



REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

Environment and Security Initiative (ENVSEC)

**Regional Stakeholder Consultation and Awareness Raising Event
on**

“Climate Change Induced Environmental Security Risks in SEE”

**October 18-19, 2011, Sarajevo
Hotel Hollywood, Dr. Pintola 23
Iliđza, 71000 Sarajevo**

Background

The Environment and Security Initiative (ENVSEC) is a partnership of six international organisations – the OSCE, REC, UNDP, UNECE, UNEP and the NATO as an associated partner– with specialized, but complementary mandates and expertise that provides an integrated response to environment and security challenges. The mission of the ENVSEC is to contribute to the reduction of environment and security risks through strengthened cooperation amongst and within countries in four regions: Central Asia, Eastern Europe, Southern Caucasus and South-Eastern Europe.

The REC is currently participating in an ENVSEC project implementing the task entitled with “Adaptation to the impacts of climate change for reducing security risks in SEE”. Its aim is to provide a review of current and emerging linkages between climate change related environment and security in some of the ENVSEC SEE countries, highlight major challenges, identify hot-spots and analyze priorities in this area in Albania, BiH, Montenegro and Serbia. Further aim is to support regional cooperation and dialogue among different stakeholders organizing consultation.

Aim

The aim of the consultation event is to assist governments and communities to identify common solutions and develop joint projects for achieving them, and facilitate dialogue and collaboration among policy makers, environmental experts, and the civil society across the borders, including national experts, ministries and national agencies, as well as NGOs and research institutes.

AGENDA

Day 1

12.00-13.15 **Lunch and Registration**

13.15-13.00 Opening Session

13.15-13.30: Welcome speech (Djordje Vojinovic, REC Country Office Bosnia and Herzegovina)

13.30- 13.40: ENVSEC Initiative, REC's role (Zsuzsanna Ivanyi, Climate Change and Clean Energy Topic Area Leader, REC)

13.40-13.50: Information on the current Project: "Adaptation to the Impacts of climate change for Reducing Security Risks in SEE" (Gamze Celikyilmaz-Aydemir, Expert, REC)

13.50-17.20 Session 1: Climate Change induced Environmental Security Concerns

Chair: Zsuzsanna Ivanyi, Climate Change and Clean Energy Topic Area Leader, REC

13.50-14.20: What is Environmental Security: Interrelations with natural resource availability and regional conflicts, challenged by climate change (Mr. Chad M Briggs, Institute for Environmental Security & USAF)

14.20-14.50: Regional Climate Change projections in SEE; and SEE-VCCC's activities in the Region (Mrs. Jasminka Smailagic, South East European Virtual Climate Change Center, SEE-VCCC)

14.50-15.10: Questions & Answers

Coffee break: 15.10-15.30

15.30-15.50: Adaptation concept and its role in addressing Environmental Security (Mariia Khovanskaya, Expert, REC)

15.50-16.20: Sava River Pilot Projects for Climate Change Adaptation in Transboundary Basins (Ms. Janja Zlatic-Jugovic, International Sava River Basin Commission)

16.20-16.50: Activities of ENVSEC Initiative in the SEE region (Ms. Amina Ovicevic, UNEP Country Office Bosnia and Herzegovina)

16.50-17.20: Questions & Answers

Dinner: 19.00

DAY 2

9.30-11.50 Session 2: Environmental Security concerns related to CC in the Western Balkan region

Chair: Zsuzsanna Ivanyi

9.30-9.45: Opening and summary of the day's topics

9.45- 11.00: Environmental Security concerns in the Western Balkans.

- Albania Country Study (Rezart Kapedani, REC CO Albania)
- BiH Country Study (Djordje Vojinovic, REC CO BiH)
- Montenegro Country Study (Bojana Miranovic, REC CO Montenegro)
- Serbia Country Study (Gamze Celikyilmaz-Aydemir, REC Climate Change Topic Area)

11.00-11.30: Questions & Answers

Coffee break: 11.30-11.50

11.50-Session 3: Roundtable discussion: how to overcome the barriers, options for solution

11.50-13.30: Roundtable discussion

Group 1: Game Celikyilmaz-Aydemir

Group 2: Djordje Vojinovic

Questions for discussion:

-What are the reasons for reluctance to take low hanging fruits?

-What can be done to create harmony between sectoral strategies?

-Could sectoral transboundary cooperation be established among the countries of the region (there are some good examples)?

-What is expected from institutions like the REC? Which gap can the REC fill in? (for Capacity building per se?)

-What kind of cooperation (in which ways) do the decision-makers expect from NGOs?

-Do decision makers rely on scientist? If not, how the relation between science and politicians could be improved?

Lunch: 13.30-14.30

14.30-15.50: Reporting key points from roundtable by groups, plenary discussion

15.50-16.10: Summary and Closing