



DEVCO **Environment and Climate Week 2020**

Programme

17–21 February 2020, Brussels
Albert Borschette Congress Center (CCAB)

DEVCO Environment and Climate Week 2020

The **European Green Deal** sets a strong European ambition to lead international action on climate change and environment. Europe seeks to become the **first climate-neutral continent** in the world by 2050, to be a **world leader on circular economy and clean technologies**, and wants to set **new standards for biodiversity**.

Together with the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** and the **Paris Agreement**, this new policy framework calls for a fundamental rethinking of development models. International cooperation has an essential role to play to promote **climate-neutral and resilient development**, the transition to **inclusive green and circular economies**, the conservation and sustainable use of **ecosystems and natural resources** and the preservation of **global commons**. The evolution of the global context and the scale and complexity of the challenges we face also call for **new forms of engagement with partner countries** based on mutual interests. Putting the right **policies** in place and **mobilizing public and private investments** are central to the new approach.

>> The **DEVCO ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE WEEK 2020** will gather colleagues from EU delegations and headquarters to exchange on the policy priorities of the new Commission, **latest environmental and climate policy developments**, explore how to **strengthen the environmental and climate dimension of EU cooperation** and to discuss key issues. In the course of **thematic sessions** with **high-level speakers, group discussions and networking events**, participants will have the opportunity to strengthen their capacity to ambitious environment and climate action through **policy dialogue, programming and investments**.

>> **Post-2020 programming:** The DEVCO Environment and Climate Week will explore opportunities for the implementation of the external dimension of the European Green Deal in 2021-2027 programmes and investments, in the context of the proposals put forward by the Commission for the **new Neighbourhood and Development Cooperation Instrument (NDICI)** and the implementation of the **External Investment Agenda**.

>> **Venue:** Albert Borschette Congress Center (CCAB), Rue Froissart 36, 1040 Brussels

>> Specifically, the **DEVCO ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE WEEK 2020** aims to:

- Provide staff in EU Delegations and in DEVCO headquarters with a greater understanding of key environment and climate-related issues and policies, and to enhance their capacity to promote sustainability through policy dialogue, dedicated programmes, mainstreaming and green investments.
- Prepare the foundation for an effective implementation of the external dimension of the European Green Deal under 2021-2027 programmes for international cooperation.
- Provide guidance on available services and tools and strengthen the collaboration between EU Delegations, DEVCO headquarters, EEAS, DG ENV, CLIMA and NEAR on environment and climate-related topics.

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	Monday 17 February 2020	Tuesday 18 February 2020	Wednesday 19 February 2020	Thursday 20 February 2020	Friday 21 February 2020
9:00	High-level opening - Opening remarks, keynote presentation and panel discussion	Biodiversity Land-based approaches Nature-based solutions Natural resources related conflicts Investing in ecosystems	Water and oceans in a changing climate Oceans – towards integrated approaches Considering climate change impacts on freshwaters	Transition towards green, circular and climate-neutral economies - Reforming the economic system - Operationalising EU ambitions through international cooperation	Sustainable cities
12:30	Latest policy and programmatic developments - European Green Deal, new financing instrument (NDICI) and programming		Sustainable energy - Clean cooking, energy efficiency and climate and environmental sustainability		Integrating the external dimension of the EU Green Deal - focus on programming - Greening EU cooperation - Alignment with NDCs - Supporting transformative action in future programmes
14:00	Climate change - Scientific evidence and sustainable development challenges - Negotiations and NDCs - Adaptation / disaster risk reduction/ disaster preparedness actions - Mitigation actions	Sustainable forest management - The EU action plan on deforestation and FLEGT	Regional meeting Africa (2 groups) Regional meeting America Regional meeting Asia and Pacific Regional meeting Neighbourhood	Sustainable finance & green investments - Building a financial system supporting sustainable growth - Promoting climate and environmentally sustainable investments in partner countries	Tools and support services
17:30		Sustainable food systems - Farm to fork initiative - Sustainable agriculture			Closing session - Evaluation, conclusions and closing remarks
	Networking evening & launch of the landscape initiative				

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Monday, 17 February 2020

Room O.A

9:00-9:30 **Registration and welcome coffee**

9:30-11:00 **HIGH-LEVEL OPENING SESSION**

Moderation: **Carla Montesi**, Director for Planet and Prosperity

Welcome address by **Marjeta Jager**, Deputy-Director-General, European Commission Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development

Keynote presentation on the climate and ecological crisis by **Dr. Andrew Steer**, President and CEO of the World Resources Institute

Panel discussion on implementing the external dimension of the European Green Deal with

- **Tosi Mpanu Mpanu**, Ambassador and principal climate negotiator for the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- **Dr. Andrew Steer**, President and CEO of the World Resources Institute
- **Daniel Calleja**, Director-General DG ENV
- **Raffaele Mauro Petriccione**, Director-General DG CLIMA
- **Marjeta Jager**, Deputy-Director-General DG DEVCO

Interaction with participants

11:00-11:30 *Coffee break*

11:30- 12:30 **LATEST POLICY AND PROGRAMMATIC DEVELOPMENTS**

Moderation: **Dominic Porter**, Head of Unit EEAS

The European Green Deal by **Aurelie Godefroy**, Deputy Head of Unit DEVCO C2

The Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI) and 2021-2027 Programming process by **Vincent Grimaud**, Head of Unit DEVCO A6

Panel discussion with **Chantal Marijnissen**, Head of Unit DEVCO C2, **Stefano Signore**, Head of Unit DEVCO C6, and **Armelle Lidou**, Head of Unit NEAR A4

Interaction with participants

Presentation of the programme of the week by DEVCO C2 and C6

12:30-14:00 *Lunch*

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14:00-17:30 CLIMATE CHANGE

Introduction by **Stefano Signore**, Head of Unit DEVCO C6

Scientific evidence on climate change and sustainable development challenges by **Professor Jean-Pascal van Ypersele**, Climatologist Catholic University of Louvain / Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

Interaction with participants

15:30-16:00 *Coffee break*

Climate change negotiations and the role of nationally-determined contributions (NDCS) by **Dimitrios Zevgolis**, DG CLIMA and **Achim Schaffert**, EUD Namibia

Interaction with participants

Climate change adaptation and mitigation by **Zinta Zommers**, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) / IPCC, and **Nacira Boulehouat**, DG ECHO and **Philip Owen**, DG CLIMA

Interaction with participants

18:30 NETWORKING EVENING & LAUNCH OF THE LANDSCAPE INITIATIVE

Networking evening at Sofitel Brussels Europe (room Paul Henri Spaak), Place Jourdan 1, 1040 Brussels

Launch of the landscape initiative

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Tuesday, 18 February 2020

Room 0.D

9:00-12:30 **BIODIVERSITY**

Fighting biodiversity loss and climate change: exploiting the synergies by **Herbert Lust**, Vice-President and Managing Director, Conservation International

The road to the UN Biodiversity Conference in Kunming by **Humberto Delgado Rosa**, Director for Natural Capital DG ENV

Translating biodiversity priorities in EU cooperation by **Chantal Marijnissen**, Head of Unit DEVCO C2

Lessons learnt from EU support to the biodiversity strategy of DRC by **Daniel Hachez**, Head of Cooperation EUD Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) (via video conference)

Discussion with the audience

10:30-11:00 *Coffee break*

Parallel break-out groups:

Group 1
Room 0.D

**Land-based
approaches**

Group 2
Room 0.B

**Nature-based
solutions**

Group 3
Room 0.C

**Investing in
ecosystems**

Group 4
Room 1.B

**Natural resources
related conflicts
and human rights**

(1) Land-based approaches

Room 0.D

Introduction - landscape approaches

Integrated Landscape Management in the Tonle Sap Biosphere reserve by **Clemens Beckers**, EUD Cambodia

Integrated Landscape Management, including at multi country level by **Sylvanie Jardinet**, EUD Cameroon

Group discussion

(2) Nature-based solutions

Room 0.B

Introduction – nature-based solutions

Using nature-based solutions for coastal management by **José Legarra**, EUD Barbados

Regreening Africa by **Patrick Worms**, World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) and **Mersha Argaw**, EUD Ethiopia

Group discussion

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(3) Investing in ecosystems

Room 0.C

Presentation of the Natural Capital Financing Facility by **Stephen Hart**, European Investment Bank (EIB)

Nature-based tourism to attract investment for conservation by **Thomas Yatich**, EUD Kenya

Financial instruments for conservation by **Johny Ariza**, EUD Colombia

Group discussion

(4) Natural resources related conflicts and human rights

Room 1.B

Promoting responsible business conduct in natural resources related conflicts by **Beatrice Bussi**, EUD Guatemala

Co-benefits of protected areas for local communities and wildlife, fighting wildlife and timber trafficking by **Camille Pubills**, EUD Republic of Congo

Group discussion

12:30-14:00 *Lunch*

14:00-15:30 SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT

The role of EU delegations in the implementation of forest-related policies: EU Communication on Stepping up EU Action to Protect and Restore the World's Forests and 2018-2022 FLEGT workplan by **Astrid Schomaker**, Director DG ENV and **Patrice Moussy**, DEVCO C2

Lessons learnt from EU support to forest governance and sustainable forest management in partner countries by **Solomon Ioannou**, EUD Honduras, and **Mersha Argaw**, EUD Ethiopia

Panel discussion and interaction with the audience

15:30-16:00 *Coffee break*

16:00-17:30 SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS

Introduction to the farm to fork initiative in EU international cooperation by **Wim Olthof**, Deputy Head of Unit DEVCO C1

Sustainable food systems by **Emile Frison**, member of the International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems (IPES)

Land governance – a key factor for sustainability by **Michael Taylor**, Secretary General International Land Coalition (ILC)

Deforestation-free and sustainable agricultural value chains by **Regis Meritan**, DEVCO C1

Rwanda's experience in agroforestry by **Pascal Zahonero**, EUD Rwanda

Interaction with participants

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Wednesday, 19 February 2020

Room 0.D

9:00-11:00 WATER AND OCEANS IN A CHANGING CLIMATE

Two parallel sub-sessions:

(1) Oceans – towards integrated approaches Room 0.C

EU oceans policies and international processes by **Stefanie Schmidt**, MARE B1

Promoting regional cooperation – experience from political dialogue under PEUMP by **Adrian Nicolae**, EUD Fidji

Sustainable blue economy – fisheries and sustainable value chains by **Christophe Larose**, DEVCO C1

Specific conditions and needs of coastal communities by **Bérénice Muraille**, EUD Haiti; and **Federico Esteban Suárez**, EUD Guyana and Suriname

Interaction with participants

(2) Considering climate change impacts on freshwaters Room 0.D

Water and climate change by **Sonja Koepfel**, UN Water Convention Secretariat (UNECE)

Policy update – Water and the Green Deal by **Claudio Bacigalupi**, DEVCO C2

Creative solutions to new challenges by **Anna Beserra**, UN Youth Campion

Resilient water services – a critical line of defence against climate change by **Jonathan Farr**, WaterAid

Eco villages case study and positive lessons learnt on water by **Jenny Correia Nunes**, EUD Tanzania

Interaction with participants

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-15:00 SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

Introduction by **Stefano Signore**, Head of Unit DEVCO C6

Clean cooking and its links with the climate and the environment

The clean cooking sector and its links with the climate and the environment by **Maryse Labriet**, EU Technical Assistance Facility

New thoughts and activities on clean cooking by **Athena Koulouris**, DEVCO C6

Health as an action driver toward clean cooking solutions by **Jessica Lewis**, WHO

Market evolution, opportunities and future of the clean cooking sector by **Shrikant Avi**, Clean Cooking Alliance

Clean cooking in the Dominican Republic by **Sarah Soriano**, EUD Dominican Republic

Discussion with the audience

12:30-14:00 Lunch

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Fighting climate change with energy efficiency

Scene-setter on energy efficiency and its role in fighting climate change by **Wolfgang Mostert**, energy consultant

Upcoming EU strategy and activities on energy efficiency by **Nicolas Ritzenthaler**, DEVCO C6

Experiences from the field by EUD Egypt and EUD Tanzania

Discussion with the audience

15:00-15:30 *Coffee break*

15:30-17:30 **REGIONAL MEETINGS**

Africa (Central and West)	Room 0.D
Africa (East and South)	Room 0.C
America	Room 4.B
Asia and Pacific	Room 0.B
Neighbourhood	Room 3.04

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Thursday, 20 February 2020

Room 0.D

9:00-12:30 TRANSITION TOWARDS GREEN, CIRCULAR AND CLIMATE NEUTRAL ECONOMIES

Keynote presentation on reforming the economic system to tackle the environment and climate crisis by Sandrine Dixson-Declève, Co-President of the Club of Rome

Global and EU policy context on circular economy, Astrid Schomaker, Director for Global Sustainable Development, DG ENV

Interaction with the audience

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

Operationalising EU ambitions through international cooperation

Panel discussion with

- Thibaut Portevin, DEVCO C2
- Lidia Afonso Gallegos, EUD South Africa
- Cécile Leroy, EUD Vietnam
- Asad Naqvi, Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE) Secretariat
- Oliver Greenfield, Green Economy Coalition

Interaction with the audience

12:30-14:00 Lunch

14:00-17:30 SUSTAINABLE FINANCE AND GREEN INVESTMENTS

EU approach to shift investments towards circular and climate-neutral economies

Introduction by DEVCO C6

EU Action plan on sustainable finance and EU classification system Caroline Wellemans, Head of Unit DG FISMA

Integrated National Financing Frameworks (INFFs) by Elise Hadman, DEVCO A2

Fiscal policies for climate and environmental action (OECD, tbc)

Experience from an EU Delegation

Interaction with the audience

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

How to promote climate and environmentally sustainable investments in partner countries?

Sustainable finance and programming: EIP and EFSD+ by DEVCO C3 and C7

Cooperation with the EIB under the next MFF and Green Deal by Richard Amor, EIB

Experience from Latin America by DEVCO G and an EU Delegation

Moderated discussed with the audience

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Friday, 21 February 2020

Room 0.A

9:00-10:00 SUSTAINABLE CITIES

Introduction: the centrality of cities in delivering on the external dimension of the Green Deal by DEVCO C5

Green city planning and implementation in practice – the case of an African city by Issac Mugumbule, Kampala City Authority

EU Lessons learned and good practices in green cities by Maryke van Staden, ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability) World Secretariat

Interaction with participants

10:00-15:00 INTEGRATING THE EXTERNAL DIMENSION OF THE GREEN DEAL IN PROGRAMMING

Introduction to the DEVCO approach for greening EU cooperation by Andrea Alfieri, DEVCO C6

Environment and climate change mainstreaming: results and trends by Juan Palerm, DEVCO Environment and Climate Change Mainstreaming Facility

How can the EU support the Paris Agreement implementation in partner countries?: NDC based approach by Nicola Di Pietrantonio, DEVCO C6

Introduction to the working groups session

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

Group exercise on transformative change through country programmes:

- **Group (1): Sustainable agriculture and land use**
- **Group (2): Sustainable finance and investments**
- **Group (3): Circular and climate-neutral economies**
- **Group (4): Ecosystems and nature-based solutions**
- **Group (5): Sustainable cities**
- **Group (6): Water and oceans**
- **Group (7): Sustainable energy**

13:00-14:00 Lunch

Debriefing of group exercise and discussion in plenary

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15:00-15:45 **TOOLS AND SUPPORT SERVICES**

Presentation of tools and support services that are available for EU delegations by
DEVCO Technical Assistance Facilities C2 and C6

15:45-16:15 *Coffee break*

16:15-17:15 **CLOSING SESSION**

Short wrap-up – key conclusions of each session

Participatory feedback

Closing remarks by **Chantal Marijnissen**, Head of Unit DEVCO C2 and **Stefano Signore**, Head of Unit C6