Wednesday, 6 April 2022, Hybrid and virtual (side events) sessions

8:30 – 9:45  |  Side events

10:00 - 13:00  |  Opening and High-level Policy Segment

Venue: Geneva, Palais des Nations, Room XX

Opening and High-level Policy Segment

Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the UNECE Region

OPENING
HIGH-LEVEL POLICY SEGMENT
PLENARY DEBATE

13:00 – 15:00  |  Lunch break

15:00 – 17:00  |  Side events

17:15 – 18:30  |  Side events

Venue: Geneva, Palais des Nations, Tempus Rooms 1, 2 and 3

Peer learning round tables

SDG 4
Quality education
Quality education and lifelong learning in the context of COVID-19: sharing best practices and lessons learnt for enhancing inclusion policies and strategies

SDG 14
Life below water – oceans, seas and marine resources
Enhancing ocean literacy and the sustainable development of regional seas

SDG 17
Partnerships for the goals (I)
Data and Statistics for Sustainable Development

SDG 17
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Accelerating digital development through multistakeholder partnerships
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### SDG 5
**Gender Equality**
*Accelerators of gender equality and women’s empowerment in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic*

### SDG 15
**Life on land – terrestrial ecosystems, forests, desertification, land degradation, biodiversity (I)**
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### Registration
The online registration for the 2022 session will open on the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development website in early 2022.

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Format of the sessions

The Regional Forum on 6-7 April 2022 will take place as a hybrid meeting, with the possibility to participate either online or in-person (at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland – subject to potential COVID-19 restrictions).

The side events will take place in the period from 4-7 April 2022 as fully virtual sessions.

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