

**Second ECE Regional Implementation Meeting on Sustainable Development
(15-16 December 2005)**

ORGANISATION OF WORK

The meeting will start at 15h00 on 15 December 2005 in Conference Room XX, Palais des Nations, and continue until 17h30 on 16 December 2005.

15 December

15h00 – 15h30: Opening statement, election of officers and adoption of agenda

The Forum will be opened by the Acting UNECE Executive Secretary, Mr. Paolo Garonna.

Officers to be elected:

Chairperson: United Kingdom (H.E. Mr. Elliott Morley; Minister of State for Climate Change and Environment)

Vice-Chair: Romania (Mr. Darius Mesca, State Secretary for Energy Policy, Ministry for Economy and Trade)

Following the election of officers, H.E. Mr. Aleksi Aleksishvili, Chair of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development and Finance Minister of Georgia, will deliver a keynote address.

15h30 – 18h00: Interactive discussion: Energy for Sustainable Development (2 ½ hours)

The session will be opened with a keynote address. Subsequently, two additional prepared statements will be presented, one from a government representative and one from a business representative, followed by an open interactive discussion from the floor. The Moderator/Chair of the session will summarize the discussion.

Chair of the session: Switzerland (Mr. Walter Steinmann, Director, Federal Office of Energy)

Keynote address: Austria (Ms. Elfriede-Anna MORE, Head of Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management)

Prepared statement by government: USA (Mr. Jonathan Margolis, Special Representative for Sustainable Development, State Department)

Prepared statement by major group: Business Action for Energy

18h00 – 19h00: Side Event: The UN Commission on Sustainable Development - Preparing for the Future - A European Regional Perspective. Presentation by the Stakeholder Forum (**Conference Room H-3**)

19h00: reception for all delegates in the Restaurant des Délégués, 8th floor.

16 December

09h30 – 11h00: Interactive discussion: Industrial development and linkages to energy for sustainable development (1 ½ hours)

The session will be opened with a keynote address. Subsequently, two additional prepared statements will be presented, one from a government representative and one from a trade union representative, followed by an open interactive discussion from the floor. The Moderator/Chair of the session will summarize the discussion.

Chair of the session: Ukraine: (Mr. Viktor Baranchuk, Deputy Minister of Industrial Policy)

Keynote address: Sweden (Ambassador Viveka Bohn)

Prepared statement by government: Croatia (Ms. Ivana Halle, Head, Department for Development and Industrial Restructuring, Ministry of Economy, Labour and Entrepreneurship)

Prepared statement by major group: trade unions

11h00 – 12h30: Interactive discussion: Air pollution/atmosphere and climate change and linkages to energy for Sustainable Development (2 ½ hours)

The session will be opened with a keynote address. Subsequently, two additional prepared statements will be presented, one from a government representative and one from a NGO representative, followed by an open interactive discussion from the floor. The Moderator/Chair of the session will summarize the discussion.

Chair of the session: Georgia (Mr. Zaal Lomtadze, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources)

Prepared statement by government: Norway (Mr. Harald Dovland, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Environment)

Keynote address: European Commission, observer organization to UNECE (Mrs. Soledad Blanco, European Commission, Directorate General Environment)

Prepared statement by major group: NGOs

13h00 – 14h30: Informal segment on partnerships (Conference Room XX)

The issue of partnerships as they relate to each theme is part of the review of implementation. In addition to explicitly integrating the issue of partnerships in all sessions as appropriate, an informal lunchtime showcase of partnerships (a series of 10-15 minute presentations) will be held to highlight successes of and ongoing challenges facing partnerships. This informal meeting is open to all Forum participants. After each presentation there will be time for questions and discussion. The Vice-Chair will introduce and moderate the discussion.

Sandwiches will be served outside the conference room.

Presentations of the following partnerships:

- Adriatic Action Plan 2020: Changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production
- Mediterranean Renewable Energy Program (MEDREP): Climate Change; Energy for Sustainable Development; Rural development; Poverty eradication
- Vinyl 2010: Industrial development
- Collaborative Labeling and Appliance Standards Program (CLASP): Energy for Sustainable Development, Changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production
- Partnership for Clean Indoor Air (PCIA): Air pollution, Health and Sustainable Development
- Global Village Energy Partnership (GVEP) and Efficient Energy for Sustainable Development (EESD): Energy for Sustainable Development

14h30 – 15h30: Interactive discussion: Air pollution/atmosphere and climate change and linkages to energy for Sustainable Development (2 ½ hours)

Discussion continued from the morning session (11h00 – 12h30).

15h30 – 17h30: General discussion, including interlinkages, wrapping up and summary (2 hours)

The Chair will open the floor for free discussion on the issues already presented and invite speakers to focus on interrelated topics that might be of concern to Members. The Chair will present his Summary of the meeting to be submitted as the ECE regional contribution to CSD-14.

2. Background documentation

The following background documents are available at the UNECE website (<http://www.unece.org/env/SustainableDevelopment/2Session/welcome.htm>)

- *Provisional Agenda (ECE/AC.25/2005/1)*
- *Energy for sustainable development, industrial development, air pollution/atmosphere and climate change: achievements, trends and challenges in the UNECE Region (ECE/AC.25/2005/3)*
- *Energy for sustainable development, industrial development, air pollution/atmosphere and climate change: achievements, trends and challenges in the UNECE Region. Questions for discussion (ECE/AC.25/2005/3/Add.1)*

3. Expected outcome

The expected outcome will take the form of a Chair's Summary that will focus on particular obstacles encountered and major breakthroughs made in the implementation of partnerships, actions and measures related to the priority clusters and cross-cutting issues; on this basis, the summary could also highlight ways to improve the effectiveness of such implementation in the ECE region and globally.