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### Committee on Environmental Policy

#### United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development

##### Fourteenth meeting

Geneva, 2 and 3 May 2019

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

##### Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the fourteenth meeting

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m.  
on Thursday, 2 May 2019\*

#### I. Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.
2. Implementation of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development:
  - (a) Preliminary results on progress achieved and challenges encountered in the fourth phase of implementation;

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- (b) Regional framework of cooperation for sustainable development: Regional Forum on Sustainable Development;
  - (c) Outcomes of capacity-building activities.
3. Education for sustainable development for achieving sustainable development goals through the engagement of youth.
  4. Recent activities to promote education for sustainable development in other international forums.
  5. Outcomes of the first meeting and of the subsequent work of the Ad hoc group for Strategic Planning: the draft concept note for the post-2019 implementation framework.
  6. Outline of the draft workplan for the post-2019 implementation framework.
  7. Strengthening synergies with other organizations and processes.
  8. Preparations for the next post-2019 mandatory reporting cycle under the Strategy: updating the format for reporting.
  9. Status of the trust fund and resource requirements.
  10. Calendar of meetings.
  11. Other business.
  12. Closure of the meeting.

## **II. Annotations to the provisional agenda**

### **1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda**

*Timing: Thursday, 2 May, 10–10:15 a.m.*

1. The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development is expected to adopt the agenda for its fourteenth meeting as set out in the present document. The draft agenda was prepared by the secretariat and the Chair of the Committee in consultation with the Bureau.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Documentation**

Annotated provisional agenda for the thirteenth meeting (ECE/CEP/AC.13/2018/1).

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<sup>1</sup> The provisional agenda and other documents for the meeting, including informal papers, will be made available on the meeting web page: <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=51107>

## **2. Implementation of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development**

### **(a) Preliminary results on progress achieved and challenges encountered in the fourth phase of implementation**

*Timing: Thursday, 2 May, 10:15–11:30 a.m.*

2. The Steering Committee will be informed about the findings of the fourth mandatory reporting cycle, which was carried out at the end of the fourth phase of implementation (2017-2019) of the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development (Strategy) (information Paper No.1).

3. The Committee will be invited to consider both the progress made and the remaining challenges as presented in the national implementation reports, and in particular to discuss the implications of the findings from the fourth reporting round for the implementation of activities beyond implementation phase IV.

4. Countries will be invited to complement the secretariat's presentation with interventions on outstanding activities and initiatives implemented since the thirteenth Steering Committee meeting in May 2018.

#### **Documentation**

Preliminary findings of the synthesis report on progress in the implementation of the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development during 2017-2019 (information paper No. 1).

### **(b) Regional framework of cooperation for sustainable development: Regional Forum on Sustainable Development**

*Timing: Thursday, 2 May, 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.*

5. The secretariat will inform the meeting about the outcomes of the peer learning round table “The Power of Knowledge for Change: Education and Learning as Drivers of Sustainable Development and ‘learning to live together’”, organised in the framework of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (RFSD) (Geneva, 22-23 March 2019) (information paper No. 2).

#### **Documentation**

Summary of outcomes of the RFSD peer learning round table “The Power of Knowledge for Change: Education and Learning as Drivers of Sustainable Development and ‘learning to live together’” (information paper No. 2).

### **(c) Outcomes of capacity-building activities**

*Timing: Thursday, 2 May, 12–12:30 p.m.*

6. The secretariat together with the host country (Georgia) will update participants on the outcomes of a Swiss-funded capacity-building workshop, held on 5 and 6 April 2019 in Tbilisi, and on the promotion of education for sustainable development on the national level.

### **3. Education for sustainable development for achieving sustainable development goals through the engagement of youth**

*Timing: Thursday, 2 May, 12:30–1 p.m.*

7. The youth sector plays a vital role in the transition towards a more sustainable future. Young people's vision and energy can be the force that can drive dynamically the rest of society to new sustainable lifestyles and provide innovative solutions and alternatives for sustainable development. Investing in youth, the society invests in its future. Education for sustainable development, as a transformational process, has a central role to educate, inspire and motivate young people to take actions for more resilient and sustainable communities.

8. The Chair of the Steering Committee will invite the Committee to discuss: a) the ways that youth can engage in advancing the education for sustainable development agenda and particularly in ECE processes, b) the challenges that must be taken in account regarding the youth engagement in achieving the sustainable development goals.

#### **Documentation**

Outline of the discussion issues (information paper No. 3).

### **4. Recent activities to promote education for sustainable development in other international forums**

*Timing: Thursday, 2 May, 3–5 p.m.*

9. The Steering Committee will be updated about recent activities to promote education for sustainable development in other international forums. It will be informed about the developments in the processes aimed at implementing education for sustainable development on the global level lead by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The UNESCO representative will update the Committee on the following:

- (a) Introduction of the post Global Action Programme (post-GAP) implementation plan;
- (b) Regional implementation of post-GAP;
- (c) Aligning reporting and indicators in the post-GAP phase.

10. The Steering Committee will be updated about the international seminar on education for sustainable development for countries of the Carpathian Convention, held in Budapest, 16-18 April 2019 and its outcomes.

11. The Steering Committee will be also updated about the recent activities held under the Mediterranean Strategy on Education for Sustainable Development and the Global Education Network Europe (GENE network).

## **5. Outcomes of the first meeting and of the subsequent work of the Ad hoc group for Strategic Planning: the draft concept note for the post-2019 implementation framework**

*Timing: Thursday, 3 May, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*

12. The secretariat will update the Steering Committee on the outcomes of the first meeting of the Ad hoc group for Strategic Planning, held on 27-28 November 2018 in the Hague, the Netherlands.

13. The Chair of the Steering Committee will present the draft concept note for the post-2019 implementation framework, elaborated by the members of the Ad hoc group.

14. The Chair will invite the leaders of the Ad hoc group to present concept notes for each of the four thematic areas outlined in the draft concept note, as follows: (i) Whole institution approach – institutions as communities of transformational learning; (ii) Education for sustainable development as a quality education and sustainable development goals; (iii) Digital education, information communication technologies and education for sustainable development; and (iv) Youth, entrepreneurship employment and innovation.

15. The participants will be invited to form four groups for discussing the proposed draft concept notes for each of the four thematic areas outlined in the draft concept note for the post-2019 implementation framework. The secretariat will be mandated to incorporate the results of the discussions in the presented draft concept note for the post-2019 implementation framework and to circulate it to the Steering Committee for final approval with the purpose of submission of the final version of the document to the next meeting of the Committee, to be held in spring 2020.

### **Documentation**

Outcomes of the first meeting of the Ad hoc group on strategic planning: draft concept note for the post-2019 implementation framework (ECE/CEP/AC.13/2019/4).

## **6. Outline of the draft workplan for the post-2019 implementation framework**

*Timing: Friday, 3 May, 12:30 –1:00 p.m.*

16. The Committee will be invited to consider the outline of the draft workplan for implementation of the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development after 2019. The draft workplan is aimed to establish a road map of activities to be undertaken during the post-2019 implementation phase to further the implementation of the Strategy at the national and international levels in accordance with the mandate, articulated by education and environment ministries at the Batumi High-level Meeting in 2016, and taking into consideration the timelines of the post-GAP implementation plan.

17. The outline was prepared by the secretariat on the basis of the framework for the future implementation of the Strategy and the draft concept note for the post-2019 implementation framework in cooperation with the Ad hoc group on strategic planning and the Bureau.

18. The Steering Committee will be invited to provide comments on the proposed outline.

19. The secretariat will be mandated to incorporate the provided comments into the proposed outline of the draft workplan for post-2019 implementation period and to

elaborate the final document for its official submission for the next meeting of the Committee to be held in spring 2020.

#### **Documentation**

Outline of the draft workplan for the post-2019 implementation framework for the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development (ECE/CEP/AC.13/2019/3).

### **7. Strengthening synergies with other organizations and processes**

*Timing: Friday, 3 May, 3–4 p.m.*

20. Delegations, and in particular stakeholders, such as international and non-governmental organizations, regional environmental centres and research institutions, may wish to inform the Steering Committee of activities related to the Strategy's implementation currently being carried out or planned at the national and international levels.

21. The Steering Committee will be informed about the Youth Employment Network for Energy Sustainability in Islands (YENESIS).

### **8. Preparations for the next post-2019 mandatory reporting cycle under the Strategy: updating the format for reporting**

*Timing: Friday, 3 May, 4–4:45 p.m.*

22. The Steering Committee will be invited to consider the reporting timeline<sup>2</sup>, including for the fifth cycle of reporting to be carried out at the end of the next implementation phase. An outline of proposed new indicators or changes to the existing indicators to be included in the updated reporting format will be presented to the Steering Committee for discussion.

23. In addition, countries may wish to express ideas about the outline of the evaluation report that will be prepared on the basis of the national implementation reports.

#### **Documentation**

Considerations for updating the reporting format on the implementation of the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development (information paper No. 4)

### **9. Status of the trust fund and resource requirements**

*Timing: Friday, 4 May, 4:45–5:15 p.m.*

24. The secretariat will report to the Steering Committee about contributions received since the Committee's last meeting, on the basis of an informal note (information paper No. 5) to be submitted for the Committee's consideration at the meeting. Since the funding situation of the Strategy is very tight, and the regional activities are funded exclusively through contributions by member States to the trust fund, advance indications of pledges by States are vital.

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<sup>2</sup> To be outlined depending on the inputs from the Committee members and partners

25. The Chair of the Steering Committee will invite the members of the Committee and national focal points to consider the funding situation with regard to the Strategy's activities over the past several years with a view to examining alternative ways to address the matter.

26. During the discussion, the Steering Committee will be expected to look for ways to mobilize additional funds for capacity-building activities at the national and subregional levels.

#### **Documentation**

Contributions, incurred expenses and estimated resource requirements (information paper No. 5)

### **10. Calendar of meetings**

*Timing: Friday, 3 May, 5:15–5:30 p.m.*

27. The Steering Committee will be invited to discuss the format and the timing of the fourteenth Steering Committee meeting, to be held in 2019.

### **11. Other business**

*Timing: Friday, 4 May, 5:30–5:45 p.m.*

28. The Steering Committee will be invited to discuss any other business that might be brought to its attention. Delegations wishing to propose items are invited to inform the secretariat as soon as possible.

### **12. Closure of the meeting**

*Timing: Friday, 4 May, 5:45–6 p.m.*

29. Following some concluding remarks, the Chair will officially close the thirteenth meeting.

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