Preliminary Programme

Thursday, 19 March 2020
Room XIX, Palais des Nations

10:00 – 10:30 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

10:30 – 11:30 Session 1

Accelerating action and delivery for sustainable development in the UNECE region

Chair of the Regional Forum / Moderator
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)

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

Representative, Civil Society

11:30 – 13:00 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. Anton Tsvetov  
Deputy Director, Department of Multilateral Economic Cooperation and Special Projects, Ministry of Economic Development, Russian Federation

Mr. Jacques Ducrest  
Delegate of the Federal Council for the 2030 Agenda of Switzerland

Representative, Civil Society (TBC)

13:00 – 15:00  
Lunch

15:00 – 16:30  
Session 3

Actions for green and inclusive change

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H.E. Ambassador Mr. Vaqif Sadiqov  
Permanent Representative of the Republic of Azerbaijan to UN Office in Geneva

Moderator  
Mr. Nikhil Seth  
Executive Director, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

H.E. Ambassador Mr. Sadik Arslan  
Permanent Representative of Turkey to UN Office in Geneva

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 city of Helsingborg, Sweden: The Trees in Cities Challenge

16:30 – 17:45  
SESSION 4

Economic transformation, finance and technology for SDG acceleration

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H.E. Ambassador Mr. Vaqif Sadiqov  
Permanent Representative of the Republic of Azerbaijan to UN Office in Geneva

Moderator  
Mr. Bruno Pozzi  
Regional Director for Europe, UN Environment

Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin  
Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

Ms. Eva Zabey  
Executive Director, Business for Nature
How can I participate?

Due to the coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19), physical participation will be limited to Geneva-based stakeholders only. If you are from the Geneva area and wish to participate, please register here. Registrations for the previous meeting are no longer valid. The Regional Forum will be webcasted live on UN Web TV.

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