



SPECIAL PROGRAMME FOR THE ECONOMIES OF CENTRAL ASIA (SPECA)

Fourth Session of the SPECA Project Working Group on Knowledge-Based Development

(Baku, Azerbaijan, 25 November 2011)

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the session

Welcome statement by a senior representative of the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Opening statements by representatives of the UNECE and ESCAP secretariats

2. Election of officers and adoption of the agenda

3. Approval of the revised Terms of Reference of the SPECA Project Working Group on Knowledge-Based Development (PWG on KBD)

Given the growing needs of the knowledge-based disaster management in SPECA member countries, the SPECA PWG on KBD at its third session recommended to include knowledge-based disaster management issues into its work programme, recognizing the role of ICT as an integral part of disaster risk reduction and management.

The representatives of the ESCAP secretariat will introduce a draft modification to the existing Terms of Reference of the SPECA PWG on KBD, reflecting the above recommendation for approval by the SPECA PWG on KBD at its fourth session.

4. Review of programme implementation in 2011

Representatives of the UNECE and ESCAP secretariats will present a report on activities carried out within the framework of the SPECA PWG on KBD in 2011.

5. Adoption of the Programme of Work of the SPECA PWG on KBD for 2012-2013

- (a) Presentation on the draft Programme of Work for 2012-2013 by representatives of the UNECE and ESCAP secretariats.

- (b) Proposals by representatives of SPECA member countries on the activities to be included in the Programme of Work of the SPECA PWG on KBD for 2012-2013.

The representatives of the UNECE and ESCAP secretariats will introduce possible future PWG activities to be supported by the two Regional Commissions in 2012-2013.

The representatives of SPECA member countries will be invited to make proposals on the activities to be included in the Programme of Work of the SPECA PWG on KBD for 2012-2013 and to indicate their interests in hosting regional/national capacity-building events and other related technical cooperation activities to be organized by the UNECE and ESCAP secretariats within their areas of expertise and available resources.

6. Date and venue for the next session of the SPECA PWG on KBD

The representatives of SPECA member countries will be invited to express interests in hosting the fifth session of the PWG on KBD with a view to taking a decision on the date and venue of the next session of the PWG.

7. Other business

The PWG may wish to consider any other matter that may be brought to its attention.

8. Closing of the session

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Note: Prior to the fourth session of the SPECA PWG on KBD, UNECE and the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan will organize the International Conference on Knowledge-based Development and Innovative Entrepreneurship on 24 and 25 November 2011. Delegates are cordially invited to participate in the Conference.