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**ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE**

**Regional Implementation Forum on Sustainable Development**

Geneva, 15 - 16 December 2005

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

Palais des Nations, Geneva

Starting on Thursday, 15 December 2005 at 3 p.m.\*

**Introduction**

At its eleventh session, the Commission on Sustainable Development decided that its multi-year programme of work beyond 2003 would be organized on the basis of seven two-year cycles, with each cycle focusing on selected thematic clusters of issues.

Each 'implementation cycle' would consist of a review year and a policy year. In the review year, the Commission would evaluate progress made in implementing sustainable development goals and identifying obstacles and constraints, while in the policy year it would decide on measures to speed up implementation and mobilize action to overcome these obstacles and constraints.

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\* New accreditation procedures have been introduced for all delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations. Delegates are therefore requested to complete the attached registration form, also available from the web site of the UNECE / ENHS Division (<http://www.unece.org/env/SustainableDevelopment/>), and to transmit it to the UNECE secretariat, at the latest two weeks prior to the meeting, by fax (+41-22-917-0107). Before the meeting, delegates are requested to present themselves at the Pass and Identification Unit of the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Villa Les Feuillantines, 13, Avenue de la Paix (a map is attached) to pick up their identification badge. In case of difficulty, please contact the UNECE secretariat by telephone (extension 71204).

The Commission furthermore invited the regional commissions to organize regional implementation meetings in order to provide regional inputs for the work of the Commission, preferably before the review sessions. The Economic Commission for Europe held the first Regional Implementation Forum on Sustainable Development on 15 and 16 January 2004, as a contribution to the twelfth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

During its second two-year cycle (2006-2007), the Commission on Sustainable Development will focus on energy for sustainable development, industrial development, air pollution/atmosphere and climate change. Thus, at its fourteenth session, scheduled for 1 - 12 May 2006, the Commission on Sustainable Development will review the progress achieved in the implementation in these thematic areas.

In line with the above, the Economic Commission for Europe at its sixtieth Session, in February 2005, decided to hold the second Regional Implementation Forum to provide substantial inputs for the review year and contribute to the fourteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

The issue of partnerships and the way they relate to each theme is part of the review of implementation. As decided by the Commission, the second Regional Implementation Forum will explicitly integrate the issue of partnerships in all sessions as appropriate. In addition, 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. The Chair or Vice-Chair could introduce the discussion.

### **Item 1: Opening of the Forum and introduction by the (Acting) Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)**

The (Acting) UNECE Executive Secretary will deliver the opening speech.

### **Item 2: Adoption of the agenda**

The Meeting is invited to adopt its Agenda.

### **Item 3: Election of Officers**

Delegates are invited to elect a chair and a vice-chair. It is expected that the Chair of the meeting would be a cabinet Minister from a member Government.

### **Item 4: Keynote speech by the Chair of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development**

Mr. Aleksi Aleksishvili, Chair of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development

and Finance Minister of Georgia, will deliver the keynote speech.

**Item 5: Interactive discussion: Energy for sustainable development**

The session will open with a keynote address by a Minister or other high-level official. Subsequently, two additional prepared statements will be presented, one from a government representative and one from a business or NGO representative, followed by an open interactive discussion from the floor. The Moderator/Chair of the session will summarize the discussion.

*Document: 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)*

**Item 6: Interactive discussion: Industrial development and linkages to energy for sustainable development**

The session will open with a keynote address by a Minister or other high-level official. Subsequently, two additional prepared statements will be presented, one from a government representative and one from a business or NGO representative, followed by an open interactive discussion from the floor. The Moderator/Chair of the session will summarize the discussion.

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**Item 7: Interactive discussion: Air pollution/atmosphere and climate change and linkages to energy for sustainable development**

The session will open with a keynote address by a Minister or other high-level official. Subsequently, two additional prepared statements will be presented, one from a government representative and one from a business or NGO representative, followed by an open interactive discussion from the floor. The Moderator/Chair of the session will summarize the discussion.

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**Item 8: General discussion including interlinkages, wrapping up and summary**

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 her/his Summary of the meeting to be submitted as the ECE regional

contribution to CSD-14. The Chair's Summary will focus on particular obstacles encountered and major breakthroughs made in the implementation of actions, measures and partnerships 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.



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To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, From 15 December at 15.00 h until 16 December 2005 at 18.00 h

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