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

##### **Eighth meeting**

Geneva, 21 and 22 March 2013

Item 6 of the provisional agenda

##### **Regional consultation on the assessment of and follow-up to the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development**

### **Detailed annotated agenda for the regional consultation on the follow-up to the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development**

**Note by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization**

#### **I. Detailed agenda**

1. Opening of the session.
2. Towards a post-2014 education for sustainable development framework.
3. Preparations for the World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development.
4. Education for sustainable development reporting frameworks and final assessment of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development.
5. Closure of the session.

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

### **1. Opening of the session**

*Timing: Friday, 22 March, 10–10.30 a.m.*

1. The Chair of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development will open the session with introductory remarks and representatives of ECE and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) will welcome participants.

### **2. Towards a post-2014 education for sustainable development framework**

*Timing: Friday, 22 March, 10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–4 p.m.*

2. Member States and observers will be invited to comment on the following questions related to the follow-up to the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DESD):

(a) What are the key priority areas for education for sustainable development (ESD) activities after 2014?

(b) Which ESD initiatives have been particularly successful and should be considered for scaling-up in a post-2014 ESD framework?

(c) What are the particular challenges that States have encountered in the implementation of the DESD that need to be addressed post 2014?

3. Comments may relate to the global, regional, national or subnational levels.

### **3. Preparations for the World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development**

*Timing: Friday, 22 March, 4–4.45 p.m.*

4. The UNESCO secretariat will present a brief overview of the planning to date for the World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development to be held in 2014. On the basis of the information note on the Conference (ECE/CEP/AC.13/2013/7), member States and observers will be invited to provide suggestions for the preparation of the Conference from a regional perspective.

### **4. Education for sustainable development reporting frameworks and final assessment of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development**

*Timing: Friday, 22 March, 4.45–5.30 p.m.*

5. A brief recapitulation of UNESCO and ECE reporting frameworks will be presented, including suggestions on how to further align the two processes. Member States and observers will be invited to comment on possibilities to further align UNESCO and ECE reporting on ESD.

**5. Closure of the session**

*Timing: Friday, 22 March, 5.30–6 p.m.*

6. The Chair will summarize the comments and suggestions made during the regional consultation before closing the session.
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