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**REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION MEETING
ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Fourth meeting
Geneva, 1–2 December 2009

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FOURTH MEETING

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 1 December 2009*

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Election of officers.
4. Address by the Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission on Sustainable Development.
5. Transport.

* New accreditation procedures have been introduced for all delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations. Delegates are therefore requested to complete the registration form available from the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) website (http://www.unece.org/env/SustainableDevelopment/4Session/RIM_4.Dec2009.htm), and to transmit it to the UNECE secretariat no later than two weeks before the meeting by e-mail (sd@unece.org). On their way to the meeting, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the Pass and Identification Unit of the United Nations Office at Geneva's Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate, 14, Avenue de la Paix (see map available at: <http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm>). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone at +41 22 917 6307.

6. Chemicals management.
7. Waste management.
8. Mining.
9. The 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns.
10. Cross-cutting issues and interlinkages.
11. Chairperson's summary and closure of the meeting.

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. 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 the 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.
2. The Commission furthermore invited the United Nations regional commissions to organize regional implementation meetings to provide regional inputs for the work of the Commission, preferably before the review sessions. The Economic Commission for Europe held three Regional Implementation Meetings on Sustainable Development, in January 2004, December 2005 and January 2008, respectively, as a contribution to the twelfth, the fourteenth and the sixteenth sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development.
3. The Commission on Sustainable Development has now started its fourth two-year cycle. Its eighteenth session is scheduled to be held from 3 to 14 May 2010 and will focus on the following thematic clusters: transport; chemicals; waste management; mining; and the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns. Linkages to cross-cutting issues¹ will also be addressed, as in every cycle.
4. In line with the above, the Economic Commission for Europe at its sixty-third session decided to hold the Fourth Regional Implementation Meeting on 1 and 2 December 2009 in Geneva, as a contribution to the eighteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-18).
5. The Fourth Regional Implementation Meeting will specifically address the role of partnerships and interlinkages between the thematic priorities within each session. The Meeting

¹ The cross-cutting issues relevant for all cycles are: poverty eradication; changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production; protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development; sustainable development in a globalizing world; health and sustainable development; other regional initiatives; means of implementation; an institutional framework for sustainable development; and education.

will focus on evaluation of the progress achieved and obstacles and constraints remaining in each thematic area. It will also assess the challenges ahead and necessary next steps to be taken.

6. Each session will have a different high-level chairperson. 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 major group representative, followed by an open interactive discussion from the floor.

7. Information and materials for this meeting will be available on the UNECE website (http://www.unece.org/env/SustainableDevelopment/4Session/RIM_4.Dec2009.htm).

Item 1. Opening of the meeting

Tuesday, 1 December, 10 – 10.30 a.m.

8. The UNECE Executive Secretary will open the meeting. A high-level representative of the United Nations Environment Programme will give a keynote address.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda

Tuesday, 1 December, 10.30 – 10.35 a.m.

9. The Meeting will be invited to adopt the agenda as set out in the present document (ECE/AC.25/2009/1).

Item 3. Election of officers

Tuesday, 1 December, 10.35 – 10.45 a.m.

10. The Meeting will be invited to elect a chairperson and a vice-chairperson. It is expected that the chairperson of the meeting will be a cabinet minister from a member Government.

Item 4. Address by the Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission on Sustainable Development

Tuesday, 1 December, 10.45 – 11.15 a.m.

11. The Vice-Chairpersons of CSD-18 for the Western European and Others Group and for the Eastern European Group will address the meeting.

Item 5. Transport

Tuesday, 1 December, 11.15 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Documentation: Sustainable transport, chemicals, waste management, mining and sustainable consumption and production patterns: achievements, trends and challenges (ECE/AC.25/2007/4).

12. The session will review the current situation with regard to addressing the issue of sustainable transportation. 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 representative of a major group, followed by an open interactive discussion from the floor. A set of three to four questions will be prepared in

advance with a view to facilitate the discussion. The Chairperson of the session will summarize the discussion.

Item 6. Chemicals management

Tuesday, 1 December, 3 – 4.30 p.m.

Documentation: Sustainable transport, chemicals, waste management, mining and sustainable consumption and production patterns: achievements, trends and challenges (ECE/AC.25/2007/4); Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management information note for the Fourth Regional Implementation Meeting.

13. The session will review the current situation with regard to the sustainable management of chemicals. 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 representative of a major group, followed by an open interactive discussion from the floor. A set of three to four questions will be prepared in advance with a view to facilitate the discussion. The Chairperson of the session will summarize the discussion.

Item 7. Waste management

Tuesday, 1 December, 4.30 – 6 p.m.

Documentation: Sustainable transport, chemicals, waste management, mining and sustainable consumption and production patterns: achievements, trends and challenges (ECE/AC.25/2007/4).

14. The session will review the current situation with regard to the sustainable management of waste. 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 representative of a major group, followed by an open interactive discussion from the floor. A set of three to four questions will be prepared in advance with a view to facilitate the discussion. The Chairperson of the session will summarize the discussion.

Item 8. Mining

Wednesday, 2 December, 10 – 11.30 a.m.

Documentation: Sustainable transport, chemicals, waste management, mining and sustainable consumption and production patterns: achievements, trends and challenges (ECE/AC.25/2007/4).

15. The session will review the current situation with regard to addressing the issue of mining. 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 representative of a major group, followed by an open interactive discussion from the floor. A set of three to four questions will be prepared in advance with a view to facilitate the discussion. The Chairperson of the session will summarize the discussion.

Item 9. The 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns

Wednesday, 2 December, 11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Documentation: Sustainable transport, chemicals, waste management, mining and sustainable consumption and production patterns: achievements, trends and challenges (ECE/AC.25/2007/4); Addressing through education for sustainable development the issues of sustainable consumption and production in the framework of climate change (ECE/AC.25/2009/6).

16. The session will start with a brief report on the outcomes of the workshop on sustainable consumption and production (Geneva, 30 November 2009).

17. The session will continue 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 representative of a major group, followed by an open interactive discussion from the floor. A set of three to four questions will be prepared in advance, with a view to facilitating the discussion. The Chairperson of the session will summarize the discussion.

Item 10. Cross-cutting issues and interlinkages

Wednesday, 2 December, 3 – 5 p.m.

Documentation: Compilation of Good Practices in Education for Sustainable Development (ECE/AC.25/2009/7).

18. The session will review the current situation with regard to cross-cutting issues and interlinkages (see para.3 of this document). 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 representative of a major group, followed by an open interactive discussion from the floor. A set of three to four questions will be prepared in advance with a view to facilitate the discussion. The Chairperson of the session will summarize the discussion.

Item 11. Chairperson's summary and closure of the meeting

Wednesday, 2 December, 5 – 6 p.m.

19. The Chairperson will present her/his summary of the meeting, which will be submitted as the regional contribution of the Economic Commission for Europe to CSD-18.

20. The Chairperson's summary will focus on breakthroughs achieved and on obstacles encountered regarding the implementation of actions, measures and partnerships related to the priority clusters and cross-cutting issues; on this basis, the summary could also highlight key messages for the policy session.

21. The Chairperson will close the meeting.
