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**International Conference
“Practical steps towards a knowledge-
based economy”**

and

**Seventh session of
the SPECA Project Working Group on
Knowledge-based Development**

(Dushanbe, Tajikistan, 16-17 June 2015)

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Venue: Sheraton Dushanbe Hotel

DAY 1
Tuesday, 16 June 2015

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| 08:30 – 9:00 | Registration of participants | |
| 09:00 – 10:00 | Opening of the Conference | H.E. Mr. Shavkat BOBOZODA, Minister of Industry and New Technologies of the Republic of Tajikistan |
| | | H.E. Mr. Umed DAVLATZOD, Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan |
| | | Mr. Ralph HEINRICH, Chief of Section, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) |
| | | Mr. Rémi LANG, Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) |
| SESSION I: Innovation Performance Review of Tajikistan Moderator: Mr. Ralph HEINRICH | | |
| 10:00 – 10:15 | <p><u>Introduction</u></p> <p>Overview the UNECE project “Innovation Performance Review of Tajikistan”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Ralph HEINRICH, UNECE - Mr. Parviz DZABBOROV, Head of the Department of New Technologies, Ministry of Industry and New Technologies of the Republic of Tajikistan | |
| 10:15 – 11:25 | <p><u>Chapter 2 “National innovation system and innovation governance” and Chapter 3 “Framework conditions, innovation policies and instruments”</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main findings (conclusions and recommendations) by the members of the international team of experts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Rumen DOBRINSKY, Director for Strategy, European Alliance for Innovation, Belgium, and - Mr. Thomas STAHLCKER, Senior Researcher and Head of Business Unit “Regions and Clusters”, Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation Research ISI, Karlsruhe, Germany <p>Peer review and discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Bart VERSPAGEN, Professor, Director of UN University-MERIT, Director-Dean of the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance | |
| 11:25 – 11:50 | Coffee break | |

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| <p>11:50 – 13:00</p> | <p><u>Chapter 4 “Knowledge generation and innovation support institutions” and Chapter 5 “Industry-science linkages and collaboration in the innovation process”</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main findings (conclusions and recommendations) by the members of the international team of experts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation on behalf of Mr. Slavo RADOSEVIC, Professor of Industry and Innovation Studies, Director of UCL Centre for Comparative Economics, Deputy Director of School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London, United Kingdom - Ms. Annamaria INZELT, Director, IKU, Innovation Research Centre, Financial Research Corporation, Budapest, Hungary <p>Peer review and discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Lars-Gunnar LARSSON, VINNVÄXT, Societal Development – Transport, Environment and the Regions Division, VINNOVA – Swedish Governmental Agency for Innovation Systems |
| <p>13:00 – 14:30</p> | <p>Lunch break</p> |
| <p>14:30 – 15:45</p> | <p><u>Chapter 6 “Financing innovative entrepreneurs” and Chapter 7 “Innovation and international economic integration”</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main findings (conclusions and recommendations) by the member of the international team of experts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Anna KADERABKOVA, Research Director, Center for Economic Studies, Prague, Czech Republic - Mr. Ruslan RAKHMATULLIN, Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE <p>Peer review and discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Anna POBOL, Associate Professor, Department of Theoretical and Institutional Economy, Belarusian State University |
| <p>15:45 – 16:00</p> | <p>Coffee break</p> |
| <p>16:00 – 16:15</p> | <p>“Open Data as Smart Enabler of Innovation: Key Findings from the Open Data Readiness Assessments in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Oleg PETROV, Open Data Program Coordinator, World Bank |
| <p>16:15 – 17:00</p> | <p>General discussion</p> |

DAY 2
Wednesday, 17 June 2015

SESSION II: Improving Broadband Connectivity in Central Asia
Moderator: Ms. Duangthip CHOMPRANG

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| 09:00 – 09:10 | <u>Introduction</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Introductory remarks: Ms. Tiziana BONAPACE, Head of the ESCAP Subregional Office for North and Central Asia |
| 09:10 – 10:20 | <u>Preliminary findings on improving connectivity in Central Asia, a value chain approach</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Rémi LANG, ICT and Development Section, ESCAP- The Internet Society, tbc- ESCAP/ISOC lead consultants - Discussion |
| 10:20 – 10:45 | <u>Perspectives from financial institutions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Rajendra SINGH, Senior Regulatory Specialist, Transport & ICT, World Bank- Mr. Juan NAVAS-SABATER, Program Leader for Sustainable Development Practices, World Bank, Moscow Office - Discussion |
| 10:45 – 11:00 | Coffee break |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Country statements: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan- Discussion |
| 11:30 – 12:00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Country statements: Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan- Discussion |
| 12:00 – 12:15 | Closing of the Conference |
| 12:15 – 14:00 | Lunch break |

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| 14:00 – 14:40 | <p><u>Opening of the Session</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Welcoming statements- Election of officers and adoption of the agenda <p><u>Strengthening of the UN Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms. Tiziana BONAPACE, Head of the ESCAP Subregional Office for North and Central Asia- Mr. Christopher ATHEY, UNECE Secretary to the SPECA PWG on KBD |
| 14:40 – 15:00 | <p><u>Outcomes of the International Conference “Practical steps towards a knowledge-based economy”</u></p> |
| 15:00 – 15:20 | <p><u>Review of implementation of the PWG on KBD activities since its last session</u></p> |
| 15:20 – 15:40 | <p>Coffee break</p> |
| 15:40 – 16:10 | <p><u>Adoption of the Programme of Work of the SPECA PWG on KBD for 2016-2017</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Christopher ATHEY, UNECE Secretary to the SPECA PWG on KBD- Mr. Rémi LANG, ESCAP Secretary to the SPECA PWG on KBD |
| 16:10 – 16:20 | <p><u>Other business. Date and venue for the next session of the SPECA PWG on KBD</u></p> |
| 16:20 – 16:45 | <p><u>Adoption of Decisions</u></p> |
| 16:45 – 17:00 | <p><u>Closing of the Session</u></p> |