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## *GREEN Action Task Force Bureau Meeting Draft summary record*

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**Meeting venue: Room CC18, the Conference Centre, OECD Headquarters  
(2, rue André-Pascal, Paris, France)**

1. The Bureau of the GREEN Action Task Force met on 18 April 2019 on the premises of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). It was followed by a Workshop on Mining and Green Growth in the EECCA region, which took place on 19 April.
2. The Task Force Co-chairs, Mr Mykola KUZYO (Deputy Minister of Ecology of Ukraine) and Mr Jürgen KEINHORST (Head of Cooperation with Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Africa and the Middle East, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, and Nuclear Safety, Germany) co-chaired the meeting. The list of participants is presented in Annex.

### **The Bureau Members for 2019-2020**

- OECD Member countries (four members)
  - Mr. Jürgen KEINHORST, Germany (Co-chair)
  - Mr. Norbert KURILLA, Slovak Republic (Vice chair)
  - Ms. Martine ROHN-BROSSARD, Switzerland (Vice chair)
  - Ms. Katrin ZIMMER, Sweden (Vice chair)
- Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (four members)
  - Mr. Mykola KUZYO, Ukraine (Co-chair)
  - Ms. Ekaterine MIKABADZE, Georgia (Vice chair)
  - Ms. Maria NAGORNII, Moldova (Vice chair)
  - Mr. Sabit NURLYBAI, Kazakhstan (Vice chair)
- Three members with special status from the partner organisations
  - The European Commission
  - The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
  - The United Nations Environment Programme

### **Item 1: Welcome and adoption of the draft agenda**

3. The Bureau adopted the Summary Record of the previous Bureau meeting in April 2018 [ENV/EPOC/EAP/M(2018)1] without further amendments and took note of the draft Summary Record of the 2018 annual meeting of the GREEN Action Task Force [ENV/EPOC/EAP/M(2018)2], without comment.
4. The Bureau adopted the meeting agenda [ENV/EPOC/EAP/A(2019)1].

## Item 2. Implementation of activities and upcoming events

5. The Bureau took note of the presentation by the Secretariat (Ms Kumi Kitamori, Mr Krzysztof Michalak and Mr Matthew Griffiths) on the activities implemented as part of the Task Force Programme of Work and Budget for 2019-2020 since the 2018 Annual Meeting in Bratislava [ENV/EPOC/EAP(2019)1]. The Bureau also took note of the list of Task Force's events that are planned for 2019 [ENV/EPOC/EAP(2019)4].
6. Following the Secretariat's presentation, the Bureau members:
  - welcomed the progress made in all the programme areas between October 2018 and April 2019, including organising several policy dialogues between the Ministries of Environment and of Economy, developing new projects on green finance and investment as well as a completion of a number of reports on strengthening water management;
  - welcomed in particular the progress made on mining and green growth in EECCA project, and the organisation of the related workshop on 19 April, highlighted as valuable also in the context of the resolution on mineral resource governance by the fourth session of the UN Environment Assembly.
  - welcomed the recent launch of the EU-funded European Union for Environment (EU4Environment) project in the Eastern Partnership countries, and reiterated the need to further explore funding for work in the Central Asia region;
  - welcomed the increasing co-operation between the OECD, the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) especially on joint projects, such as the EU Water Initiative Plus, the EU4Environment, and the OECD's contribution to UNECE's Environmental Performance Reviews of Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan; and
  - were invited by the European Commission to attend the 7<sup>th</sup> EaP Panel on Environment and Climate Change that would focus on implementation of environmental policies and regulations (27 and 28 May 2019, Vienna).

## Item 3. Sustainable Infrastructure Investment in Central Asia

7. The Bureau took note of the presentation by the OECD Secretariat (Ms Virginie Marchal and Mr Douglas Herrick) on sustainable infrastructure and emerging findings from a rapid assessment study and the two draft country profiles on the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Kyrgyz Republic [ENV/EPOC/EAP(2019)3].
8. Following the presentation, the Bureau members:
  - discussed matters related to sustainable infrastructure in the EECCA region, including:
    - need for improvement in the quality and availability of data on infrastructure investment projects;
    - importance of effective implementation of strategic environmental assessment (SEA);
    - finance-related issues and calculations of shadow price that would affect cost-benefit profiles of green investment projects;

- role of green public procurement;
  - improvement of environmental and social safeguards by development finance institutions and private-sector institutions; and
  - linkages with the resolution on sustainable infrastructure recently adopted at UNEA-4.
- agreed to provide feedback to the draft country profiles by 20 May 2019; and
  - took note of the presentation by the UN Environment (Ms Rie Tsutsumi) on UN Environment's work on sustainable infrastructure and its related work in collaboration with Switzerland and Zoï Environment Network.

#### **Item 4. Enhancing collaboration with development financial institutions**

9. The Bureau discussed the ways for strengthening the co-operation between the Task Force and development finance institutions (DFIs), which was one of the key feedback after the 2018 Annual Meeting.

10. The Bureau took note of the presentation by the Secretariat (Mr Takayoshi Kato) on the previous and possible future co-operation between the GREEN Action Task Force and DFIs [ENV/EPOC/EAP(2019)2].

11. Following the presentation, the Bureau members:

- noted the importance of leveraging the DFIs' and Task Force's knowledge to strengthen enabling environments for mobilising green finance in EECCA countries, better understanding the evolution of DFIs' policies, further informing DFIs' decision-making processes based on the Task Force work as well as other relevant OECD work, among others;
- indicated their areas of interest regarding further collaboration, such as: water and energy subsidy reforms; energy and water affordability; "just" transition; implementation and standardisation of Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA); environmental and social safeguard criteria that should be used by commercial banks in EECCA countries; developments of bankable project pipelines; waste management; and new financial instruments such as green bonds; among others,
- expressed the interest in inviting a DFI representative in further meetings of the TF Bureau and workshops (e.g. the European Investment Bank);
- noted the need to further clarify the topics to be discussed, if and when the TF Bureau invites DFIs to its meetings; and
- requested the Secretariat to further explore ways in which the Task Force will strengthen co-operation with DFIs, based on the discussion held during the Bureau meeting.

#### **Item 5. Building together the agenda for the 4th Annual Meeting (30 September – 01 October 2019, Kyiv, Ukraine)**

12. The Bureau took note of some considerations and possible elements of the Task Force annual meeting by the Secretariat (Ms Kumi Kitamori) and Ukraine (Mr Mykola Kuzyo) for constructing the draft agenda.

13. Mr Kuzyo informed that his team started the preparation of the annual meeting and pre-booked a venue in Kyiv. He also communicated the host country's interest in finance and investments, water management, sustainable infrastructure, circular economy, as possible agenda items.

14. The Bureau members:

- thanked Ukraine for offering to host the annual meeting of the GREEN Action Task Force in Kyiv;
- indicated the potential items for discussion at the meeting, such as: integrated water management; energy-water-food-land nexus; sustainable infrastructure; the mining sector and green growth; rapidly changing regulatory environments for green growth; “just” transition, among others;
- were informed by the UNECE Secretariat that the 2019 Annual meeting of the Task Force would be held before the 25<sup>th</sup> UNECE Committee on Environmental Policy CEP-25) on 12-14 Nov 2019<sup>1</sup>, where it is planned to discuss possible themes of the next Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference; and

15. asked the Secretariat to circulate a questionnaire to collect more views from the Bureau members on specific items of the Task Force agenda.

## Item 6. Other business

16. The Bureau thanked Mr Takayoshi Kato (OECD) for his work as the Committee Secretary for the GREEN Action Task Force. The Bureau welcomed the appointment of Mr Douglas Herrick (OECD) as the new Committee Secretary, effective as of 1 June 2019.

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<sup>1</sup> Given CEP-26 is scheduled for 10–12 November 2020 in Geneva, one option for consideration would be to hold the fifth Annual Meeting of the GREEN Action Task Force in 2020 in Geneva back to back with CEP-26.

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