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Fourth session
Geneva, 28-30 September 2009

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FOURTH SESSION

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on 28 September 2009^{1,2}

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Policy discussion segment on economic cooperation and integration
3. Status of programme implementation
 - (a) Creating a supportive environment for innovative development and knowledge-based competitiveness

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- (b) Facilitating the effective regulatory protection of intellectual property rights and strengthening their role in innovative development
 - (c) Promoting an enabling environment for entrepreneurship and small and medium-sized enterprises development
 - (d) Promoting an enabling environment for efficient financial intermediation in support of innovative development
 - (e) Promoting best practice in efficient public-private partnerships
 - (f) Fostering wider and deeper international economic integration in the region
 - (g) Capacity-building activities
 - (h) Status of the virtual platform for exchange of information.
4. Performance evaluation of the subprogramme for 2008-2009
 5. Presentation of the Chairperson's summary of the policy discussion segment
 6. Adoption of conclusions and decisions
 7. Other business
 - (a) Dates of the next session

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Adoption of the Agenda

Documentation: Provisional Agenda for the fourth session (ECE/CECI/2009/1)

1. The Committee will adopt its agenda.

Item 2. Policy discussion segment on economic cooperation and integration

2. The Policy discussion segment will comprise the High-level International Conference on Promoting Innovation-based Entrepreneurial Opportunities in the UNECE Region. During the Conference, in accordance with its Terms of Reference, the Committee will discuss different issues related to the promotion of innovation-based entrepreneurial opportunities as a driver of knowledge-based development and sustained growth in response to the current global crisis.

3. The discussion will be structured around several main cross-cutting thematic areas leaving space for formal and informal interaction among participants. Different cross-sectoral policy options and practical approaches will be addressed from various angles. The policy discussion

will also include a high-level panel with the participation of distinguished international business and political leaders.

4. Among the main thematic areas to be addressed are the following:

- (a) Addressing the challenges of the global crisis through innovation and knowledge-driven development;
- (b) Financing innovation during a global financial crisis: challenges and opportunities for governments and private investors;
- (c) The multifaceted nature of innovation in the knowledge-based economy and the need for systemic and integrating policy approaches;
- (d) Innovative start-ups: policies aimed at nurturing the future engines of growth;
- (e) Intellectual property rights: business strategies, financing issues and policy options; and
- (f) Joining forces in promoting innovative entrepreneurship. Collaborative networks and open innovation: encouraging stakeholders to work together.

5. The Secretariat will prepare a detailed Provisional programme of the Conference, which will be circulated to the delegates one week before the session.

Item 3. Status of programme implementation

(a) Creating a supportive environment for innovative development and knowledge-based competitiveness

Documentation: Report of the International Conference on Knowledge-based Development (ECE/CECI/CONF.5/2)

Report of the International Conference on Technological Readiness for Innovation-based Competitiveness and Promoting an Enabling ICT Policy and Regulatory Framework (ECE/CECI/CONF.6/2).

6. The Secretariat will brief the Committee on the status of programme implementation under this thematic area.

7. The Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies will hold a joint informal meeting with the Team of Specialists on Intellectual Property on 29 September 2009 between 16.30 and 18.00.

(b) Facilitating the effective regulatory protection of intellectual property rights and strengthening their role in innovative development

Documentation: Report on the International Conference on Ways and Means of Attracting External Finance for New Innovative Enterprises (ECE/CECI/CONF.4/2)

8. The Secretariat will brief the Committee on the status of programme implementation under this thematic area.

9. The Team of Specialists on Intellectual Property will hold a joint informal meeting with the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies on 29 September 2009 between 16.30 and 18.00.

(c) Promoting an enabling environment for entrepreneurship and small and medium-sized enterprises development

Documentation: Report on the International Conference on Ways and Means of Attracting External Finance for New Innovative Enterprises (ECE/CECI/CONF.4/2)

10. The Secretariat will brief the Committee on the status of programme implementation under this thematic area.

(d) Promoting an enabling environment for efficient financial intermediation in support of innovative development

Documentation: Report on the International Conference on Ways and Means of Attracting External Finance for New Innovative Enterprises (ECE/CECI/CONF.4/2)

11. The Secretariat will brief the Committee on the status of programme implementation under this thematic area.

(e) Promoting best practice in efficient public-private partnerships

Documentation: Report on consultative meeting between the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Business Advisory Board on Public-Private Partnerships (ECE/CECI/2009/3)

12. The Secretariat will brief the Committee on the status of programme implementation under this thematic area.

(f) Fostering wider and deeper international economic integration in the region

13. The Secretariat will brief the Committee on the status of programme implementation under this thematic area.

(g) Capacity-building activities

Documentation: Report on capacity-building activities (ECE/CECI/2009/4)

14. The Committee will discuss the interlinkages between various thematic areas and capacity-building activities with the view of enhancing synergies emerging in the course of programme implementation.

(h) Status of the CECI virtual platform for exchange of information

15. The Secretariat will brief the Committee on the progress achieved in this area. A conference room paper will be circulated.

Item 4. Performance evaluation of the subprogramme for 2008-2009

Documentation: Performance evaluation of the subprogramme for 2008-2009 (ECE/CECI/2009/5)

16. The Committee will discuss the outcome of the evaluation exercise on the basis of the agreed indicators of achievement for the 2008-2009 biennial performance evaluation.

Item 5. Presentation of the Chairperson's summary of the policy discussion segment

17. The Chairperson will present the Chairperson's summary of the policy discussion segment to be considered and noted by the Committee.

Item 6. Adoption of conclusions and decisions

18. The Committee will adopt the conclusions and decisions formulated under items 2 and 4 of the Provisional agenda.

Item 7. Other business

(a) Dates of the next session

19. The Secretariat proposes that the fifth session of the Committee take place on 1-3 December 2010. The Committee will decide on the dates of the next session.

Annex I**TENTATIVE TIMETABLE**

Time	Agenda items
Monday, 28 September 2009	
10:00-10:15	Item 1. Adoption of the Agenda
10:15-13:00	Item 2. Policy discussion segment on economic cooperation and integration
13:00-15:00	Lunch break
15:00-18:00	Item 2. Policy discussion segment on economic cooperation and integration (continued)
Tuesday, 29 September 2009	
10:00-13:00	Item 2. Policy discussion segment on economic cooperation and integration (continued)
13:00-15:00	Lunch break
15:00-16:30	Item 2. Policy discussion segment on economic cooperation and integration (continued)
16:30-18:00	Parallel Events: Joint informal meeting of the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies and the Team of Specialists on Intellectual Property
Wednesday, 30 September 2009	
10:00-11:45	Item 3. Status of programme implementation
11:45-12:10	Item 4. Performance evaluation of the subprogramme for 2008-2009
12:10-12:30	Item 5. Presentation of the Chairperson's summary of the policy discussion segment
12:30-12:50	Item 6. Adoption of conclusions and decisions
12:50-13:00	Item 7. Other business

Annex II

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