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
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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

Ms. Tina Hočevar
Vice President, European Youth Forum

Mr. Crispin Conroy
Director, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) in Geneva

Ms. Ena Peeva
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Regional Civil society Engagement mechanism (RCEM)

15:05 – 15:50  Session 2

Accelerating SDG progress through Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)

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H.E. Ambassador Mr. Vaqif Sadiqov
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

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

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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