

**Beijing+20 Regional Review Meeting**  
Co-hosted by ECE and UN Women  
**6–7 November 2014**  
**Room XVII**

Provisional Programme

**Gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls for  
sustainable development in the ECE region**

Thursday, 6 November 2014	
Opening session  10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<p><b>Item 1 – Opening of the meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome address by Mr. Christian Friis Bach, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of <b>ECE</b></li><li>• Welcome address by Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of <b>UN Women</b></li><li>• Opening address by Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mary of <b>Denmark</b></li><li>• Presentation of recommendations from the <b>Civil Society Forum</b> by Ms. Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvanda, President of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women, Geneva</li></ul> <p><b>Item 2 - Adoption of the agenda and organization of work</b></p> <p><b>Item 3 – Election of chairpersons and rapporteur</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Opening remarks by the chairpersons</li></ul>
11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<p><b>Item 4 – Long-term trends in gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls in the ECE region</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Ms. Sarah Cook, Director, United Nations Research Institute on Social Development</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sharing personal experience: Ms. Valentina Leskaj, Member of Parliament, <b>Albania</b></li><li>• Ms. Monika Linn, Principal Adviser to the Executive Secretary, <b>ECE</b>,</li><li>• Ms. Salla Saastamoinen, Director for Equality, DG Justice, <b>European Commission</b></li><li>• Ms. Mahfirat Khidirzoda, Head of Committee on Women and</li></ul>

	<p>Family Affairs, <b>Tajikistan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Hallie Schneir, Deputy Director of the White House Council on Women and Girls, <b>United States of America</b></li> <li>• Mrs. Daniela Terzi-Barbarosie, NGO National Women’s Studies and Information Center “<b>Partnership for Development</b>”, Republic of Moldova</li> </ul>
<p>1.15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Lunch Break Parallel Side-events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Women Victims of War, Mrs. Fatma Şahin, Mayor, Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality, <b>Permanent Mission of Turkey</b> <b>Room XVII</b></li> <li>➤ Taking a Stand Against Practices That Harm Women, <b>United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)</b> <b>Room XXIII</b></li> <li>➤ 20 years of Gender Mainstreaming - Lessons learned for the post-2015 agenda, <b>Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), NGO-Coordination post Beijing Switzerland and the Interdisciplinary Centre for Gender Studies (ICFG) at the University of Berne</b> <b>Room XXVII</b></li> </ul>
<p>3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Item 5 – Closing gender gaps through economic and social policies</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Ms. Shauna Olney, Chief of Gender, Equality and Diversity Branch of the Conditions of Work and Equality Department, <b>International Labour Organization (ILO)</b></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Sylvie Durrer, Director of the Federal Office for Gender Equality (FOGE), <b>Switzerland</b></li> <li>• Ms. Virginija Langbakk, Director, <b>European Institute for Gender Equality</b></li> <li>• Ms. Zhyldyz Polotova, Deputy Minister of Social Development, <b>Kyrgyzstan</b></li> <li>• Ms. Lilia Pascal, Head of the Department of Policies on Gender Equality, Ministry of Labour, Social Protection and Family, <b>Republic of Moldova</b></li> <li>• Ms. Valentina Disoska, President, Association of Business Women, <b>The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia</b></li> <li>• Mr Gocha Aleksandria, Vice President, <b>Georgian Trade Unions Confederation (GTUC)</b></li> </ul>

<p>4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Item 6 – Women’s representation in policy- and decision-making</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Ms. Ingibjorg Gisladdottir, Regional Director for ECA region, UN Women</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Patrizianna Sparacino-Thiellay, Ambassador-at-large-for Human Rights, <b>France</b></li> <li>• Ms. Sabine de Bethune, Member of the Senate, <b>Belgium</b></li> <li>• Ms. Anne Sipiläinen, Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of <b>Finland</b></li> <li>• Ms. Aysun Sayin, Director, Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability, <b>Boynor Holding</b></li> <li>• Mr. Daniel de Torres, Deputy Head of Operations, Gender and Security Programme, <b>Geneva Center for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces</b></li> <li>• Mr. Petru Macovey, Chairperson of <b>Association of Independent Press</b> of Republic of Moldova</li> </ul>
<p>6.15 p.m.</p>	<p>Reception co-hosted by the Permanent Missions of <b>Azerbaijan</b> and the Kingdom of the <b>Netherlands</b></p>
<p>Friday, 7 November 2014</p>	
<p>8.30 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.</p>	<p>Parallel Side-events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Achievements, challenges and gaps in ECE countries’ implementation of Strategic Objective D3 of the Beijing Platform for Action to eliminate trafficking in women and assist victims of violence due to prostitution and trafficking, <i>Equality Now</i> <b>Room XVII</b></li> <li>➤ Autistic Girls and Women, <i>Autistic Minority International and International Alliance of Women</i> <b>Room XXIII</b></li> </ul>
<p>10 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Item 7 – Preventing and eliminating violence against women and girls</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Ms. Monica Ferro, Member of Parliament, Portugal</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Carolina Lasen Diaz, Head of the Gender Equality Unit at the Equality Division of the <b>Council of Europe</b></li> <li>• Mr. Aleh Karazei, Head of the Directorate on Crime Prevention, Ministry of Internal Affairs, <b>Belarus</b></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Vered Swid, Director of the Authority for the Advancement of the Status of Women at the Prime Minister’s Office of <b>Israel</b></li> <li>• Ms. Guguli Magradze, Gender Equality Commission, Member of Parliament, <b>Georgia</b></li> <li>• Ms. Maja Raicevic, Executive Director of the Women’s Rights Center, <b>Montenegro</b></li> </ul>
<p>11:30 a.m. – 1 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Item 8 – Governance and gender justice</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Mr. Daniel Sansfaçon, Director General, Policy &amp; External Relations, Status of Women Canada</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Violeta Neubauer, Vice-Chairperson of the <b>CEDAW Committee</b></li> <li>• Ms. Olga Zhmurko, Programme Director, International Renaissance Foundation, <b>Ukraine</b></li> <li>• Ms. Bardhylka Kospiri, Vice Minister of Social Welfare and Youth, <b>Albania</b></li> <li>• Ms. Kurbongul Kosimova, Director NGO "Najoti kudakon", Project Manager of the Women Resource Centre, Tajikistan</li> </ul>
<p>1:15 p.m. – 14:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Lunch Break Parallel Side-events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Health-Sector Response to Gender-based Violence, <b>United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) / World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe)</b> <b>Room XVII</b></li> <li>➤ EU Report on the Beijing Platform for Action, Beijing+20, <b>European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)</b> <b>Room XXIII</b></li> </ul>
<p>3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Item 9 – The way forward: gender equality for inclusive and sustainable societies</b></p> <p><i>Moderator: Mr. Christian Friis Bach, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary, ECE</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Liudmila Denisova, Minister of Social Policy, <b>Ukraine</b></li> <li>• Ms. Helene Reardon Bond, Head of Policy, Deputy Director, Government Equalities Office, <b>United Kingdom</b></li> <li>• Ms. Laurette Ponce, Applied Physicist in the LHC Operations team, Beams Department, <b>European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN)</b></li> <li>• Ms. Sibylle Rupprecht, Executive Director, <b>Catalyst Europe</b></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. Sascha Gabizon, Executive Director, <b>Women in Europe for a Common Future</b></li></ul>
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.	<b>Item 10 – Co-Chairpersons’ conclusions</b>

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