# PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

**TUESDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2019**

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| 9:00 – 9:50   | **SIDE EVENTS**  
  (Gender equality in the Balkans and Eastern Europe / Effective gender mainstreaming methods and tools)         |          |
| 10:00 – 11:30| **OPENING SESSION** (items 1-3)  
  Musical performance by Ms. Elina Duni  
  **OPENING OF THE MEETING** (item 1)  
  Ms. Olga Algayerova  
  Under-Secretary-General and UNECE Executive Secretary  
  Ms. Tatiana Valovaya  
  Under-Secretary-General and Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva  
  Ms. Åsa Regnér  
  Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations and Deputy Executive Director of UN Women  
  Ms. İlayda Eskitasçıoğlu  
  Presentation of key messages from the Civil Society Forum  
  **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK** (item 2)  
  **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSONS** (item 3)  
  Ms. Altynai Omurbekova  
  Deputy Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic  
  Ms. Pascale Baeriswyl  
  State Secretary, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland | Room XVIII |
| 11:30 – 13:00| **KEY TRENDS ON GENDER EQUALITY ACROSS THE UNECE REGION** (item 4)  
  **Chair:** Ms. Pascale Baeriswyl, State Secretary, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland  
  **Moderator:** Ms. Alia El-Yassir, Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia, UN Women  
  **Presentation of key findings of the Synthesis Report for the UNECE region**  
  • Ms. Monika Linn, Director, Sustainable Development and Gender Unit, UNECE  
  **Presentations of key findings from sub-regional preparations**  
  • Ms. Altynai Omurbekova, Deputy Prime Minister, Kyrgyz Republic  
  • Ms. Jovanka Trenchevska, State Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, North Macedonia  
  • Ms. Virginija Langbakk, Director, European Institute for Gender Equality  
  • Ms. Liliana Palihovici, Civil Society Representative (President of Association "Institutum Virtutes Civilis", Republic of Moldova) | Room XVIII |
| 13:00 – 15:00| **LUNCH BREAK AND SIDE EVENTS**  
  (Side events: The Istanbul Convention in practice, Ageing and its implications for gender equality, Sustainable and inclusive growth through the lens of women’s empowerment) |          |
### 15:00 – 18:00

#### CLOSING THE GENDER GAPS: EFFECTIVE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICIES IN THE UNECE REGION (item 5)

**Room XVIII**

**Chair:** Ms. Altynai Omurbekova, Deputy Prime Minister, Kyrgyz Republic

**Moderator:** Ms. Sylvie Durrer, Director of the Federal Office for Gender Equality (FOGE), Switzerland

**Civil society representatives setting the scene:**
- Ms. Sonja Lokar, *Civil Society Representative* (Women’s Lobby, Slovenia)
- Ms. Asel Kubanychbekova, *Civil Society Representative* (Women Deliver Young Leader, Kyrgyz Republic)

**Closing the gender gaps in labour markets, entrepreneurship, social protection and services:**
- Ms. Hijran Huseynova, Chairperson of the State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs, Azerbaijan
- Ms. Lenita Freidenvall, Deputy Head at the Division for Gender Equality, Sweden
- Ms. Emanuela Pozzan, Senior Gender and Non-Discrimination Specialist, Conditions of Work and Equality Department, ILO
- Ms. Hyeshin Park, Economist, Gender Programme Co-ordinator, OECD

**Closing the gender pay gap:**
- Ms. Mariam Jajanidze, Gender Equality Council, Parliament of Georgia
- Ms. Rósa Guðrún Erlingsdóttir, Senior Adviser, Prime Minister’s Office, Iceland
- Ms. Jolanta Reingardė, Programme Coordinator, Research and Statistics, European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)
- Mr. Johannes Smits, *Private Sector Representative*, Director and Equal Pay Specialist, PwC

### 15:00 – 18:00

#### ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS: LESSONS AND SOLUTIONS FROM THE REGION (item 6)

**Room XXII**

**Chair:** Ms. Pascale Baeriswyl, State Secretary, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland

**Moderator:** Mr. Artiom Sici, State Secretary of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection, Republic of Moldova

- Ms. Rebeca Palomo, State Commissioner on Violence Against Women, Spain
- Mr. Joško Mandić, Expert Advisor, Agency for Gender Equality, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Ms. Marijke Weewauters, Head of the Federal Unit on Gender-based Violence, Institute for the Equality of Women and Men, Belgium
- Ms. Marceline Naudi, President, Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO), Council of Europe
- Ms. Dubravka Šimonovic, Special Rapporteur on violence against women, United Nations
- Ms. Shazia Choudhry, *Civil Society Representative* (Professor of Law at Queen Mary, University of London/WAVE, United Kingdom)
- Ms. Melsa Ararat, *Private Sector Representative*, Founding Director, Corporate Governance Forum of Turkey, Sabancı Business School, İstanbul
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<td>EDUCATION FOR GENDER EQUALITY: A POWERFUL TOOL FOR TRANSFORMATION</td>
<td>Moderator: Ms. Vera Labkovich, Head, Department of Population, Gender and Family Policy, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, Belarus</td>
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<td>• Ms. Elina Kalkku, Under-Secretary of State for Development Policy at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland</td>
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<td>• Ms. Krista Pikkat, Director, Almaty Office for Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, UNESCO</td>
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<td>• Ms. Hava Karrie, Director, MASHAV Carmel Training Center, Israel</td>
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<td>• Ms. Damel Mektepbayeva, Civil Society Representative (Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan)</td>
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<td>SMART INVESTMENTS: FINANCING FOR GENDER EQUALITY (item 8)</td>
<td>Moderator: Mr. Helmut Berger, Head of the Parliamentary Budget Office, Austria</td>
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<td>• Ms. Eglantina Gjermeni, Chair of Parliamentary Sub-Committee on Gender Equality, Albania</td>
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<td>• Ms. Anna Björnermark, Associate Director for Gender Mainstreaming and Access to Services, European Bank of Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)</td>
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<td>• Ms. Janet Veitch, Civil Society Representative (Chair, UK Women’s Budget Group, United Kingdom)</td>
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<td>• Ms. Dana Haidan Georgakarakou, Private Sector Representative, Regional Head of Social Impact, VISA</td>
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### 9:00 – 9:50

**SIDE EVENTS**

(Rural women entrepreneurs, Raising Gender Issues through Contemporary Art)

### 10:00 – 11:30

**WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP:**

**WOMEN'S REPRESENTATION IN POLICY- AND DECISION-MAKING**

*(item 9)*

**Chair:** Ms. Altynai Omurbekova, Deputy Prime Minister, **Kyrgyz Republic**

**Moderator:** Ms. Lena Ag, Director-General, Swedish Agency for Gender Equality, **Sweden**

- Ms. Marija Blagojević, Advisor to the President at the Parliament of **Montenegro**
- Ms. Kateryna Levchenko, Government Commissioner for Gender Equality Policy, **Ukraine**
- Ms. Gulnara Ishankhanova, Head of Legal Department, Research Center "Oila", Cabinet of Ministers, **Uzbekistan**
- Ms. Ana Sofia Fernandes, **Civil Society Representative** *(Vice President, European Women’s Lobby, Portugal)*

### 11:30 – 13:00

**ACTING FOR CLIMATE:**

**EMPOWERING WOMEN TO BUILD CLIMATE RESILIENCE**

*(item 10)*

**Chair:** Ms. Pascale Baeriswyl, State Secretary, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, **Switzerland**

**Moderator:** Ms. Galina Jevgrafova, Advisor, Ministry of Rural Affairs, **Estonia**

- Ms. Katri Viinikka, Ambassador for Equality Issues, **Finland**
- Ms. Sandra Nedeljkovic, Deputy Director, Public Investment Management Office, **Serbia**
- Ms. Jeannette Gurung, **Civil Society Representative** *(Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management, United States)*
- Ms. Saltanat Rakhimbekova, **Civil Society Representative** *(Coalition for green economy and development “G-Global”, Kazakhstan)*

### 13:00 – 15:00

**LUNCH BREAK AND SIDE EVENTS**

(Side events: Generation Equality Forum, Defend Women Human Rights Defenders, Ending Violence against Women and Girls)
### GLOBAL GOALS AND THE BEIJING COMMITMENTS (item 11)

**Chair:** Ms. Altynai Omurbekova, Deputy Prime Minister, **Kyrgyz Republic**

**Moderator:** Ms. Zhanna Andreasyan, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, **Armenia**

- Ms. Marlène Schiappa, Minister of State for Gender Equality, **France**
- Ms. Merita Xhafa, General Director of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection, **Albania**
- Ms. Astrid Krumwiede, Senior Expert, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, **Germany**
- Mr. Charles Ramsden, Chair of the Gender Equality Commission, **Council of Europe**
- Ms. Silvana Cappuccio, **Civil Society Representative (Italian General Confederation of Labour)**
- Ms. Selma Acuner, **Civil Society Representative (Women for Women’s Human Rights, Turkey)**

### CO-CHAIRS’ SUMMARY AND CLOSURE OF THE MEETING (item 12)

- Ms. Altynai Omurbekova, Deputy Prime Minister of the **Kyrgyz Republic**
- Ms. Pascale Baeriswyl, State Secretary, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, **Switzerland**
- Ms. Åsa Regnér, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations and Deputy Executive Director of **UN Women**
- Ms. Olga Algayerova, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of **UNECE**