

# Beijing+25 Regional Review Meeting for the UNECE region



Palais des Nations, Geneva | 29-30 October 2019

**TUESDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2019**

**PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME**

<p><b>9:00 – 9:50</b></p>	<p><b>SIDE EVENTS</b> <i>(Gender equality in the Balkans and Eastern Europe / Effective gender mainstreaming methods and tools)</i></p>
<p><b>10:00 – 11:30</b></p>	<p><b>OPENING SESSION</b> (items 1-3) <span style="float: right;">Room XVIII</span></p> <p><i>Musical performance by Ms. Elina Duni</i></p> <p><b>OPENING OF THE MEETING</b> (item 1)</p> <p><b>Ms. Olga Algayerova</b> <i>Under-Secretary-General and UNECE Executive Secretary</i></p> <p><b>Ms. Tatiana Valovaya</b> <i>Under-Secretary-General and Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva</i></p> <p><b>Ms. Āsa Regnér</b> <i>Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations and Deputy Executive Director of UN Women</i></p> <p><b>Ms. İlayda Eskitaşçioğlu</b> <i>Presentation of key messages from the Civil Society Forum</i></p> <p><b>ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK</b> (item 2)</p> <p><b>ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSONS</b> (item 3)</p> <p><b>Ms. Altynai Omurbekova</b> <i>Deputy Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic</i></p> <p><b>Ms. Pascale Baeriswyl</b> <i>State Secretary, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland</i></p>
<p><b>11:30 – 13:00</b></p>	<p><b>KEY TRENDS ON GENDER EQUALITY ACROSS THE UNECE REGION</b> (item 4) <span style="float: right;">Room XVIII</span></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Ms. Pascale Baeriswyl, State Secretary, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Alia El-Yassir, Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia, <b>UN Women</b></p> <p><b>Presentation of key findings of the Synthesis Report for the UNECE region</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Monika Linn, Director, Sustainable Development and Gender Unit, <b>UNECE</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Presentations of key findings from sub-regional preparations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Altynai Omurbekova, Deputy Prime Minister, <b>Kyrgyz Republic</b></li> <li>Ms. Jovanka Trencheska, State Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, <b>North Macedonia</b></li> <li>Ms. Virginija Langbakk, Director, <b>European Institute for Gender Equality</b></li> <li>Ms. Liliana Palihovici, <b>Civil Society Representative</b> (President of Association "Institutum Virtutes Civilis", Republic of Moldova)</li> </ul>
<p><b>13:00 – 15:00</b></p>	<p><b>LUNCH BREAK AND SIDE EVENTS</b> <i>(Side events: The Istanbul Convention in practice, Ageing and its implications for gender equality, Sustainable and inclusive growth through the lens of women's empowerment)</i></p>

<p>15:00 – 18:00</p>	<p><b>CLOSING THE GENDER GAPS: EFFECTIVE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICIES IN THE UNECE REGION</b> <i>(item 5)</i></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Ms. Altnai Omurbekova, Deputy Prime Minister, <b>Kyrgyz Republic</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Sylvie Durrer, Director of the Federal Office for Gender Equality (FOGE), <b>Switzerland</b></p> <p><b>Civil society representatives setting the scene:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Sonja Lokar, <b>Civil Society Representative</b> (<i>Women's Lobby, Slovenia</i>)</li> <li>• Ms. Asel Kubanychbekova, <b>Civil Society Representative</b> (<i>Women Deliver Young Leader, Kyrgyz Republic</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>Closing the gender gaps in labour markets, entrepreneurship, social protection and services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Hijran Huseynova, Chairperson of the State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs, <b>Azerbaijan</b></li> <li>• Ms. Lenita Freidenvall, Deputy Head at the Division for Gender Equality, <b>Sweden</b></li> <li>• Ms. Emanuela Pozzan, Senior Gender and Non-Discrimination Specialist, Conditions of Work and Equality Department, <b>ILO</b></li> <li>• Ms. Hyesin Park, Economist, Gender Programme Co-ordinator, <b>OECD</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Closing the gender pay gap:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Mariam Jajanidze, Gender Equality Council, Parliament of <b>Georgia</b></li> <li>• Ms. Rósa Guðrún Erlingsdóttir, Senior Adviser, Prime Minister's Office, <b>Iceland</b></li> <li>• Ms. Jolanta Reingardé, Programme Coordinator, Research and Statistics, <b>European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)</b></li> <li>• Mr. Johannes Smits, <b>Private Sector Representative</b>, Director and Equal Pay Specialist, PwC</li> </ul>	<p>Room XVIII</p> 
<p>15:00 – 18:00</p>	<p><b>ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS: LESSONS AND SOLUTIONS FROM THE REGION</b> <i>(item 6)</i></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Ms. Pascale Baeriswyl, State Secretary, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, <b>Switzerland</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Artiom Sici, State Secretary of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection, <b>Republic of Moldova</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Rebeca Palomo, State Commissioner on Violence Against Women, <b>Spain</b></li> <li>• Mr. Joško Mandić, Expert Advisor, Agency for Gender Equality, <b>Bosnia and Herzegovina</b></li> <li>• Ms. Marijke Weewauters, Head of the Federal Unit on Gender-based Violence, Institute for the Equality of Women and Men, <b>Belgium</b></li> <li>• Ms. Marceline Naudi, President, Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO), <b>Council of Europe</b></li> <li>• Ms. Dubravka Šimonovic, Special Rapporteur on violence against women, <b>United Nations</b></li> <li>• Ms. Shazia Choudhry, <b>Civil Society Representative</b> (<i>Professor of Law at Queen Mary, University of London/WAVE, United Kingdom</i>)</li> <li>• Ms. Melsa Ararat, <b>Private Sector Representative</b>, Founding Director, Corporate Governance Forum of Turkey, Sabancı Business School, <b>Istanbul</b></li> </ul>	<p>Room XXII</p> 

<p><b>15:00 – 16:30</b></p>	<p><b>EDUCATION FOR GENDER EQUALITY: A POWERFUL TOOL FOR TRANSFORMATION</b> <i>(item 7)</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Vera Labkovich, Head, Department of Population, Gender and Family Policy, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, <b>Belarus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Elina Kalkku, Under-Secretary of State for Development Policy at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, <b>Finland</b></li> <li>• Ms. Krista Pikkat, Director, Almaty Office for Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, <b>UNESCO</b></li> <li>• Ms. Hava Karrie, Director, MASHAV Carmel Training Center, <b>Israel</b></li> <li>• Ms. Damel Mektepbayeva, <b>Civil Society Representative</b> <i>(Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan)</i></li> </ul>	<p>Room XXVII</p> 
<p><b>16:30-18:00</b></p>	<p><b>SMART INVESTMENTS: FINANCING FOR GENDER EQUALITY</b> <i>(item 8)</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Helmut Berger, Head of the Parliamentary Budget Office, <b>Austria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Eglantina Gjermeni, Chair of Parliamentary Sub-Committee on Gender Equality, <b>Albania</b></li> <li>• Ms. Anna Björnermark, Associate Director for Gender Mainstreaming and Access to Services, <b>European Bank of Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)</b></li> <li>• Ms. Janet Veitch, <b>Civil Society Representative</b> <i>(Chair, UK Women’s Budget Group, United Kingdom)</i></li> <li>• Ms. Dana Haidan Georgakarakou, <b>Private Sector Representative</b>, Regional Head of Social Impact, <b>VISA</b></li> </ul>	<p>Room XXVII</p> 
<p><b>18:30</b></p>	<p><b>RECEPTION</b> hosted by the Government of <b>Switzerland</b></p>	<p><i>International Telecommunication Union (ITU)</i> <i>Rue de Varembé 2, 1202 Geneva</i> <b>(by invitation only)</b></p>



**WEDNESDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2019**

<b>9:00 – 9:50</b>	<b>SIDE EVENTS</b> <i>(Rural women entrepreneurs, Raising Gender Issues through Contemporary Art)</i>
<b>10:00 – 11:30</b>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Room XVIII</b></p> <p><b>WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP: WOMEN'S REPRESENTATION IN POLICY- AND DECISION-MAKING</b> <i>(item 9)</i></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Ms. Altynai Omurbekova, Deputy Prime Minister, <b>Kyrgyz Republic</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Lena Ag, Director-General, Swedish Agency for Gender Equality, <b>Sweden</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. Marija Blagojević, Advisor to the President at the Parliament of <b>Montenegro</b></li><li>• Ms. Kateryna Levchenko, Government Commissioner for Gender Equality Policy, <b>Ukraine</b></li><li>• Ms. Gulnara Ishankhanova, Head of Legal Department, Research Center "Oila", Cabinet of Ministers, <b>Uzbekistan</b></li><li>• Ms. Ana Sofia Fernandes, <b>Civil Society Representative</b> (<i>Vice President, European Women's Lobby, Portugal</i>)</li></ul>
<b>11:30 – 13:00</b>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Room XVIII</b></p> <p><b>ACTING FOR CLIMATE: EMPOWERING WOMEN TO BUILD CLIMATE RESILIENCE</b> <i>(item 10)</i></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Ms. Pascale Baeriswyl, State Secretary, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, <b>Switzerland</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Galina Jevgrafova, Advisor, Ministry of Rural Affairs, <b>Estonia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. Katri Viinikka, Ambassador for Equality Issues, <b>Finland</b></li><li>• Ms. Sandra Nedeljkovic, Deputy Director, Public Investment Management Office, <b>Serbia</b></li><li>• Ms. Jeannette Gurung, <b>Civil Society Representative</b> (<i>Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management, United States</i>)</li><li>• Ms. Saltanat Rakhimbekova, <b>Civil Society Representative</b> (<i>Coalition for green economy and development "G-Global", Kazakhstan</i>)</li></ul> 
<b>13:00 – 15:00</b>	<p><b>LUNCH BREAK AND SIDE EVENTS</b> <i>(Side events: <u>Generation Equality Forum</u>, <u>Defend Women Human Rights Defenders</u>, <u>Ending Violence against Women and Girls</u>)</i></p>

<p><b>15:00 – 17:00</b></p>	<p><b>GLOBAL GOALS AND THE BEIJING COMMITMENTS</b> <i>(item 11)</i></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Ms. Aldynai Omurbekova, Deputy Prime Minister, <b>Kyrgyz Republic</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Zhanna Andreyan, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, <b>Armenia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Marlène Schiappa, Minister of State for Gender Equality, <b>France</b></li> <li>• Ms. Merita Xhafa, General Director of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection, <b>Albania</b></li> <li>• Ms. Astrid Krumwiede, Senior Expert, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, <b>Germany</b></li> <li>• Mr. Charles Ramsden, Chair of the Gender Equality Commission, <b>Council of Europe</b></li> <li>• Ms. Silvana Cappuccio, <b>Civil Society Representative</b> <i>(Italian General Confederation of Labour)</i></li> <li>• Ms. Selma Acuner, <b>Civil Society Representative</b> <i>(Women for Women's Human Rights, Turkey)</i></li> </ul>	<p>Room XVIII</p> 
<p><b>17:00 – 18:00</b></p>	<p><b>CO-CHAIRS' SUMMARY AND CLOSURE OF THE MEETING</b> <i>(item 12)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Aldynai Omurbekova, Deputy Prime Minister of the <b>Kyrgyz Republic</b></li> <li>• Ms. Pascale Baeriswyl, State Secretary, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, <b>Switzerland</b></li> <li>• Ms. Āsa Regnér, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations and Deputy Executive Director of <b>UN Women</b></li> <li>• Ms. Olga Algayerova, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of <b>UNECE</b></li> </ul>	<p>Room XVIII</p>