



Second session of the SPECA Coordinating Committee
(Dushanbe, Tajikistan, 15 December 2006)

ANNOTATED AGENDA

I. Opening of the session
(0900-1000 hrs.)

- Welcome address by Chairman, H.E. Mr. Sodik Khisainov, First Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economy and Trade
- Statement by Mr. Kim Hak-Su, Executive Secretary, UNESCAP
- Statement by Mr. Marek Belka, Executive Secretary, UNECE
- Opening remarks by Deputy National Coordinators/representatives of the SPECA member countries.

II. Follow-up to the decisions taken at the First session of the SPECA Governing Council (Baku, 27 June 2006)
(1000-1045 hrs.)

Presentation of report by UNESCAP followed by discussion.

Implementation of the SPECA Work Plan 2005-2007

Progress reports of the Project Working Groups (PWGs):

- Report of the 11th session of PWG on Transport and Border Crossing and preparations for the 12th session of PWG-TBC (Dushanbe, March 2007).
Report on on-going and planned activities in the area of transport.
- Report of the PWG on Water and Energy Resources (Almaty, November 2006)
 - (a) Coordinated energy system for Central Asia
 - (b) Baku Initiative on Energy Efficiency.
- Report of the inauguration session of the PWG on Trade (Dushanbe, December 2006)
Report on ongoing and planned activities in the areas of trade facilitation, trade policy (harmonization of free trade agreements, networking of trade research institutions; and WTO accession/Doha negotiations) and supply side issues (enterprise development, export promotion).

- Preparations for the session of the PWG on Statistics (Geneva, June 2007)
Report on on-going and planned activities in the area of statistical capacity building.
 - Report of the PWG on ICT for Development
Report on on-going and planned activities in the area of ICT.
 - Preparations for the first session of the PWG on Gender and Economy.
1. Remaining organizational issues.

Coffee Break 1045-1100 hrs.

**III. Potential new roles for the Programme in light of recent developments in the SPECA region (including development of a free trade zone, new efforts to save the Aral Sea, development of regional cooperation in tourism)
(1100-1130 hrs.)**

**IV. Proposals on new activities in the area of economic competitiveness, innovation and enterprise development
(1130-1145 hrs.)**

Presentation of report by UNECE followed by discussion.

**V. Cooperation with partner organizations
(1145-1300 hrs.)**

Report on on-going consultations on strengthening cooperation with CAREC, EurAsEC, IFAS, OSCE, UNDP will be presented.

A panel of representatives of UN agencies / international organizations, followed by discussion.

- Mr. William Paton, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative, Tajikistan
- Mr. Neeraj Jain, ADB's Country Director for Tajikistan
- Mr. Alexey Stukalo, Deputy Coordinator, OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- Mr. Assylbek Battalkhanov, Representative of the EurAsEC Integration Committee's Secretariat (*tbc*)

Lunch Break (1300-1430 hrs.)

**VI. Report of the activities of the Partnership for Economics Education and Research Support (PEERS)
(1430-1445 hrs.)**

Presentation of report by UNECE followed by discussion.

**VII. Preparations for the Second session of the SPECA Governing Council and the SPECA Economic Forum in 2007
(1445-1545 hrs.)**

**VIII. Closing of the session.
(1545-1700 hrs.)**

Adoption of Report and Concluding remarks.

A Report reflecting the major decisions taken in the session will be adopted followed by concluding remarks by:

- Mr. Kim Hak-Su, Executive Secretary, UNESCAP
- Mr. Marek Belka, Executive Secretary, UNECE
- Minister of Economy and Trade/First Deputy Minister of Economy and Trade, Tajikistan