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Beijing+25 Regional Review Meeting

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# Information Note on Practical Arrangements for the Beijing+25 Regional Review Meeting

"From commitments in Beijing to transformative results by 2030 – Gender equality in the ECE region"

Note by the secretariat

#### I. Date and venue

1. The Beijing+25 Regional Review Meeting is co-organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and the UN Women Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia, in close cooperation with the Issue-based Coalition on Gender Equality for Europe and Central Asia. The meeting will be held on 29 and 30 October 2019 at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland. It will commence at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 29 October 2019, at conference room XVIII and will finish at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 30 October 2019. The detailed map of the Palais des Nations is available here.

### II. Registration

- 2. Participants are kindly requested to complete the registration form at <a href="https://reg.unog.ch/event/30772">https://reg.unog.ch/event/30772</a> by 30 September 2019. 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 <a href="map">map</a>). It will be necessary to present participant's passport or identity card. Please allow time for this procedure.
- 3. Further practical information can be found here: <a href="http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html">http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html</a>.

#### III. Side events

4. A limited number of side events will be held during the Beijing+25 Regional Review Meeting. The submission deadline for side event applications is 25 July 2019.

# IV. Accreditation and participation of non-governmental organizations

- 5. NGOs with accreditation with the Economic and Social Council as well as other NGOs which were accredited at the Beijing Conference (1995) and subsequently at the ECE Beijing+5, +10, +15 and +20 reviews are automatically accredited to participate in the Meeting.
- 6. Other NGOs wishing to participate are requested to include in the "Comments" section of the registration form the information on their organization and activities. To be accredited to the meeting, NGOs should be based in the ECE region with activities at regional, subregional or national level and their activities should relate directly to at least one of the areas covered by the agenda of the Meeting.

## V. Visas, accommodation and travel arrangements

- 7. All participants attending the meeting are requested to have a valid passport and, if required, a visa for Switzerland. Applications for visas should be made to the embassy or consulate of Switzerland in the country in which the participants reside. If a formal invitation letter is required by the embassy, this can be requested from the ECE secretariat (tel. +41 (0) 22 917 14 88; e-mail: ece-beijing25@un.org).
- 8. Participants are requested to make their own hotel and travel arrangements. Participants are advised to book hotel accommodation well in advance of the meeting. Information on hotels and other practical information on travelling to Geneva can be found at: <a href="http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch/en/home">http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch/en/home</a>.
- 9. ECE has limited funds to provide financial support to the meeting participants. If you are interested in receiving such support, please provide brief description of the activities you are involved in that can be relevant in the context of the meeting discussions and contact Ms. Felirose Gutierrez (<a href="mailto:ece-beijing25@un.org">ece-beijing25@un.org</a>) from the ECE Secretariat. As the amount of funds is limited, we encourage you to contact ECE as quickly as possible.

# VI. Official languages and documentation

- 10. The meeting room will be equipped for simultaneous interpretation, which will be provided into and from the three official working languages of the ECE (English, French and Russian).
- 11. All documents will be available on the meeting website: <a href="http://www.unece.org/beijing25.html">http://www.unece.org/beijing25.html</a>. In line with the UN policy to reduce paper consumption, delegates are kindly requested to bring their copies of documents with them as there will be no documents available in the meeting room.

# VII. Contact person

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