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# REDUCING INEQUALITIES

IN ACCESS TO CLEAN AND  
SAFE WATER

Room 17, Geneva International  
Conference Center  
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## ABOUT EVENT

Inequalities are great, also in the pan-European region. This event will share best practices on reducing inequalities between urban and rural areas with a focus on education, water, sanitation, climate and good governance. We will share best practices in terms of interactive educational programmes and stakeholder engagement focusing in particular on youths and women, and job creation. These are some of the focus SDGs for this year's HLPF: SDG 4, 8, 10, 13, 16. The event will also look at the coherence with other policy processes in the UNECE region such as the Protocol Water and Health and the WHO Environment and Health process. High officials and ministerial representatives will participate alongside civil society and private sector.

## AGENDA

### 12:30 - Lunch

### 13:00 - Opening

Sascha Gabizon, Executive Director, WECF International

### 13:05 - Introduction

Equitable access to water and sanitation essential for sustainable development

- Welcoming address - Dr. Jugel (DPR), Ambassador
- Equitable access to water and sanitation: Mihail Kochubovski, Institute of Public Health, North Macedonia
- Bringing the Protocol on Water and Health to the local level - example of school sanitation: Biljana Filipovic, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Serbia

### 13:20 - Achieving equitable access

Via "Water and Sanitation Safety Planning": Case studies results from project in the Balkans

- Linking environment and health SDGs with equal access - example of school water and sanitation in rural Albania: Adriana Spahiu, Women in Development Shkodra, Albania
- Between education and legislation - Mihaela Vasilescu, Ecological University of Bucharest & Monica Isacu, Aquadematica Foundation, Romania
- Supporting equal access: engaging schools and local authorities for sanitation: Natasha Dokovska, NGO JHR, North Macedonia

### 13:50 - How to further progress

Towards reducing inequalities in access to clean and safe water?

- Key messages from the 2019 World Water Development Report "Leaving No One Behind": Murray Burt, United Nations High Commission for Refugee
- The Protocol on Water and Health: prompting progress in achieving equitable access to water and sanitation: Jorge Viñuales, Chair of the Compliance Committee of the Protocol, University of Cambridge
- Innovative solutions for achieving environmental and health SDGs: Bistra Mihaylova, WECF International

### 14:10 - Moderated interactive discussion and respondents from Member States

### 14:30 - Closing

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