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Second session

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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Opening and adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the second session

To be held at the International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG), Geneva, starting on 1 March 2018 at 10 a.m. and concluding on 2 March 2018 at 1 p.m.

I. Provisional agenda

1. Opening and adoption of the agenda.
2. High-level Policy Segment “Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies in the ECE region”.
3. Introduction of the Peer Learning Segment.
4. Peer Learning Segment:
 - (a) Round Tables – First Set:
 - (i) Sustainable Water-1;
 - (ii) Sustainable Energy-1;
 - (iii) Sustainable Cities and Communities-1;
 - (iv) Sustainable Consumption and Production-1;
 - (v) Sustainable Forests and Ecosystems-1.
 - (b) Round Tables – Second Set:
 - (i) Sustainable Water-2;
 - (ii) Sustainable Energy-2;
 - (iii) Sustainable Cities and Communities-2;
 - (iv) Sustainable Consumption and Production-2;
 - (v) Sustainable Forests and Ecosystems-2.
5. Connecting the Dots: Sustainable Resource Management and Lifestyles in the Region.

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6. Closing.

II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Opening and adoption of the agenda

1. The Chair will open the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development and will suggest to adopt its agenda as set out in the present document. The detailed programme is contained in an informal document.¹ High-level participants will provide opening remarks.

2. High-level Policy Segment “Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies in the ECE region”

2. The High-level Policy Segment will include keynote addresses and interventions by high-level participants from the floor on the overall theme of “Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies in the ECE region”.

3. The focus of the segment will be on SDG progress and challenges in the region. High-level participants from Governments and other stakeholders will share experiences on SDG implementation. This will include countries that have already presented Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) at the High-level Political Forum (HLPF). They are invited to speak about the impact of VNRs on SDG implementation in their country. The discussion will also include the science perspective on SDG implementation in terms of evidence-based identification of bottlenecks and involving the science community in policy-making.

3. Introduction of the Peer Learning Segment

4. The Introduction of the Peer Learning Segment will provide an overview of the organization of the round tables in the subsequent Peer Learning Segment, the expectations towards their outcomes and the modalities of the reporting back to the plenary.

4. Peer Learning Segment

5. The Peer Learning Segment will promote voluntary and more in-depth peer learning and practical exchange of experiences and best practices in SDG implementation. Participants will break out in two sets of five parallel Round Tables centered around the SDGs that are under in-depth review at the 2018 High-level Political Forum (New York, 9-18 July 2018). Informal concept notes will be available for all ten Round Tables.

(a) Round Tables – First Set

6. In the first set, the following five parallel round tables will be organized to share case studies, experiences, solutions and challenges among Governments and other stakeholders:

- (i) Sustainable Water-1 (SDG 6);
- (ii) Sustainable Energy-1 (SDG 7);

¹ All formal and informal documents will be made available on the website of the Regional Forum at: www.unece.org/rfsd2018.

- (iii) Sustainable Cities and Communities-1 (SDG 11);
- (iv) Sustainable Consumption and Production-1 (SDG 12);
- (v) Sustainable Forests and Ecosystems-1 (SDG 15).

(b) Round Tables – Second Set

7. In the second set, five parallel round tables will be organized as follows to further discuss implementation of the SDGs under in-depth review:

- (i) Sustainable Water-2 (SDG 6);
- (ii) Sustainable Energy-2 (SDG 7);
- (iii) Sustainable Cities and Communities-2 (SDG 11);
- (iv) Sustainable Consumption and Production-2 (SDG 12);
- (v) Sustainable Forests and Ecosystems-2 (SDG 15).

5. Connecting the Dots: Sustainable Resource Management and Lifestyles in the Region

8. The plenary will hear reporting back from the round tables in an interactive panel discussion. The discussion will stress interlinkages between the respective SDGs and pathways for integrated policy-making.

6. Closing

9. The Chair will close the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development. A draft report including a Chair's summary of the discussions will be prepared after the meeting and will be made available to meeting participants for comments. The final version of the report including the Chair's summary will constitute the input from the ECE region to the 2018 High-level Political Forum.
