Reform Plan of the Environment for Europe process and the agreed organizational procedures for the Batumi Conference (see ECE/CEP/2014/15) contain provisions regarding the preparation of documents for the Conference.  The present document was prepared by the secretariat to provide an overview of documents being produced for the Batumi Conference. The list includes official substantive documents and information documents prepared by the ECE secretariat and relevant Environment for Europe partners. The final documents for the Conference will be made available on the ECE website dedicated to the Batumi Conference ([www.unece.org/env/efe/batumi/welcome](http://www.unece.org/env/efe/batumi/welcome)). Participants are encouraged to download them on their electronic devices for using during the Conference.  The Committee will be invited to consider the list of documents. |
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| *No.* | *Document title and symbol* | | *Author(s)* | *Language(s)* | *Nature/brief description* | *Date of issue or publication[[2]](#footnote-3) / current status/ web link* |
| **Official documents submitted through the Committee on Environmental Policy[[3]](#footnote-4)** | | | | | | |
| 1. | | Annotated provisional agenda for the Conference (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/1) | Committee on Environmental Policy | En/Fr/Ru | Meeting agenda | 14 March / pending CEP approval / draft available on CEP-SS website (www.unece.org/index.php?id=41720) |
| 2. | | Organization of work at the Conference (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/3) | Committee on Environmental Policy | En/Fr/Ru | Meeting programme | 29 March / pending CEP approval / draft available on CEP-SS website |
| 3. | | Greening the economy in the pan-European region (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/4) | Committee on Environmental Policy; ECE and UNEP | En/Fr/Ru | Substantive thematic document to support discussion and decision-making | 29 March / pending CEP approval / draft available on CEP-SS website |
| 4. | | Improving air quality for a better environment and human health (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/5) | Committee on Environmental Policy; ECE | En/Fr/Ru | Substantive thematic document to support discussion and decision-making | 29 March / pending CEP approval / draft available on CEP-SS website |
| 5. | | Draft Ministerial Declaration (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/L.1) | Committee on Environmental Policy | En/Fr/Ru | Draft agreed outcome of the Conference | 29 March / pending CEP drafting/ draft available on CEP-SS website |
| 6. | | Draft Batumi Ministerial Statement on Education for Sustainable Development (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/L.2) | Steering Committee on ESD | En/Fr/Ru | Draft agreed outcome of the session on ESD | 29 March / pending Steering Committee on ESD approval / a draft is available on the ESD website www.unece.org/index.php?id=41587 |
| 7. | | Pan-European Strategic Framework for Greening the Economy (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/6) | Committee on Environmental Policy; ECE and UNEP | En/Fr/Ru | Adopted [or endorsed] outcome of the Conference | 29 March / pending CEP approval/ draft available on CEP-SS website |
| 8. | | Batumi Initiative on Green Economy for SDGs (BIG-E) (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/7) | Ministers and Heads of Delegation of ECE region; Committee on Environmental Policy; an informal group of experts in greening the economy; ECE and UNEP | En [?] | Conference outcome; initiative on greening the economy | 20 May / pending CEP approval and interested countries and organizations submissions of green economy initiatives |
| 9. | | Batumi Action for Cleaner Air (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/8) | Committee on Environmental Policy; Air Convention Bureau | En/Fr/Ru | Conference outcome; initiative to improve air quality for a better environment and human health | 29 March / pending CEP approval/ draft available on CEP-SS website |
| 10. | | Regular environmental assessment process based on the Shared Environmental Information System (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/9) | Committee on Environmental Policy; Group of Friends of the Shared Environmental Information System | En/ Fr/ Ru | Substantive document to support discussion and decision-making | 18 August 2015/ ECE/CEP/2015/10/ approved by CEP in October 2015/ available on CEP-21 website under agenda item 5 (e) www.unece.org/index.php?id=38470 |
| 11. | | Report on progress in establishing the Shared Environmental Information System in support to regular reporting in the pan-European region (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/10) | Committee on Environmental Policy; Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment; ECE and EEA | En/Fr/Ru | Substantive document to support discussion and decision-making | 29 March / pending CEP approval/ draft available on CEP-SS website |
| 12. | | Summary of key findings and policy messages for the European regional assessment of the Sixth Global Environmental Outlook (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/11) | UNEP | En/Fr/Ru | Summary for policy-makers on the state of the environment in the European region to support discussion and decision-making | 8 April/ pending comments by CEP to a draft to be circulated on 1 March and subsequent finalisation by the UNEP GEO-6 High-Level Group |
| 13. | | Assessment report under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution: summary for policy makers[[4]](#footnote-5) (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/12) | Air Convention Bureau | En/Ru[[5]](#footnote-6) | Summary for policy-makers on the state of the air quality in the ECE region | 15 April/ pending consideration by the Air Convention Executive Body on 2–4 May 2016 (ECE/EB.AIR/2016/3, forthcoming) |
| 14. | | Final report on the implementation of the Astana Water Action: fostering progress towards improved water management (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/13) | Committee on Environmental Policy; ECE | En/Fr/Ru | Substantive document to support discussion | 29 March / pending CEP consideration/ draft available on CEP-SS website |
| 15. | | Learning from each other: achievements, challenges and ways forward. Third evaluation report of the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/14) | Steering Committee on ESD; ECE | En/Fr/Ru | Substantive document to support discussion and decision-making | 9 December 2015 / pending Steering Committee on ESD consideration / the report (ECE/CEP/AC.13/2016/3) is available on the ESD website www.unece.org/index.php?id=41587 |
| 16. | | Framework for the future implementation of the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/15) | Steering Committee on ESD; ECE | En | Substantive document presenting the future implementation framework of the Strategy for ESD | 29 March / pending Steering Committee on ESD approval / a draft is available on the ESD website www.unece.org/index.php?id=41587 |
| **Post-session documents** | | | | | | |
| 17. | Report of the Conference (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/2) | | ECE | En/Fr/Ru | Conference report | Will be made available on the Conference website (www.unece.org/env/efe/batumi/welcome.html) |
| 18. | Ministerial Declaration (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/2/Add.1) | | Ministers and Heads of Delegation of ECE region | En/Fr/Ru | Agreed outcome of the Conference | Will be made available on the Conference website (www.unece.org/env/efe/batumi/welcome.html) |
| 19. | Batumi Ministerial Statement on Education for Sustainable Development (post-session; ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/2/Add.2) | | Ministers and Heads of Delegation of ECE region participating in the ESD session | En/Fr/Ru | Agreed outcome of the session on ESD | Will be made available on the Conference website (www.unece.org/env/efe/batumi/welcome.html) |
| 20. | Chair's Summary of the Conference (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/2/Add.3) | | Host country and ECE in cooperation with relevant partners | En/Fr/Ru | Conference substantive summary | Will be made available on the Conference website (www.unece.org/env/efe/batumi/welcome.html) |
| **Information documents (background, informational and analytical documents of direct relevance to the Conference agenda submitted by the Environment for Europe partners and other interested stakeholders)** | | | | | | |
| 21. | List of Conference documents  (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/INF/1) | | ECE secretariat | En | Overview of meeting documents and symbols | 29 March / pending CEP consideration / the present document will be updated as the list of Conference documents |
| 22. | Information note on logistics for the Conference  (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/INF/2) | | Host country and ECE | En | Note including information on Conference venue, accommodation, transfer from/to hotels, etc. | Expected to be prepared in May to reflect up-to-date information |
| **Getting the pan-European region ready for sustainable development: multilateral environmental agreements, mechanisms, policies and institutions supporting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** | | | | | | |
| 23. | Mapping of the Environment subprogramme processes and activities that support countries in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals  (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/INF/3) | | ECE | En/Fr/Ru | Document to provide background information | 29 March / draft is available on CEP-SS website under agenda item 3(f): www.unece.org/index.php?id=41720 |
| 24. | Astana Water Action: from Astana to Batumi (2011–2016) (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/INF/4) | | ECE | En | Leaflet | 29 March / draft will be made available on CEP-SS website under agenda item 3(e): www.unece.org/index.php?id=41720 |
| 25. | 20 years of Environmental Performance Reviews: impacts, lessons learned and the potential to integrate the Sustainable Development Goals  (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/INF/5) | | ECE and UNEP | En/Ru | Document to provide background information | May / a draft outline of the document will be made available on CEP-SS website under agenda item 3(e): www.unece.org/index.php?id=41720 |
| 26. | Water Policy Reforms in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/INF/6) | | OECD/ EAP Task Force | En/Ru | Brochure | Will be made available on www.oecd.org/environment/outreach/ |
| 27. | Policy perspectives on Sustainable Business Models for Water Infrastructure in countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/INF/7) | | OECD/ EAP Task Force | En/Ru | Policy brief | Will be made available on www.oecd.org/environment/outreach/ |
| 28. | Policy Guidance Note on the Benefits of Transboundary Water Cooperation: Identification, Assessment and Communication (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/INF/8) | | ECE | En | Publication | ECE/MP.WAT/47, available at www.unece.org/index.php?id=41340 |
| 29. | Water and Climate Change Adaptation in Transboundary Basins: Lessons Learned and Good Practices (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/INF/9) | | ECE and International Network of Basin Organizations | En/Fr | Publication | ECE/MP.WAT/45, available at www.unece.org/index.php?id=39417 |
| 30. | Report on the implementation of the National Policy Dialogues (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/INF/10) | | ECE and OECD | En/Fr/Ru | Document of the 7th Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention | ECE/MP.WAT/2015/8, available at www.unece.org/env/water/mop7/documents |
| 31. | The Equitable Access Score-card: Supporting policy process to achieve the human right to water and sanitation (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/INF/11) | | ECE | En/Fr/Ru | Publication | ECE/MP.WH/8, available at : www.unece.org/index.php?id=34032 |
| **Getting the pan-European region ready for sustainable development: keeping the pan-European environment under review** | | | | | | |
| 32. | European regional assessment of the Sixth Global Environmental Outlook (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/INF/12) | | UNEP | En | State-of-the-environment assessment | Under embargo until the launch in Batumi; will be made available at www.unep.org/geo/ |
| 33. | Targets and performance indicators for measuring progress in developing SEIS across the pan-European region (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/INF/13) | | ECE | EN/Fr/Ru | Document presenting the approved targets and performance indicators for measuring progress in developing SEIS | ECE/CEP/2014/8, as approved by CEP-20, available at [www.unece.org/index.php?id=35032](http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=35032) |
| **Towards a new society: 10 years of education for sustainable development** | | | | | | |
| 34. | Ten years of the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/INF/14) | | Steering Committee on ESD; ECE | En | Publication | 29 March / pending Steering Committee’ consideration |
| 35. | Empowering educators for a sustainable future: Tools for policy and practice workshops on competences in education for sustainable development (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/INF/15) | | ECE | En | Publication presenting tools for policy and practice workshops on competences in education for sustainable development | Available at www.unece.org/index.php?id=35136 |
| 36. | Learning for the future – competences for education for sustainable development (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/INF/16) | | ECE Expert Group on Competences for ESD, ECE | En | Publication on: (a) what competences educators need in relation to sustainable development; and (b) what policy approaches and strategies are needed to help educators develop those competences. | Available at www.unece.org/index.php?id=31922 |
| **Greening the economy in the pan-European region** | | | | | | |
| 37. | List of possible green economy actions  (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/INF/17) | | An informal group of experts in greening the economy; ECE and UNEP | En/Ru | Reference document to serve as inspiration for interested countries and organizations | 1 March / pending Committee’ consideration |
| 38. | Greening the Economy in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia: From EAP Task Force to GREEN Action Programme (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/INF/18) | | OECD/ EAP Task Force | En/Ru | Brochure | Will be made available on www.oecd.org/environment/outreach/ |
| 39. | Policy perspectives on Green Finance (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/INF/19) | | OECD/ EAP Task Force | En/Ru | Policy brief | Will be made available on www.oecd.org/environment/outreach/ |
| 40. | Policy perspectives on Green Growth Indicators (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/INF/20) | | OECD/ EAP Task Force | En/Ru | Policy brief | Will be made available on www.oecd.org/environment/outreach/ |
| 41. | Policy perspectives on Energy Subsidies (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/INF/21) | | OECD/ EAP Task Force | En/Ru | Policy brief | Will be made available on www.oecd.org/environment/outreach/ |
| 42. | Policy perspectives on Greening Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/INF/22) | | OECD/ EAP Task Force | En/Ru | Policy brief | Will be made available on www.oecd.org/environment/outreach/ |
| 43. | Policy perspectives on Reforming Economic Instruments for Water Resources Management in countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/INF/23) | | OECD/ EAP Task Force | En/Ru | Policy brief | Will be made available on www.oecd.org/environment/outreach/ |
| 44. | Reconciling resource uses in transboundary basins: assessment of the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus  (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/INF/24) | | ECE | En/Ru | Publication | ECE/MP.WAT/46, available in English at www.unece.org/index.php?id=41427; Russian version is under preparation |
| 45. | Reconciling resource uses: assessment of the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus in the Sava River Basin (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/INF/25) | | ECE, International Sava River Basin Commission | En | Publication | Being edited for printing |
| 46. | Reconciling resource uses: assessment of the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus in the Alazani/Ganykh River Basin (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/INF/26) | | ECE | En | Electronic publication | ECE/MP.WAT/46, summary expected to be available in Russian in time for the Conference |
| 47. | Reconciling resource uses: assessment of the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus in the Syr Darya River Basin (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/INF/27) | | ECE | En | Electronic publication | ECE/MP.WAT/46, summary expected to be available in Russian in time for the Conference |
| 48. | Rovaniemi Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/INF/28) | | UNECE/FAO | En | Reference document to serve as inspiration for interested countries and organizations | [www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/timber/publications/SP-35-Rovaniemi.pdf](http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/timber/publications/SP-35-Rovaniemi.pdf) |
| 49. | Sustainable Forest Management for Greener Economies in the Caucasus and Central Asia (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/INF/29) | | UNECE/FAO | En | Document to provide background information | www.unece.org/forests/areas-of-work/forestpolicies/forestscapacitybuilding.html |
| 50. | Best Policy Practices for Promoting Energy Efficiency (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/INF/30) | | ECE | En/Fr/Ru | An analytical study presenting a structured framework of best practices in policies to promote energy efficiency | Available at www.unece.org/index.php?id=41058 |
| 51. | REN21 UNECE Renewable Energy Status Report (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/INF/31) | | ECE | En | The report represents a comprehensive overview of the renewable energy status,  infrastructure, industry, policy, regulations, market development and potential growth rates in 17 selected countries of the ECE region | Available at [www.ren21.net/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/web-REN21-UNECE.pdf](http://www.ren21.net/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/web-REN21-UNECE.pdf) The Russian version is expected to be available in May 2016 |
| 52. | UNECE carbon capture and storage recommendations (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/INF/32) | | ECE | En | The document provides a list of recommendations, targeted initially towards the UNFCCC and COP 20 in Lima, but they are applicable to all stakeholders considering the development and deployment of CCS technology | Available at www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/energy/se/pdfs/clep/ge10/ECE.ENERGY.2014.5.Rev.1.pdf |
| 53. | Statement from Eastern European Regional Meeting of the Ten Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns (10YFP) (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/INF/33) | | 10YFP Secretariat | En/Ru | Agreed outcome of 10YFP Eastern European Regional Meeting, Bucharest, 9-10 February 2016 | March 2016, will be made available at  www.unep.org/10yfp |
| **Improving air quality for a better environment and human health** | | | | | | |
| 54. | Residential heating with wood and coal: health impacts and policy options in Europe and North America (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/INF/34) | | World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe | En/Ru | The report describes the health effects of and policy options for dealing with residential heating with wood and coal | Available from www.euro.who.int/en/publications |
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1. \* This document was not formally edited. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. The ECE internal deadline for submitting [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. Documents related to the Conference agenda item 3 on education for sustainable development are submitted through the ECE Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. The full report is issued in a separate publication and will be made available on the Air Convention website in December 2016 (www.unece.org/environmental-policy/conventions/envlrtapwelcome/publications). [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. Due to time constraints in finalising the English version of the summary for policy-makers, the secretariat will provide an unofficial translation into the Russian language. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)