



**UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL PROGRAMME
FOR THE ECONOMIES OF CENTRAL ASIA (SPECA)**

Seventh session of the SPECA Governing Council

(Bangkok, Thailand, 28 November 2012, 14:30 – 18:00 hours)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the session

Opening of the session by the Representative of the Government of Turkmenistan, the Chair of the SPECA Governing Council, followed by the opening statements of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the Heads of Delegation of the SPECA member countries and interested observers.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

3. Outcomes of the 2012 SPECA Economic Forum (27-28 November 2012, Bangkok, Thailand)

Outcomes of the 2012 SPECA Economic Forum “Strengthening Regional Economic Cooperation and Integration in Central Asia by Sharing the Asian Experience”.

Report by the Executive Secretary of ESCAP followed by discussions.

4. Briefing on the side event “Review of Work in the SPECA Framework in Support of Implementation of the Decisions of the V Regional Economic Cooperation Conference on Afghanistan” (26 November 2012, Bangkok, Thailand)

Joint report by the Executive Secretary of UNECE, the Representative of Afghanistan and the Representative of Tajikistan.

5. Briefing on the Subregional Workshop on Millennium Development Goals and the Post 2015 Development Framework for Central and East Asia, jointly conducted by ADB/ADBI/ESCAP/UNDP (26-28 September 2012, Almaty, Kazakhstan)

Report by the ESCAP secretariat

6. SPECA activities since the last session of the Governing Council (11 November 2011, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan)

Progress reports of the SPECA Project Working Groups followed by discussions:

- Progress Report of the PWG on Water and Energy Resources
- Progress Report of the PWG on Transport and Border Crossing
- Progress Report of the PWG on Trade
- Progress Report of the PWG on Statistics
- Progress Report of the PWG on Knowledge-based Development
- Progress Report of the WG on Gender and Economy

7. **Approval of the broadened Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Project Working Group on Knowledge-based Development (PWG on KBD)**

Report by the representatives of ESCAP and UNECE.

8. **Report on the work of the ESCAP Subregional Office for North and Central Asia and the Joint ESCAP/UNECE SPECA Office, including the work on the processes on SDGs and the Post 2015 Development Agenda**

Report by the Head of the ESCAP Subregional Office for North and Central Asia and the Joint ESCAP/UNECE SPECA Office followed by discussions.

9. **Cooperation between SPECA and regional organizations and institutions**

Report by the Executive Secretary of UNECE on cooperation with partner organizations and institutions, followed by discussion with participation of representatives of international and regional organizations.

10. **Preparation of proposals on further strengthening SPECA**

Proposals by two Regional Commissions on initiating broad consultations with SPECA member countries on further strengthening the Programme with the objective of elaborating a decision on a package of agreed measures to be adopted by the 8th session of the SPECA Governing Council in 2013.

11. **Election of the next Chair (country) of SPECA Governing Council**

12. **Other business, including date and venue of the 2013 SPECA Economic Forum and 8th session of the SPECA Governing Council**

13. **Adoption of conclusions and decisions**

14. **Closing session**

Closing statements by the Heads of Delegations of the SPECA member countries, the Executive Secretary of ESCAP, and the Executive Secretary of UNECE.
