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# **High-level Meeting on Science, Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Development in SPECA countries**

**(Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, 11 June 2014)**

## **PROGRAMME**

**Venue: Sofitel Oguzkent Ashgabat Hotel**

**Wednesday, 11 June 2014**

<b>08:30 - 9:00</b>	<b>Registration of participants</b>	
<b>09:00 - 09:30</b>	<b>Welcome and opening remarks</b>	Senior Representative of the Government of Turkmenistan
		Senior Representative of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE )
		Senior Representative of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
<b>09:30 – 11:30</b>	<p><b>SESSION I: STRENGTHENING LINKAGES BETWEEN EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND INDUSTRY TO IMPROVE INNOVATION PERFORMANCE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Speakers:</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Rumen DOBRINSKY, European Alliance for Innovation</b> "Why Industry-Science Collaboration is a Key Driver of Innovation?"</p> <p><b>Mr. Malcolm PARRY, Managing Director &amp; Chief Executive Officer, Surrey Research Park, United Kingdom</b> "The special role of science parks in promoting industry-science linkages and how they have developed to support innovation"</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Statements by representatives of SPECA countries</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Q&amp;A session and discussion</a></p>	
<b>11:30 – 11:45</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
<b>11:45 - 13:45</b>	<p><b>SESSION II: BUILDING THE INNOVATION INFRASTRUCTURE: NATIONAL POLICIES AND INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Speakers:</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Nina BOHDAN, Professor, Department of National Economy and State Administration, Belarus State Economic University, Belarus</b> "Challenges and policy directions for the formation of a knowledge economy in Belarus"</p> <p><b>Mr. Thomas STAHLCKER, Senior Researcher and Coordinator, Research Unit Regions &amp; Clusters, Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation Research ISI, Germany</b> "Building national innovation infrastructure in a systemic perspective: Structures and strategies in European countries"</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Statements by representatives of SPECA countries</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Q&amp;A session and discussion</a></p>	