

**Regional UN System Meeting for Europe and Central Asia**  
VTC on COVID-19 response in Central Asia – 8 May 2020

07:00-09:00 New York time / 13:00-15:00 Geneva time / 14:00-16:00 Istanbul time

**Agenda**

Time (Geneva time)	Agenda item
13:00 – 13:05	<p><b><u>Item 1: Opening</u></b></p> <p><i>Opening remarks by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Olga Algayerova, Co-Chair and UNECE Executive Secretary</li> <li>• Ms. Mirjana Spoljaric Egger, Co-Chair and UNDP Regional Director for Europe and CIS</li> </ul>
13:05 – 13:30	<p><b><u>Item 2: Stocktaking of COVID-19 situation and response in Central Asia</u></b></p> <p><i>Updates:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health situation and health-related measures by governments (WHO)</li> <li>• Socio-economic impact of COVID-19 in the sub-region (ECE, UNDP) and the UN framework for the immediate socio-economic response to COVID-19 and its implementation (UNDP)</li> <li>• Overview of government responses to tackle socio-economic impact and priority issues identified by Resident Coordinators (DCO)</li> </ul> <p><i>Open discussion among Regional Directors</i></p> <p><i>Background documents:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Background note on socio-economic impact of COVID-19 in Central Asia (ECE) (<i>attached</i>)</li> <li>2) <a href="#">UN framework</a> for the immediate socio-economic response</li> </ol>
13:30 – 14:00	<p><b><u>Item 3: Support offers from regional UN system on priority issues in Central Asia</u></b></p> <p><i>Updates:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trade and connectivity</li> <li>• Social protection and employment</li> <li>• Declining remittances</li> <li>• Gender Equality</li> <li>• Food Systems and food security</li> <li>• Environment and Climate Change</li> </ul> <p><i>Open discussion among Regional Directors on regional support</i></p>
14:00 – 14:45	<p><b><u>Item 4: UN/EU cooperation to address COVID-19 crisis in Central Asia</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Update on EU engagement and support in Central Asia</u> Mr. Peter Burian, EU Special Representative for Central Asia</li> </ul>



- *Subregional cooperation efforts in Central Asia in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic*  
*Ms. Natalia Gherman, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Central Asia and Head of the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia*

*Dialogue with Regional Directors on common messaging and collaboration between the UN and the EU in Central Asia.*

14:45 – 15:00

**Item 5: Establishment of a Regional Operations Management Team (R-OMT)**

Updates:

- *Process of establishing a R-OMT*
- *Feedback on draft Terms of Reference*

Open discussion among Regional Directors

Background document:

1) Draft ToRs of Regional OMT (*attached*)

**Conclusions and final remarks**

*Ms. Mirjana Spoljaric Egger, Co-Chair and UNDP Regional Director for Europe and CIS*

*Ms. Olga Algayerova, Co-Chair and UNECE Executive Secretary*