




Preliminary Programme

Thursday, 19 March 2020

Virtual meeting 

14:00 – 14:20

Opening

Chair of the Regional Forum

H.E. Ambassador Mr. Vaqif Sadiqov

Permanent Representative of the Republic of Azerbaijan to UN Office in Geneva

Ms. Amina J. Mohammed

Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

Ms. Olga Algayerova

UNECE Executive Secretary and Under-Secretary-General

14:20 – 15:05

Session 1

Accelerating action and delivery for sustainable development in the UNECE region

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H.E. Ambassador Mr. Vaqif Sadiqov

Permanent Representative of the Republic of Azerbaijan to UN Office in Geneva

Prof. Katherine Richardson

Member of the Independent Group of Scientists for the Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR) ([presentation](#))

Ms. Lidia Bratanova

Director, UNECE Statistical Division ([Regional SDG Progress Report](#))

Ms. Tina Hočevar

Vice President, European Youth Forum

Mr. Crispin Conroy

Director, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) in Geneva

Ms. Ena Peeva

EDUACTIVE

Regional Civil society Engagement mechanism (RCEM)

15:05– 15:50

Session 2

Accelerating SDG progress through Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)

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Permanent Representative of the Republic of Azerbaijan to UN Office in Geneva

Mr. László Borbély

State Counsellor to the Prime Minister, Government of Romania

Mr. Jacques Ducrest

Delegate of the Federal Council for the 2030 Agenda of Switzerland

Ms. Natasa Dokovska

Journalists for Human Rights
Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism (RCEM)

15:50 – 16:25

Session 3

Actions for green and inclusive change

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Mr. Luca Marmo

Environment Directorate-General, European Commission
[The European Green Deal and the new Circular Economy Action Plan](#)

Ms. Outi Honkatukia

Chief Negotiator for Climate Change, Ministry of the Environment Finland
[Finland: carbon neutrality by 2035 \(presentation\)](#)

Ms. Monika Skadborg

President, Danish Youth Council
[The Youth Climate Council as channel of youth engagement in Denmark](#)

Ms. Paola Deda

Director, UNECE Forests, Land and Housing Division
[The Trees in Cities Challenge \(presentation\)](#)

SDG ACCELERATION ACTIONS

16:25 – 17:20

Session 4

Economic transformation, finance and technology for SDG acceleration

(organised by UNEP and ITU)

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Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin

Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau,
International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

Ms. Marianne Haahr

Director, [Sustainable Digital Finance Alliance](#)

Mr. Steven Stone

Chief, Resources and Markets Branch, Economy Division, UN Environment

17:20 – 17:30

Closing

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How can I participate?

The Regional Forum 2020 will be a **virtual meeting**. Connection details are shared with participants by e-mail.

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