Programme

10:00 – 10:50
OPENING (Palais des Nations, Room XVII)

WELCOME
Mr. Christian Friis Bach
UNECE Executive Secretary and Under-Secretary-General

10:00 – 10:10
“VOICES OF YOUTH”
Opening address by pupils (Eduki Foundation)

10:10 – 10:50
OPENING REMARKS

Ms. Laurence Monnoyer-Smith
Chair of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
Commissioner-General for Sustainable Development and
Inter-ministerial Delegate for Sustainable Development for the Ministry of
Environment, Energy and Seas of France

Ms. Amina J. Mohammed
Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

Mr. Wu Hongbo
Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

Ms. Cihan Sultanoglu
Assistant Secretary-General, Assistant Administrator and Regional Director
for Europe and the CIS, UNDP
Chair of the Regional UNDG Team for Europe and Central Asia
THE SECOND YEAR OF THE SDGs IN THE REGION – KNOWING WHERE WE STAND AND MOVING ON TO PROSPERITY AND WELL-BEING FOR ALL

The Policy Segment is organized as an interactive and cross-sectoral panel discussion in the plenary. Within the overall context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the broader theme of the 2017 High-level Political Forum (HLPF), it will focus on a set of key themes: prosperity, health and well-being, and gender (hence, particularly SDG 3 on health and well-being, SDG 5 on gender equality and women’s empowerment, and SDG 9 on infrastructure, industrialization and innovation). Through the lens of prosperity, health and well-being, and gender, other SDGs that will be reviewed in-depth at the 2017 HLPF will also be covered, in particular poverty and social protection (SDG 1), nutrition and agriculture (SDG 2), and oceans (SDG 14). The Policy Segment aims at a cross-sectoral exchange and discussion among key policy makers and relevant non-governmental actors (United Nations system, other regional and international organizations, civil society, private sector, academia) with an integrated perspective on the SDG agenda. An informal background document is available to guide the discussions.

*Moderator:*

*Mr. Christian Friis Bach*
UNECE Executive Secretary and Under-Secretary-General

*Panellists:*

*Mr. Scott Vaughan* (keynote speaker)
President and CEO of the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)

*Mr. Edmond Panariti*
Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Water Administration of Albania

*Mr. Martin Tlapa*
Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for Non-European Countries, Economic and Development Cooperation of the Czech Republic

*Ms. Laurence Monnoyer-Smith*
Commissioner-General for Sustainable Development and Inter-ministerial Delegate for Sustainable Development for the Ministry of Environment, Energy and Seas of France

*Mr. Douglas Frantz*
Deputy Secretary-General of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

*Ms. Zsuzsanna Jakab*
Director of the WHO Regional Office for Europe
Mr. John Danilovich  
Secretary General of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)

Ms. Nurgul Dzhanaeva  
President of the Forum of Women's NGOs of Kyrgyzstan  
(on behalf of civil society)

13:00 – 15:00  
**LUNCH BREAK**

15:00 – 17:00  
**PEER LEARNING SEGMENT**

- **PARALLEL REGIONAL ROUND TABLES** -

The Peer Learning Segment aims at promoting voluntary and more in-depth peer learning and practical exchange of experiences and best practices in SDG implementation. Participants will break out in three parallel Regional Round Tables. Informal concept notes are available for all three Regional Round Tables.

**REGIONAL ROUND TABLE I (Room XXI)**  
**NATIONAL AND LOCAL ADAPTATION OF SDGs**

Round Table I will focus on the ongoing process of adapting the global SDGs to national and local circumstances. Reviewing and adjusting national strategies, plans and instruments is a major first step taken by governments in the region to start SDG implementation. The Round Table will discuss challenges, exchange different approaches, and collect preliminary lessons from devising national and local SDG strategies and programmes, benefiting from a wealth of country experiences, including from the countries from the region that participated or will participate in the Voluntary National Reviews at the HLPF.

**Moderator:**  
**Mr. Alan Atkisson**  
President & CEO, AtKisson Group

**Rapporteur**  
**Mr. Edouard Jay**  
Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the WTO and EFTA (UN/ECE, UNCTAD, ITC)
**REGионаl Round Table II (Room XXII)**

**SubRegional Cooperation for SDG Implementation**

The subregional level is important in a multi-layered system of SDG implementation and follow-up. Neighbouring countries working together can help address issues of common concern, including those of transboundary nature. The subregional level connects the local and national levels on the one hand and the regional and global levels on the other hand. With regard to the key themes for the Regional Forum, this applies in particular to cross-border infrastructure and trade. The Round Table will share experiences and discuss how cooperation within the different UNECE subregions can help advance the SDGs. Round Table II will encourage participation by governments, subregional organizations and bodies, and non-governmental actors engaged in subregional cooperation.

**Moderator:**

*Mr. Jan Dusik*

UN Environment, Director and Regional Representative, Regional Office for Europe

**Rapporteur**

*Mr. João Pina de Morais*

First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Portugal

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**Regional Round Table III (Room XVII)**

**Data and Monitoring**

Improving the data situation and building statistical capacities for SDG monitoring remains a significant challenge for all countries in the region and beyond. Statisticians are working at the global and regional levels, including in the Conference of European Statisticians, to develop methodologically sound SDG indicators. Round Table III will provide an opportunity for dialogue between policy-makers and statisticians on the needs, feasibility and limitations of SDG data.

**Moderator:**

*Ms. Laurence Monnoyer-Smith*

Commissioner-General for Sustainable Development and Inter-ministerial Delegate for Sustainable Development for the Ministry of Environment, Energy and Seas of France

**Rapporteur**

*Mr. Daniel Carl*

Economic Officer, Permanent Mission of the United States of America

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17:00 – 18:00

**Reporting Back and Closing (Room XVII)**

17:00 – 17:10

**“Voices of Youth”**

Closing address by pupils (Eduki Foundation)
17:10 – 18:00
Reporting Back and Closing Remarks

Rapporteurs of the Regional Round Tables:
Mr. Edouard Jay, Permanent Mission of Switzerland (Round Table I)
Mr. João Pina de Morais, Permanent Mission of Portugal (Round Table II)
Mr. Daniel Carl, Permanent Mission of the United States (Round Table III)

Ms. Berfu Seker
Advocacy Officer, Women for Women's Humans Rights - New Ways (on behalf of civil society)

Mr. Christian Friis Bach
UNECE Executive Secretary and Under-Secretary-General

Mr. Michael Møller
Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva and Under-Secretary-General

Ms. Laurence Monnoyer-Smith
Chair of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
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