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# Committing to action on sustainable development in times of change



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**Tuesday, 14 April 2015**

**9.00-9.45** Side event: **Demonstration of crashed cars** (*outside Door 40*) and **Autonomous Emergency Braking system** (*outside Bar Serpent*), in cooperation with Global NCAP and the German ADAC

**10.00-10.25 Item 1: Opening and adoption of the agenda**

*Ideas for Change: Startup Innovation for Sustainable Development Goals (film)*

Opening remarks:

- Mr. Roderick van Schreven, Ambassador of the Netherlands, Chairperson of the Economic Commission for Europe
- Mr. Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Europe
- Mr. Michael Møller, Acting Director-General, United Nations Office at Geneva

## High-level segment

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#### 10.30-13.00 **Item 2: High-level dialogue**

**Moderator:** Mr. Roderick van Schreven, Ambassador of the Netherlands

- Mr. Jochen Flasbarth, State Secretary, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany
- Mr. Gennady Gatilov, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Russian Federation
- Mr. Serdar Atayev, Deputy Minister of Economy and Development, Turkmenistan
- Ms. Nerissa J. Cook, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Department of State, United States
- Mr. Nicholas Hanley, Acting Director, Directorate-General for the Environment, European Commission
- Mr. Mahmud Mammad-Guliyev, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Azerbaijan

**13.00-15.00** LUNCH BREAK

**13.00-14.30** Side event: **Competition on ‘ideas for change’.**

*(Finalists of competition on ‘ideas for change’ in dialogue with jury and participants - room IX)*

### Item 3: High-level thematic discussions

15.00-16.30 Panel A

## Sustainable energy and resilient communities



**Moderator:** Mr. Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary, ECE

**Panellists:**

Name	Position	Topic
Ms. Elena Szolgayova	Director General, DG Housing Policy and Urban Development, Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development, Slovakia	Housing and urban development, Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing
Mr. Jérôme Schmitt	Senior Vice President, Sustainable Development and Environment, Total S.A.	Changing business models for smarter energy systems
Mr. Chris Kuijpers	Director-General, Environment & International Affairs, Ministry of Infrastructure & Environment, the Netherlands	The Dutch Green Deal & The Energy Agreement
Mr. Gregory Dimitriadis	CEO, Athens Urban Transport Organization (OASA)	Urban transport
Ms. Galina Khovanskaya	Chair, Social Housing Committee of the Duma, Russian Federation	Housing
Ms. Saskia Sassen	Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociology and Co-Chair Committee on Global Thought, Columbia University	Population and the major population trends in UNECE region - ageing, urbanization and migration
Prof. Peter Droege	Sustainable Spatial Development, President Eurosolar, Chair of the World Council for Renewable Energy, Asia Pacific	Spatial development, renewable energy
Mr. Barry Worthington	Executive Director, United States Energy Association	Fossil fuels facing the CO2 challenge

**16.30-18.00 Panel B**

## Sustainable management of ecosystems and natural resources



**Moderator:** Mr. Roderick van Schreven, Ambassador of the Netherlands

**Panellists:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Ms. Tiina Ryttilä	State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland	Forests, green economy, ecosystem management, air and water
Mr. Janusz Zaleski	Deputy Director, Polish State Forest, Poland	Forests
Ms. Victoria Elias	Programme Director, WWF, Russia	Biodiversity, ecosystem management
Ms. Leilani Münter	Race car driver and environmental activist, United States	Environmental protection, behavioural change, public participation, sustainable transport
Prof. David Simon	Director, Mistra Urban Futures, Chalmers, Gothenburg & Royal Holloway University London, United Kingdom	Sustainable urban development, green economy, MEAs, SDGs

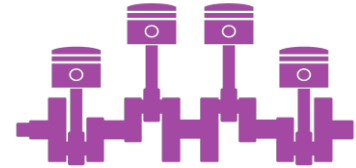
**18.15-20.00** RECEPTION FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS, *including presentation of certificates to winners and finalists of competition on 'ideas for change' and introductory statements on Dried Fruit and Nuts exhibits (Exhibition area outside room XIX)*

**Wednesday, 15 April 2015**

**8.30-10.00** Side event: “**Setting the stage for the High-Level Political Forum – Civil Society’s recommendations**” organized by the European Environmental Bureau (*room XXVII*)

**10.00-11.30 Panel C**

## **Connectivity and competitiveness for sustainable lives**



**Moderator:** Mr. Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary, ECE

**Panellists:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Mr. Vladimir Yakunin	Chairman of the Union Internationale des Chemins de fer (UIC) and CEO of Russian Railways (RZD)	Better connectivity through regulatory framework: the case of the unified railway law
Mr. Niklas Gustavsson	Deputy CEO, Volvo Group Chief of Sustainability.	The role of vehicle regulations for fair trade and the connected vehicles for sustainable mobility management
Mr. David Ward	Secretary General, Global NCAP	Sustainable connectivity includes safe mobility, which also requires safe vehicles
Mr. Jos Arts	Professor, Environment & Infrastructural Planning, Groningen University; Strategic Advisor, Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment, the Netherlands	Finding the balance for future mobility of freight and people
Mr. Glyn Hughes	Global Head of Cargo, IATA	Global supply chains and electronic documentation

11.30-13.00 Panel D:

## Measuring and monitoring sustainable development



**Moderator:** Mr. Roderick van Schreven, Ambassador of the Netherlands

**Panellists:**

Name	Position	Topic
Prof. Enrico Giovannini	Chair of the SG Independent Expert Advisory Group on Data revolution for Sustainable Development	New requirements from policy demands for the global statistical system in measuring SD
Dr. Vanessa Lawrence	Co-Chair of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM)	The importance of geospatial information in advancing the data revolution
Mr. Padraig Dalton	Chief Statistician, Ireland Chair of the ECE High-level Group on Modernization of statistical production	Innovations in official statistics to support the post-2015 development agenda
Dr. Peder Jensen	Head of Programme, Partnerships and Networks, European Environment Agency	Environmental Monitoring and Assessment
Prof. Adonis Velegrakis	Professor in Marine Geology, Department of Marine Sciences, Environment School Mytilene, Greece	Measuring and monitoring transport-related aspects of the sustainable development goals

**13.00-15.00** LUNCH BREAK

**13.00-13.45** Side event: **Partnerships on cycling and non-fossil fuel promotion**  
(Exhibition area outside room XIX)

**13.15-14.30** Side event: **Promoting Sustainable Cities** (room XXVII)

**14.00** Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between ITC, UNCTAD and ECE on strengthening cooperation to support the implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement

15.00-16.30 Panel E:

## Partnering for sustainable development



**Moderator:** Mr. Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary, ECE

**Panellists:**

Name	Position	Topic
Mr. James Stewart	Chairman of Global Infrastructure, KPMG Chairman of the ECE PPP Advisory Board	Challenges in implementing Partnerships for Sustainable Development: the private sector perspective
Mr. Georg Kell	Executive Director, UN Global Compact	Partnerships to address the SDGs
Mr. Umberto de Pretto	Secretary General, International Road Union	Public and private sector partnerships supporting international transport: the case of TIR
Mr. Maksim Yermalovich	Deputy Minister of Finance, Belarus	Challenges in driving public-private partnerships forward in countries that are just getting started: the Belarus experience
Ms. Inger Andersen	Executive Director, International Union for the Conservation of Nature	Maximizing civil society's contributions to partnerships for sustainable development

**16.30-17.15 Item 4: Discussion and adoption of the outcome document**



