



2010 SPECA ECONOMIC FORUM

“STRENGTHENING REGIONAL COOPERATION IN CENTRAL ASIA: A CONTRIBUTION TO LONG-TERM STABILITY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF AFGHANISTAN”

(Palais des Nations, Geneva, 18-19 October 2010)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

18 October 2010

09.00-10.00 Registration of participants

10.00-10.30 **Opening session**

Opening statements by Mr. Ján KUBIŠ, Executive Secretary of UNECE and
Ms. Noeleen HEYZER, Executive Secretary of ESCAP

Possible statements by Heads of Delegations

10.30-13.00 **First session: “SETTING THE SCENE: A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH
TO STABILITY BASED ON SHARED SECURITY AND ECONOMIC
INTERESTS OF AFGHANISTAN AND CENTRAL ASIA”**

Chairperson: Mr. Ján KUBIŠ, Executive Secretary of UNECE

Keynote statement: Mr. Eklil Ahmad HAKIMI, Deputy Foreign Minister for
Political Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Panellists:

- Mr. Omirtay BITIMOV, Ambassador at Large for Afghanistan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- Mr. Miroslav JENCA, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General and Head of the UN Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia
- Mr. Philippe MEUNIER, Deputy Director General for Global Affairs, Development and Partnership, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of France
- Mr. Pierre MOREL, Ambassador, Special Representative of the EU for Central Asia
- Mr. Robert WATKINS, Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Afghanistan and Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator

Questions and answers. Discussion.

13.00-15.00 Lunch break

15.00-16.30 **Second session: “EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STRENGTHENING ECONOMIC COOPERATION: TRADE, TRANSPORT AND BORDER CROSSING”**

Chairperson: Mr. Eugene GHERMAN, Deputy Director of the Sub-Regional Office for East and North Asia of ESCAP

Keynote address: Mr. Petko DRAGANOV, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Panellists:

- Mr. Sultan AKHMATOV, Deputy Minister for Economic Regulation of the Kyrgyz Republic
- Ms. Saadat ASSANSEITOVA, Head of Department, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- Mr. Yerkin MEIRBEKOV, Head of Department, Ministry of Transport and Communication of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- Mr. Babamyrat TAGANOV, Deputy Minister of the Economy and Development of Turkmenistan

Questions and answers. Discussion.

16.30-18.00 **Third session: “EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STRENGTHENING ECONOMIC COOPERATION: INVESTMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE”**

Chairperson: Mr. Andrey VASILYEV, Deputy Executive Secretary of UNECE

Keynote address: Mr. Murat MUSSATAYEV, Deputy Secretary-General of EurAsEC

Panellists:

- Mr. Esen AYDOGDYEV, Ambassador of Turkmenistan to the Republic of Austria and Permanent Representative of Turkmenistan to the United Nations Office at Vienna
- Mr. Fadi FARRA, Head of the Eurasia Programme, Private Sector Development Division, OECD
- Mr. Mahmud MAMMAD-GULIYEV, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- Mr. Sebastien THIAM, Senior Adviser on International Affairs and Private Sector Investment, Office of the NATO Senior Civilian Representative, ISAF
- Mr. Kunrat WIRASUBRATA, Country Manager. Country Department, Islamic Development Bank

Questions and answers. Discussion.

18.15-19.45 **RECEPTION on behalf of Mr. Ján KUBIŠ, Executive Secretary of UNECE**
(Salon «GENEVA», Restaurant des Délégués, 8th floor, Palais des Nations)

19 October 2010

10.00-11.30 Fourth session: “JOINT MANAGEMENT OF SHARED RESOURCES”

Chairperson: Mr. Pierre André BORGOLTZ, Administrateur Principal, European Commission

Keynote statement: Mr. Saghit IBATULLIN, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (IFAS)

Panellists:

- Mr. Andrei BARANNIK, Regional Environmental Adviser for Asia, USAID
- Mr. Walter KLEMM, Senior Land and Water Development Engineer, Investment Centre Division, FAO
- Mr. Reinhard SCHWEPPE, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Germany to the UN Office in Geneva
- Mr. Said Sharif SHOBAIR, Adviser to the Minister, Ministry of Energy and Water of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
- Mr. Alexey STUKALO, Deputy Coordinator of Economic and Environmental Activities, OSCE

Questions and answers. Discussion.

11.30-12.45 Fifth session: “THE ROLE OF SPECA: A FRAMEWORK FOR POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS, CAPACITY-BUILDING, INSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL STRENGTHENING”

Chairperson: Mr. Sultan AKHMATOV, Deputy Minister for Economic Regulation of the Kyrgyz Republic (Chair of SPECA)

Panellists:

- Mr. Eugene GHERMAN, Deputy Director of the Sub-Regional Office for East and North Asia of ESCAP
- Mr. Andrey VASILYEV, Deputy Executive Secretary of UNECE
- Mr. Askar AKHMETOV, Head of Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Statements by representatives of SPECA member countries

Presentations by representatives of UNECE and ESCAP

Questions and answers. Discussion.

12.45-13.00 Closing session

Closing remarks by Ms. Noeleen HEYZER, Executive Secretary of ESCAP, and Mr. Ján KUBIŠ, Executive Secretary of UNECE

Note: The fifth session of the SPECA Governing Council will be held from 15.00 till 18.00, 19 October 2010, Conference room XII, Palais des Nations. Participants of the 2010 SPECA Economic Forum are invited to this event.