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## Environment and



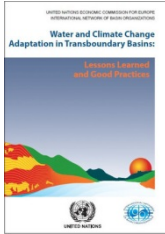

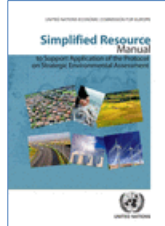
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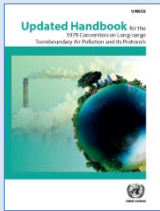
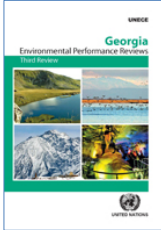



### SDG 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

Targets relevant to the *UNECE Environment subprogramme*:

- 13.1 Strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters in all countries
- 13.2 Integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies and planning
- 13.3 Improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning

| Target      | Measures  | Resources (hyperlinks)   | Results   | Partners   |
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| <b>13.1</b> | Join the Global Network of Basins Working on Climate Change under the UNECE Water Convention, develop common assessments and strategies and implement joint adaptation measures | <p><a href="#">Water and adaptation to climate change</a></p> <p><a href="#">Water and Climate Change Adaptation in Transboundary Basins: Lessons Learned and Good Practices</a></p> | <p>Joint adaptation to climate change</p> <p>Increased resilience to disasters and water scarcity</p>    | <p>UNECE Environment with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNFCCC</li> <li>• OSCE</li> <li>• Environment and Security Initiative</li> <li>• International Network of Basin Organizations</li> <li>• UNDP</li> <li>• WMO</li> <li>• UNEP</li> <li>• Environmental NGOs</li> </ul> |
| <b>13.1</b> | Implement the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention to address prevention and mitigation of transboundary impacts of natural accidents triggering technological disasters       | <p><a href="#">Introduction to Industrial Accidents (on-line training course)</a></p>  | <p>Strengthened resilience to and adaptive capacity for climate-related hazards</p> <p>Reduced risks of technological disasters triggered by natural accidents</p>  | <p>UNECE Environment with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OECD</li> <li>• UNISDR</li> <li>• Joint UNEP/OCHA Environment Unit</li> <li>• WHO</li> <li>• OPCW</li> </ul>  |
| <b>13.2</b> | Implement the UNECE Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment as a procedural tool to ensure the integration of climate change mitigation and adaptation measures          | <p><a href="#">Resource Manual to Support Application of the Protocol on SEA</a></p> <p><a href="#">Simplified Resource Manual to Support Application of the Protocol on SEA</a></p> | <p>Climate change measures integrated into national policies, strategies and planning</p>   | <p>UNECE Environment with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNFCCC</li> <li>• European Commission</li> </ul>  |

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| 13.2         | <p>Set emission limit values for the broader spectrum of short-lived climate pollutants by implementing the UNECE Air Convention's Gothenburg Protocol</p> <p>Use the work of the Task Force on Hemispheric Transport of Air Pollution to understand better the transport of air pollutants across the Northern Hemisphere</p> | <p>Updated Handbook for the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution and its Protocols</p> <p>Task Force on Hemispheric Transport of Air Pollution</p>  | <p>Investment in climate change mitigation measures stimulated</p> <p>Identification of technologies to reduce emissions of climate pollutants</p> <p>Estimation of such emissions</p> <p>Understanding of interactions between greenhouse gases and air pollution</p> | <p>UNECE Environment with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Climate and Clean Air Coalition</li> <li>Arctic Council</li> </ul>  |
| 13.2<br>13.3 | <p>Undergo an Environmental Performance Review to review national policies on the environment and sectoral management and obtain recommendations</p>   | <p>Review process</p>   | <p>Climate change measures integrated into national policies</p>   | <p>UNECE Environment with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UNDP</li> <li>UNEP</li> <li>UNIDO</li> <li>WHO/Europe</li> <li>European Environment Agency</li> </ul>   |
| 13.3         | <p>Implement the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development nationally</p>   | <p>UNECE Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development</p>   | <p>Improved education, awareness and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning</p>   | <p>UNECE Environment with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UNESCO</li> <li>UNEP</li> <li>other relevant intergovernmental organizations and NGOs in the field of education, environment and sustainable development</li> </ul> |

## Cross-cutting measures

Implement the [UNECE Aarhus Convention](#) (Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters) and its [Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers](#) to strengthen capacities of authorities to promote effective access to environmental information and to engage effectively NGOs, local communities and other stakeholders in decision-making to help to address climate change. [Make use of tools and materials developed by the Aarhus Convention and its Protocol.](#)

ENVIRONMENT



STATISTICS

## Other UNECE subprogrammes

The Statistics and the Environment subprogrammes cooperate on climate-related statistics

