



**UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL PROGRAMME FOR THE ECONOMIES OF
CENTRAL ASIA (SPECA)**

**Expert group meeting on the United Nations Special Programme
for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA)**

11-12 June 2018, Almaty, Kazakhstan

Conference room “Alatau”, Grand Tien Shan Hotel, Almaty

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

11 June 2018

09:00 – 09:30 Registration of participants

09:30 – 09:45 Opening session

Statements:

- Mr. Kairat Torebayev, Director, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- Mr. Hongjoo Hahm, Deputy Executive Secretary of ESCAP
- Mr. Andrey Vasilyev, Deputy Executive Secretary of UNECE

09:45 – 10:30 Session I “Evaluation of SPECA”

Moderator: Mr. Hongjoo Hahm, Deputy Executive Secretary of ESCAP

Presentation of the SPECA Evaluation Report, its options and recommendations by the evaluation consultant

Questions for Discussion:

- What should be the identity and value-added of SPECA in the era of SDGs?
- Review and revision of the Terms of Reference of SPECA.
- What can be the relationship of SPECA to other regional cooperation initiatives and organizations, including the Belt and Road Initiative, Eurasian Economic Union, Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Program, etc.

Discussion

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 12:15 Continuation of Session I

Moderated discussion

12:15 – 13:00 Session II “Strengthening of Efficiency of SPECA”

Moderator: Mr. Andrey Vasilyev, Deputy Executive Secretary of UNECE

Questions for Discussion:

- How can the thematic working groups become more relevant?
- How can the SPECA (Governing Council, Economic Forum and secretariat) be restructured to become more effective, efficient and relevant?
- How should the regional commissions and the rest of the United Nations system align themselves to better support SPECA?

Moderated discussion

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 – 16:15 Continuation of Session II

Moderated discussion

16:15 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 18:00 Session III “SPECA Financing”

Moderator: Mr. Hongjoo Hahm, Deputy Executive Secretary of ESCAP

Discussion

12 June 2018

09:00 – 11:00 Other matters

Moderator: Mr. Andrey Vasilyev, Deputy Executive Secretary of UNECE

Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:45 Consideration of the draft report of the Expert group meeting

Presentation by the Chair and discussion

12:45 – 13:00 Closing session.