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Registration

Where do I get my badge?

You need to have a badge to enter the venue of the Regional Forum. If you have a valid UN Geneva badge, you will be granted access to the venue.

If you do not have a UN Geneva badge, please visit the UNOG Security and Safety Service at Pregny Gate (8 - 14 avenue de la Paix, 1211 Geneva 10) to collect your badge for the Regional Forum. You must present your national photo identification card or passport, both when collecting your badge and when going through security at the entrance of the International Conference Center Geneva (CICG).

You can pick up your badge on Tuesday, 27 February (2pm-6pm), Wednesday, 28 February (8am-6pm) or Thursday, 1 March (8am-6pm). On Thursday morning, before the start of the Regional Forum, there will be a large number of delegates for various meetings so please make sure to arrive in good time.

What is the procedure for Permanent Missions?

Permanent Missions can pick up the badges for their delegation from Pregny Gate as per the usual procedure (by presenting the Note Verbale) from Tuesday, 27 February, afternoon.

What is the procedure if I attend a pre-meeting?

If you attend a pre-meeting (Civil Society or VNR Workshop) on 28 February, please also visit the Security and Safety Service at Pregny Gate at the indicated times to collect your badge. Your badge will be valid for both the pre-meeting and the Regional Forum.
Venue

How do I get to the venue of the Regional Forum?

The Regional Forum will take place at the International Conference Center Geneva CICG (17 rue de Varembé, 1211 Genève 20).

Please note that Regional Forum does not take place at the Palais des Nations. From Pregny Gate, where you collect your badge, it is a 15 minute walk to the venue of the Regional Forum, the International Conference Center Geneva (CICG). Please have a look at the map to find your way:

Please see below a photo of the main entrance of the International Conference Center Geneva (CICG):
Programme

DAY 1: THURSDAY, 1 MARCH 2018
International Conference Center Geneva (CICG)

10:00 – 11:00 OPENING room 2 (plenary, level 0)

Ambassador Michael Gerber
Chair of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
Special Envoy for Global Sustainable Development of Switzerland

Ambassador Marie Chatardová
President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the United Nations in New York

Ms. Amina J. Mohammed (via video message)
Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

Ms. Olga Algayerova
UNECE Executive Secretary and Under-Secretary-General

Ms. Cihan Sultanoğlu
Chair of the Regional UNDG Team for Europe and Central Asia

11:00 – 12:30 HIGH-LEVEL POLICY SEGMENT room 2 (plenary, level 0)

TRANSFORMATION TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT SOCIETIES IN THE UNECE REGION

The focus of the High-level Policy Segment will be on SDG progress and challenges in the region. High-level participants from governments and other stakeholders will share experiences on SDG implementation. This will include countries that have already presented Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) at the High-level Political Forum (HLPF). They are invited to speak about the impact of VNRs on SDG implementation in their country. The discussion will also include the science perspective on SDG implementation in terms of evidence-based identification of bottlenecks and involving the science community in policy-making. The segment will include keynote addresses and interventions from high-level participants from the floor.

Moderator: Ambassador Michael Gerber
Chair of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
Special Envoy for Global Sustainable Development of Switzerland

Keynote speaker: Mr. Peter Messerli
Professor of Sustainable Development at the University of Bern Co-Chair of the UN Global Sustainable Development Report

12:30 – 13:00 INTRODUCTION OF THE PEER LEARNING room 2 (plenary, level 0)

The Introduction of the Peer Learning Segment will provide an overview of the organization of the round tables in the subsequent Peer Learning Segment, the expectations towards their outcomes and the modalities of the reporting back to the plenary.

13:00 – 15:00 LUNCH BREAK – Side and special events
**15:00 – 18:00**  **PEER LEARNING ROUND TABLES**

The Peer Learning Segment will promote voluntary and more in-depth peer learning and practical exchange of experiences and best practices in SDG implementation. Participants will break out in two sets of five parallel Round Tables centered around the SDGs that are under in-depth review at the 2018 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (New York, 9-18 July 2018).

**18:30**  **RECEPTION FOR PARTICIPANTS OFFERED BY SWITZERLAND**

*Lobby of International Conference Center Geneva (CICG)*

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**DAY 2: FRIDAY, 2 MARCH 2018**

*International Conference Center Geneva (CICG)*

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**8:30 – 9:45**  **Side and special events**

**10:00- 12:30**  **CONNECTING THE DOTS**  room 2 (plenary, level 0)

**SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND LIFESTYLE IN THE REGION**

The plenary will hear reporting back from the round tables in an interactive panel discussion. The discussion will stress interlinkages between the respective SDGs and pathways for integrated policy-making.

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**12:30-13:00**  **CLOSING**  room 2 (plenary, level 0)

**Civil society representative**

Ms. Olga Algayerova  
*UNECE Executive Secretary and Under-Secretary-General*

Mr. Michael Møller  
*Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva*

Ambassador Michael Gerber  
*Chair of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development*  
*Special Envoy for Global Sustainable Development of Switzerland*
Speakers

Amb. Michael Gerber
CHAIR OF THE REGIONAL FORUM 2018
SPECIAL ENVOY FOR GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF SWITZERLAND

Amb. Marie Chatardová
PRESIDENT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (ECOSOC)

Amina J. Mohammed
DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS (VIDEO MESSAGE)

Olga Algayerova
UNECE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL

Michael Møller
DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AT GENEVA

Cihan Sultanoğlu
CHAIR OF THE REGIONAL UNDG TEAM FOR EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA

Cristiana Pașca Palmer
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Peter Messerli
PROFESSOR OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BERN
CO-CHAIR OF THE UN GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT REPORT
Peer learning round tables (1 March 2018, 15:00-18:00)

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How do I prepare for round tables?

At round tables, country representatives and other stakeholders will share concrete case studies from their national experience, propose solutions to identified problems and discuss how best practices can be adopted by peers. Round table discussions will be interactive and steered by participants. For a free-flowing, fruitful discussion we would appreciate, if participants could read through the case studies of their selected round tables in preparation for the discussion.
# Side events

**Thursday, 1 March 2018, 13:15 - 14:30**

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<td>Achieving the SDGs by participation of all – in the light of SEA/EIA procedures; Perspectives of the Czech Republic, Georgia, EU and UNECE</td>
<td>Czech Republic</td>
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<td>Rural women, migration and agriculture</td>
<td>FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia and the International Organization for Migration</td>
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<td>SDG 6 in-depth review: UN-Water Synthesis Report 2018 on Water and Sanitation</td>
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**Friday, 2 March 2018, 8:30 - 9:45**

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<td>The United Nations Issue-Based Coalition on Gender Equality for Europe and Central Asia Region</td>
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<td>EAEU sustainable development and its experience of the SDG implementation at sub-regional level</td>
<td>Eurasian Economic Commission</td>
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<td>UN Volunteers and International Labour Organisation</td>
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<td>Making the business case for sustainable infrastructure: the SAVi methodology</td>
<td>International Institute for Sustainable Development, IISD</td>
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Useful information

Is there free wifi available?

Yes, you will be able to connect to free wifi from all corners of the International Conference Center (CICG).

Username: unece
Password: forum2018

#RFSD2018?

Follow the latest updates and take part in the conversation about the Regional Forum and progress towards the SDGs in the region on social media via #RFSD2018. Find more information on the website of the Regional Forum: https://www.unece.org/rfsd2018.html.

Who to call in emergencies?

For urgent matters related to the Regional Forum, please contact Ms. Felirose Gutierrez (Programme Assistant, Sustainable Development and Gender Unit, UNECE) on her phone +41 (0) 22 917 14 88.

In true emergencies, please dial the following emergency numbers: General emergency calls: 112. Ambulance: 144. Police: 117. Fire service: 118.

Where can I have lunch?

A self-service restaurant is located on the 1st floor of the International Conference Center Geneva (CICG), which is open between 11am and 2pm.

Have a successful #RFSD2018!