

SPECA Working Group on Gender and Economy

Meeting on 20 September 2011
10-6 pm, Room S4, Palais des Nations

Preliminary Agenda

10:00 – 10:30 **Welcome address by UNECE/UNESCAP**

Welcome Address by Co-Chairs

10:30 – 11:15 **Review of activities in 2010 - 2011**

Under this agenda item, activities over the past year will be reviewed.

11:00 – 11:15 **Coffee Break**

11:15 – 13:00 **Country Presentations of gender-sensitive economic policies, questions and discussion**

Participants are requested to provide a short update on recent reforms, programmes for women's economic empowerment and gender equality in the economy and to highlight successful examples of gender-sensitive economic policies in their countries. Working group members are also invited to reflect on how the policy challenges for women's entrepreneurship development raised during the Policy Seminar on 19 September 2011 can be addressed. They are invited to indicate where they see greatest potential and benefit of sub-regional cooperation, and what help UNECE could provide to assist.

13:00 – 14:30 **LUNCH BREAK**

14:30 – 16:00 **Presentation and discussion of project proposals and new project ideas presented by group members**

Two new project proposals will be presented by UNECE. Comments, expressions of interest in participation as well as proposals for different activities are welcome.

16:00 – 16:15 **Coffee Break**

16:15 – 17:30 **Discussion of group activities and workplan for 2012/2013**

Under this agenda item, the modalities of the functioning of the working group (frequency of meetings, activities and resources) will be reviewed and agreed upon and activities for the period 2012/2013 will be discussed.

17:30 – 18:00 **Closing Session: Adoption of workplan and election of chairs**

The group will adopt the workplan for 2012/2013 and elect co-chairs for the new period