

## ENVSEC Regional Meeting for South Eastern Europe

28 - 30 June 2016, Tirana, Albania

Organised by the Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC)

*The ENVSEC Regional Meeting for South Eastern Europe gathers the ENVSEC National Focal Points of the region as well as representatives of resource partners, academia, civil society and business. The event, a launching pad for the ENVSEC Initiative in light of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, is meant to intensify efforts to share knowledge in the priority areas of the region, facilitate discussion about global and regional strategies, present achievements, lessons learned and challenges, and identify synergies as well as future short and long term objectives in South Eastern Europe. ENVSEC was founded in 2003 with the aim of transforming environment and security risks into regional cooperation. It brings together five international organisations with specialised but complementary mandates and expertise — the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). In 2016, ENVSEC is chaired by the OSCE.*



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## Draft Programme

### 28 June 2016 – Tuesday

	Arrival in Tirana
20:00	Dinner <i>Venue: Tirana International Hotel Restaurant, Sheshi Skënderbej/Scanderbeg Square, Tirana</i>

### 29 June 2016 – Wednesday

*Venue: Tirana International Hotel, Sheshi Skënderbej/Scanderbeg Square, Tirana*

09:00 – 09:30	Welcome; badge pick-up; morning coffee
09:30 – 10:15	<p><b>Opening</b></p> <p>Chair: Ms Marta Szigeti Bonifert, Executive Director, REC</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Olijana Ifti, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment, Albania</li> <li>• Representative of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Albania (tbc)</li> <li>• H.E. Mr. Johann Sattler, Ambassador, Embassy of Austria in Albania</li> <li>• Mr. Robert Wilton, Acting Head, OSCE Presence in Albania</li> <li>• Ms. Yesim Oruc, Country Director, UNDP Albania</li> <li>• Ms. Maria Teresa Pisani, Economic Affairs Officer of the Environment Division, UNECE</li> <li>• Mr. Pier Carlo Sandei, Programme Officer, UNEP - Vienna Office</li> <li>• Ms. Olga-Luisa Anghelakis, Head of Operation Section for Economic Reform and Infrastructure, EU Delegation to Albania</li> </ul>
10:15 – 10:45	<p><b>Environment and Security in South Eastern Europe</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keynote speech: ENVSEC in light of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Mr. Raffi V. Balian, Director, Regional Environmental, Science &amp; Technology, and Health Office for Central and Eastern Europe, U.S. Department of State</li> <li>• Presentation by: Mr. Adlej Pici, Managing Director, GfK Albania</li> <li>• Statements by: ENVSEC National Focal Points; Representatives of ENVSEC partner countries and organisations</li> </ul>
10:45 – 11:00	<p><b>Introduction to ENVSEC in South Eastern Europe</b></p> <p>Presenter: Ms. Gordana Kozhuharova, Regional Director for South Eastern Europe, REC; ENVSEC Regional Desk Officer for South Eastern Europe</p>
11:00 – 11:15	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
11:15 – 11:30	<b>Coffee break</b>

11:30– 12:15	<p><b>Panel 1: Management and reduction of transboundary risks from hazardous activities</b></p> <p>Facilitator: Ms. Aida Hadzic-Hurem, Senior Recovery Coordinator and DRR Focal Point, UNDP Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Izabela Nagyová, Project Manager, Slovak Agency for International Development Cooperation</li> <li>• Ms. Besa Tateshi, IPPC Advisor, ENVSEC NFP, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, Macedonia</li> <li>• Mr. Pier Carlo Sandei, Programme Officer, UNEP - Vienna Office</li> </ul> <p>Discussion</p>
12:15 – 13:00	<p><b>Panel 2: Management of shared natural resources</b></p> <p>Facilitator: Ms. Gordana Kozhuharova, Regional Director for South Eastern Europe, REC; ENVSEC Regional Desk Officer for South Eastern Europe</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Raffi V. Balian, Director, Regional Environmental, Science &amp; Technology, and Health Office for Central and Eastern Europe, U.S. Department of State</li> <li>• Mr. Muhamet Malsiu, Director of Environmental Protection Department, Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning, Kosovo*</li> <li>• Ms. Silvamina Alshabani, Expert (Biodiversity and Protected Areas, Forests and Biodiversity Directorate), ENVSEC NFP, Ministry of Environment, Albania</li> <li>• Mr. Nikola Nikolov, Head, Regional Fire Monitoring Center</li> </ul> <p>Discussion</p>
13:00 – 14:00	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>
14:00 – 14:45	<p><b>Panel 3: Strengthening regional cooperation on environmental governance through participatory and informed decision making and implementation processes</b></p> <p>Facilitator: Ms. Alma Mirvić, Associate Project Co-ordinator, OSCE Secretariat</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Maria Teresa Pisani, Economic Affairs Officer, Environment Division, UNECE</li> <li>• Mr. Mihallaq Qirjo, Director, Country Office Albania, REC</li> <li>• Ms. Sabina Jukan, Executive Director, Aarhus Center Sarajevo</li> <li>• Ms. Alminda Mema, Executive Director, Aarhus Information Centre Shkodra</li> </ul> <p>Discussion</p>

14:45 – 15:00	<b>Coffee break</b>
15:00 – 15:45	<p><b>Panel 4: Adaptation to the impacts of climate change for reducing security risks in South Eastern Europe</b></p> <p>Facilitator: Mr. Pier Carlo Sandei, Programme Officer, UNEP - Vienna Office</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Ivana Stojanović, Advisor, Department for Sustainable Development, Ministry for Sustainable Development and Tourism, Montenegro</li> <li>• Mr. Mihail Dimovski, Team Leader, Environment and Climate Regional Accession Network (ECRAN)</li> <li>• Ms. Marina Malish Sazdovska, Associate Professor at Faculty of Security, “St. Kliment Ohridski” University Bitola</li> <li>• Mr. Eduardas Kazakevicius, Senior Expert (Climate Change and Clean Energy), REC</li> </ul> <p>Discussion</p>
15:45 – 16:15	<b>Joint Statement</b>
16:15 – 16:45	Closing
18:00 – 19:00	<p><b>ENVSEC Ambassadorial Briefing for the Diplomatic Missions and Representations accredited to Albania, and for the participants of the ENVSEC Regional Meeting for South Eastern Europe</b></p> <p>Facilitator: Ms. Marta Szigeti Bonifert, Executive Director, REC</p>
19:00 – 20:30	<b>Evening Reception</b>

### **30 June 2016 – Thursday**

9:00 – 17:00	<b>ENVSEC Site Visit to Shkodra</b>
13:30 – 15:00	<b>Working Lunch with ENVSEC National Focal Points</b>
15:00 – 17:00	Return to Tirana

\*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.