

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE



**UNECE**

Programme on the Occasion of the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of UNECE  
Regional Forum on Sustainable Development  
Sixty-Seventh Session of the Commission

Palais des Nations, Geneva  
24-27 April 2017

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# REGIONAL FORUM

## ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE UNECE REGION

24-25 April 2017 | Room XVII | Palais des Nations | Geneva



### Monday, 24 April 2017

9:30 – 18:00  
Room XII

**Preparatory Civil Society Forum**

9:00 – 17:00  
Room XXII

**Regional Preparatory Workshop for Countries from the UNECE Region Conducting Voluntary National Reviews (Organized by UN-DESA and UNECE)**

### Tuesday, 25 April 2017

9:00 – 18:00  
Foyer (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

**Exhibit: Startup Finalists for the 2017 UNECE Ideas4Change for the SDGs Award**

10:00 – 13:00  
Room XVII

**Regional Forum for Sustainable Development**

Item 1

**Opening Remarks and Adoption of the Agenda**

Item 2: Policy Segment

**The Second Year of the SDGs in the Region: Knowing Where We Stand and Moving on to Prosperity and Well-Being for All**

13:00 – 15:00

**Lunch Break**

13:00 – 15:00  
Room XXII

**Side Event: Threats to Our Oceans: Common Problems, Joint Solutions**

13:00 – 15:00  
Room XXI

**Side Event: Pitches by Startup Finalists for the 2017 UNECE Ideas4Change for the SDGs Award**

15:00 – 17:00

**Regional Forum**

Room XVII  
Room XXI  
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Item 3: Peer Learning Segment – Parallel Regional Round Tables

**Regional Roundtable I: National and Local Adaptation of SDGs**

**Regional Round Table II: Subregional Cooperation for SDG Implementation**

**Regional Round Table III: Data and Monitoring**

17:00 – 18:00  
Room XVII

Item 4

**Reporting Back and Closing Second Year of the SDGs in the Region: Knowing Where We Stand and Moving on to Prosperity and Well-Being for All**

18:00 – 18:30  
Room XVII

**Special Event: Announcement of Winner(s) of the 2017 UNECE Ideas4Change for the SDGs Award**





# UNECE at 70: Economic Integration and Cooperation towards 2030

67<sup>th</sup> Session

26-27 April 2017

Room XVII | Palais des Nations | Geneva



Wednesday, 26 April 2017

8:30 – 9:45  
Bar Escargot

**Side Event: Breakfast Discussion: Potential for Cross-Sectoral Cooperation in Support of Mainstreaming the SDGs in the Work of UNECE** (By Invitation Only)

9:00 – 17:00  
Foyer (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

**Exhibit: Farmers' Market: Agriculture Standards, Sustainable Quality Production and Food Security**

9:00 – 17:00  
Gallery (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

**Exhibit: Bicycles for Personal Mobility and Cargo Delivery**

9:00 – 17:00  
Gallery (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

**Exhibit: Building Fair: Principles-Based Energy Efficiency in Buildings Guidelines**

10:00 – 10:30  
Room XVII

**67<sup>th</sup> Commission Session**

Item 1:

**Opening remarks and adoption of the agenda**

Document E/ECE/1479

H.E. Ms. Zhanar Aitzhanova, Chair of the Economic Commission for Europe,  
Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United Nations Office  
and other International Organizations in Geneva

Statement by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, delivered by Mr. Christian Friis  
Bach, Executive Secretary of UNECE

Statement by H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson, President of the General Assembly of the United  
Nations

Mr. Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary of UNECE

Mr. Michael Møller, Director-General, United Nations Office at Geneva

10:30 – 13:00  
Room XVII

Item 2: High-Level Dialogue

**UNECE at 70: Economic Integration and Cooperation towards 2030**

Document E/ECE/1481

*Keynote Address:*

Prof. Dr. Ludger Kühnhardt, Director, Centre for European Integration Studies, Professor for  
Political Science, University of Bonn

*High-level Dialogue*



13:15 – 14:30  
Room XIV

**Side Event: Lunchtime Conversation with Former Executive Secretaries of ECE**

*Moderator:* Mr. Alex Mejia, Editor-in-Chief, UN Special; UNITAR  
Mr. Yves Berthelot, Former Executive Secretary (1993-2000)  
Ms. Brigita Schmögnerová, Former Executive Secretary (2002-2005)  
Mr. Ján Kubiš, Former Executive Secretary (2009-2011)  
Mr. Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary of UNECE

14:30 – 15:00  
Room XVII

**Side Event: Meet the Winners and Finalists of the 2017 UNECE Ideas4Change for the SDGs Award**

15:00 – 18:00  
Room XVII

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Item 3: High-Level Thematic Discussions

**A: Strengthening Cross-Sectoral Action in Support of the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda**

Background Document E/ECE/1482

*Moderator:* Mr. Nikhil Seth, Executive Director, UNITAR  
Ms. Elisabete Quintas da Silva, Chair of the Committee on Environmental Policy; Member of the Board, Cohesion and Development Agency, Portugal;  
Mr. Robert Thaler, Head of Division Mobility, Transport, Noise, Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management  
Ms. Kari Aina Eik, Secretary General, Organization of International Economic Relations  
Mr. Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary of UNECE

*Interventions from the floor*

**B: Mobilizing Resources in Support of the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda**

Background Document E/ECE/1482

*Moderator:* Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, Senior Vice President for the 2030 Agenda, United Nations Relations and Partnerships, World Bank Group  
Mr. Roger Fiszelson, Director General, Confederation of International Contractors' Associations; Member of the UNECE PPP Business Advisory Board  
Mr. Amitabh Mehta, Director, Fundraising, Innovative Funding, Strategy, Corporate Partnerships & CSR, Indus Blue Consulting  
Mr. Luc de Marliave, Head of Public Affairs Europe, Total New Energies  
H.E. Ms. Zhanar Aitzhanova, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations at Geneva

*Interventions from the floor*

18:15 – 20:00  
Bar Serpent

**Special Event: Reception**



## Thursday, 27 April 2017

9:00 – 9:45  
Room XVII

**Side Event:** Batumi Talk Show: Scoring SDGs through Action on Green Economy and Clean Air

9:00 – 17:00  
Foyer (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

**Exhibit:** Publications Fair: UNECE in Print

9:00 – 17:00  
Foyer (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

**Exhibit:** Tracing Sustainable Trade

9:00 – 17:00  
Gallery (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

**Exhibit:** Bicycles for Personal Mobility and Cargo Delivery

9:00 – 17:00  
Gallery (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

**Exhibit:** Building Fair: Principles-Based Energy Efficiency in Buildings Guidelines

10:00 – 13:00  
Room XVII

### 67<sup>th</sup> Commission Session

Item 4

**Opening and Discussion and Endorsement of the High-Level Statement**

Item 5

**Report on activities of the Executive Committee**

Item 6

**Other issues calling for decision by the Commission**

Item 7

**Election of Officers**

Item 8

**Other business**

13:00 – 16:00  
Door 40

**Side Event:** Bicycles for Personal Mobility and Cargo Delivery Demonstration

13:30 – 14:15  
Room XVII

**Side Event:** Managing Resources Strategically: A Tool to Attain the 2030 Agenda

14:20 – 15:45  
Gallery (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

**Side Event:** Building Fair: Principles-Based Energy Efficiency in Buildings Guidelines Presentation

16:30 – 18:00  
Room XVII

### 67<sup>th</sup> Commission Session

Item 9

**Adoption of the report of the session**

**Close of Session**

