



Towards Batumi - Greener Cleaner Smarter

The Eight Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference Briefing

Monday 2 May 2016, 11:30 – 12:45
International Environment House II

You are cordially invited to attend a briefing focusing on preparations of the Eighth Environment for Europe (EfE) Ministerial Conference planned to be held from 8 to 10 June 2016 in Batumi, Georgia.

Over two and a half days the Ministerial Conference will address two main themes: greening the economy in the pan-European region and improving air quality for a better environment and human health. Also, a high level segment on education for sustainable development will be organized during the Conference with a view to assessing the progress during the first 10 years of the UNECE Strategy of Education for Sustainable Development, and to considering its future implementation.

The Ministerial Conference is expected to culminate in the adoption of a Ministerial Declaration. In addition, key outputs expected from the Conference include a pan-European Strategic Framework and Batumi Initiative for Greening the Economy and the Batumi Action for Cleaner Air.

Provisional Agenda

11:30

Welcome & Introduction

Christian FRIIS BACH, Under-Secretary General and Executive Secretary, UNECE
Jan DUSIK, Director, Regional Office for Europe, UNEP

11:45

About the Eighth Environment for Europe Conference

Zaal LOMTADZE, Chairperson of the Committee on Environmental Policy, UNECE

12:00

The Strategic Framework and Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (SFGE and BIG-E) and The Batumi Action on Clean Air (BACA)

Richard BALLAMAN, Head of Air Quality Management Section, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland
Edwin KONING, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Environment and Infrastructure, The Netherlands (EU Presidency)
Rie TSUTSUMI, Programme Officer, Regional Office for Europe, UNEP

12:30

Question and Answer session

12:45

Closure



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