



## SPECIAL PROGRAMME FOR THE ECONOMIES OF CENTRAL ASIA (SPECA)

### Fifth Session of the SPECA Project Working Group on Knowledge-Based Development

(Baku, Azerbaijan, 4 December 2013)

#### ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

**1. Opening of the session**

Welcome statement by a senior representative of the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Opening statements by representatives of the ESCAP and UNECE secretariats.

**2. Election of officers and adoption of the agenda**

**3. Outcome of the 2013 SPECA Economic Forum “Inclusive and Sustainable Development through Regional Cooperation” and the eighth session of the SPECA Governing Council**

Representatives of the ESCAP and UNECE secretariats will brief delegates on the outcomes of the 2013 SPECA Economic Forum “Inclusive and Sustainable Development through Regional Cooperation” and the eighth session of the SPECA Governing Council (Almaty, Kazakhstan, 19-22 November 2013).

**4. Review of programme implementation in 2012 and 2013**

Representatives of the ESCAP and UNECE secretariats will present a report on activities carried out within the framework of the SPECA PWG on KBD in 2012-2013.

**5. Adoption of the Programme of Work of the SPECA PWG on KBD for 2014-2015**

- (a) Presentation on the Programme of Work for 2014-2015 by representatives of the ESCAP and UNECE secretariats.
- (b) Proposals by representatives of SPECA countries on the activities to be included in the Programme of Work of the SPECA PWG on KBD for 2014-2015.

The representatives of the ESCAP and UNECE secretariats will introduce possible future PWG activities to be supported by the two Regional Commissions in 2014-2015.

The representatives of SPECA participating countries will be invited to make proposals on the activities to be included in the Programme of Work of the SPECA PWG on KBD for 2014-2015 and to indicate their interests in hosting regional/national capacity-building events and other related technical cooperation activities to be organized by the ESCAP and UNECE secretariats within their areas of expertise and available resources.

#### **6. Date and venue for the next session of the SPECA PWG on KBD**

The representatives of SPECA countries will be invited to express interests in hosting the sixth session of the PWG on KBD with a view to taking a decision on the date and venue of the next session of the PWG.

#### **7. Other business**

The PWG may wish to consider any other matter that may be brought to its attention.

#### **8. Closing of the session**

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Note: Prior to the fifth session of the SPECA PWG on KBD, the ESCAP secretariat and the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan will organize an Expert Group Meeting on "Asian Information Superhighway and Regional Connectivity" from 3 to 4 December 2013. Delegates are invited to participate in the meeting.