

Program of the Senior Officials Meeting / 8th Working Group on Environment

2 June 2026 - 9:30 - 17:00

Samarkand, Republic of Uzbekistan

Silk Road by Minyoun Hotel, West Journey Hall

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Agenda Item</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
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| 9:30 – 9:45 | 1. Inauguration of the Meeting | Welcome address by the Host Country, and the ECO Secretariat |
| 9:45 – 9:50 | 2. Election of the Chairperson | Nomination and election of the Chairperson for the Senior Officials Meeting / 8th Working Group on Environment |
| 9:50 – 10:00 | 3. Adoption of the Agenda | – Presentation of the provisional agenda - Adoption by acclamation |
| 10:00 – 10:10 | 4. Appointment of the Drafting Committee | - Nomination and appointment of members (representatives from selected Member States and ECO Secretariat) |
| 10:10 – 11:20 | 5. Statements and Presentations by Member States | Country statements (Max. 7 minutes per delegation) focusing on national priorities, progress, and action-oriented contributions - Note: Full written statements to be submitted to the Secretariat electronically. |
| 11:20 – 12:00 | 6. Endorsement of the ECO Cooperation Framework on the Environment (2026-2030) and its Thematic Annexes | Finalization of the drafts before submission to the Ministerial Meeting for endorsement: - ECO Cooperation Framework on the Environment (2026-2030) |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ECO Work Program on Climate Change (2026-2030) - ECO Work Program on Biodiversity (2026-2030) <p>(decision by consensus)</p> |
| 12:00 – 12:30 | 7. ECO High-Level Dialogue Platform on Environmental Cooperation (HLDPE) | Brief update by Uzbekistan as the current Chairman of the HLDPE regarding the first meeting of the Platform and finalization of the draft Roadmap for submission to the Ministerial Meeting for endorsement |
| 12:30 – 14:30 | ----- | <u>Lunch Break</u> |
| 14:30 – 15:00 | 8. Follow-up on the Implementation of the Regional Initiative on Resource Efficiency, Sustainability, and Circular Economy in the ECO Region (RESCUE) | Review of progress and mandate for next steps on the RESCUE Initiative, including cooperation with UNIDO in this respect |
| 15:00 – 16:00 | 9. Adoption of the Samarkand Declaration on Regional Environmental Cooperation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the draft outcome document - Discussion and fine tuning before submission to the Ministerial Meeting for endorsement (by consensus) |
| 16:00 – 16:10 | 10. Date and Venue of the 7 th ECO Ministerial Meeting on Environment | Expressing interest for hosting the next Ministerial Meeting (host country, date, venue) |
| 16:10 – 16:40 | 11. Adoption of the Report | Adoption of the meeting report as prepared by the Drafting Committee |
| 16:40 – 16:50 | 12. Any Other Business | Any additional issues raised by Member States |
| 16:50 – 17:00 | 13. Closing Remarks | Concluding remarks by the Host Country, and the ECO Secretariat |