

Nineteenth session
Geneva, 27-28 June 2017
Palais des Nations
Meeting room IX



Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment

Establishing a regional environmental information and assessment network-of- networks

Agenda Item 5

Filip Aggestam

Establishing a regional environmental information and assessment network-of-networks

Background

ECE/CEP/2015/2. Report of the 21st session of the CEP

- **91. (ii)** To serve as the regional environmental information and assessment network of networks, bringing together the UNEP Global Environment Outlook expert teams and the European Environment Agency's European Environment Information and Observation Network (Eionet) to formulate the regional priorities and scope for the pan-European assessments. The Working Group would also link with thematic networks, including those under the ECE multilateral environmental agreements.

ECE/CEP/2017/2. Report of the 22nd session of the CEP (Annex II)

Mandate and terms of reference of the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment

- **3 (c)** Initiate a process of consultation on the development of a regional environmental information and assessment network of network [...].
- **(i)** Coordinate a consultative process, involving all relevant thematic networks and interested parties, including secretariats of conventions and other institutions, at both the regional and national levels, to elaborate the working modalities of a regional network of networks

Establishing a regional environmental information and assessment network-of-networks

Outline

- Results from the questionnaire
- Objectives and Scenarios
- Next steps



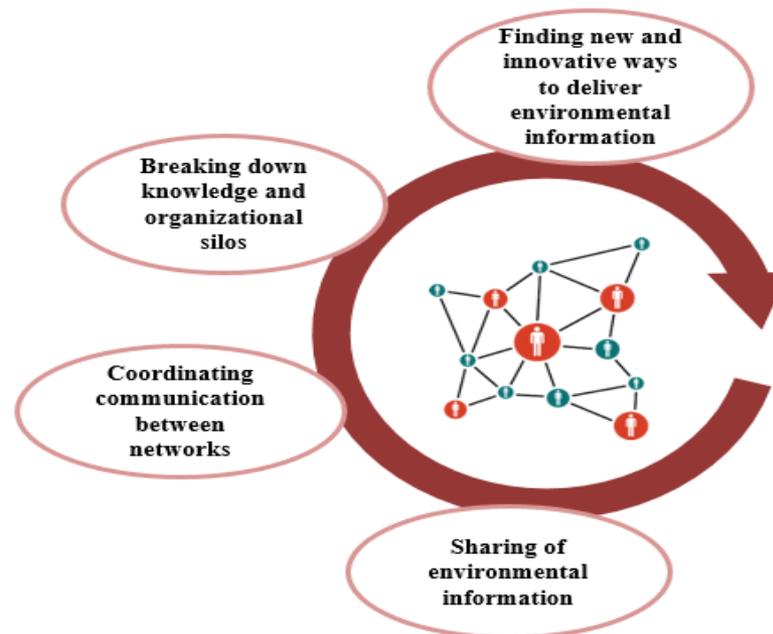
Objectives and Scenarios

Objectives of the regional network-of-networks:

- Sharing of environmental information, ideas, experiences and good practices between relevant networks around common challenges;
- Develop coordinated ways through which environmental information and data can be more effectively communicated to relevant target groups. It will also facilitate co-learning and establish connections between stakeholders to encourage new and fruitful collaborations and partnerships;
- Breaking down organizational and knowledge silos and facilitate the provision of comparable environmental data and information across the region;
- Finding new and innovative tools and methods to deliver environmental information and data to policymakers, members of the regional network of networks and other relevant bodies.

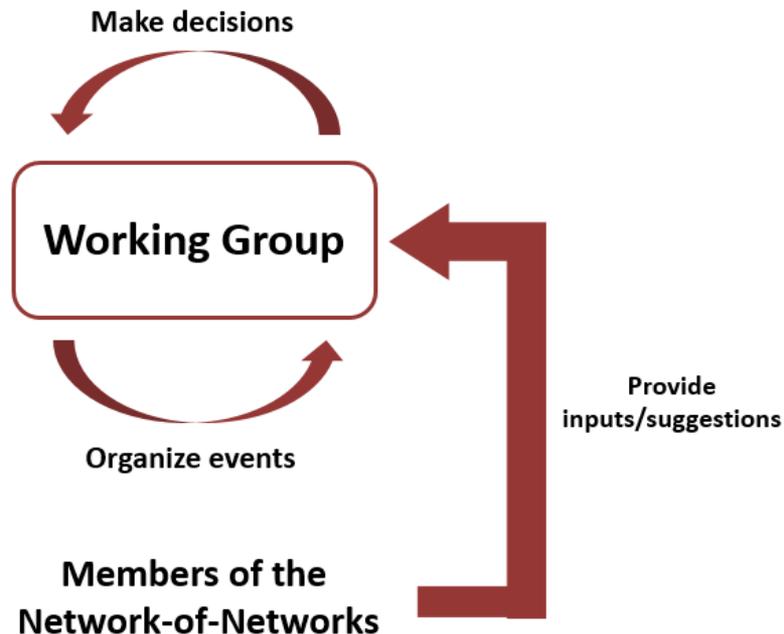
Working modalities of the regional network-of-networks

Three scenarios for possible working modalities of the regional network of networks have been prepared to facilitate discussion.



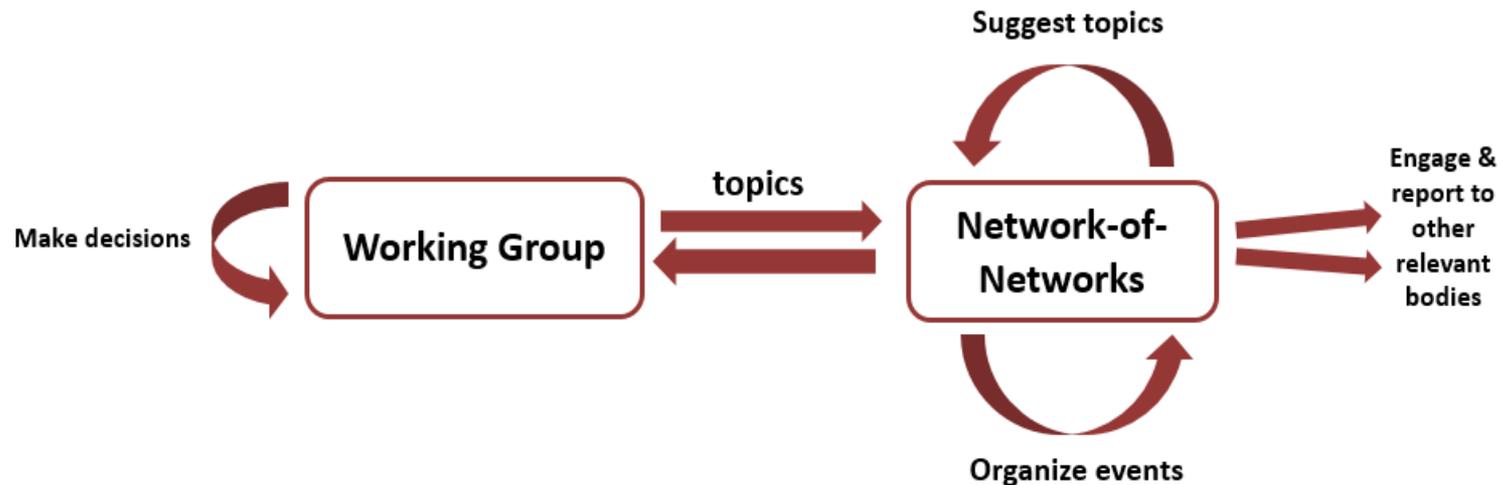
Working modalities of the regional network-of-networks

Scenario 1: The regional network of networks is managed by the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment.



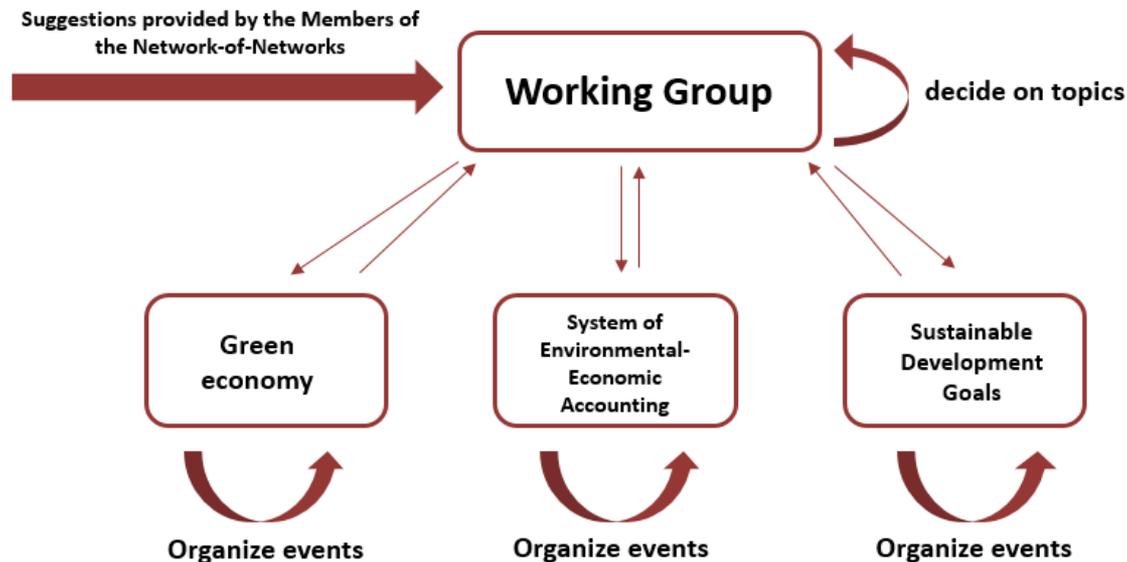
Working modalities of the regional network-of-networks

Scenario 2: The regional network of networks is established as a sub-group to the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment.



Working modalities of the regional network-of-networks

Scenario 3: The regional network of networks is established as several sub-groups to the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment based on topics.



Next steps

1. Integrating inputs from the questionnaire and the 19th session of the WGEMA into the draft background document.
2. Circulation of the draft document to all WGEMA members for additional comments.
3. Workshop during the 14th session of the JTF.
4. Inputs from other interested networks/organisations.
5. Document submitted to the 23rd session of the Committee on Environmental Policy

Next steps

- **Adding value:** Analysing and taking into account different ongoing and developing processes to ensure relevance, harness synergies

- **Phased implementation**

2017

- I. Finalising the document on the **Working Modalities** of the regional environmental network-of-networks.

2018

- II. **Piloting** the regional environmental network-of-networks by involving a smaller group of interested actors.
- III. Assessing **lessons learnt**: Developing strategies to engage and facilitate an expansion of the network-of-networks.

2019

- IV. Mobilise resources and develop an **implementation plan** for 2018/2019.
- V. Organise **events** and **expand** the regional environmental network-of-networks.

Questions or comments?