Preliminary Programme

Wednesday, 17 March 2021, Hybrid meeting

10:00 - 12:00

Opening and High-level Policy Segment
Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and action and delivery on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the UNECE Region

OPENING (10:00-10:30 CET)

Mr. Francisco André
Co-Chair of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Portugal

Mr. László Borbély
Co-Chair of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
State Counsellor to the Prime Minister, Romania

Ms. Amina J. Mohammed (video message)
Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

Mr. Munir Akram (video message)
President of the Economic and Social Council

Ms. Olga Algayerova
UNECE Executive Secretary and Under-Secretary-General

HIGH-LEVEL POLICY SEGMENT (10:30-12:00 CET)

Keynote address by Mr. Hans Kluge
WHO Regional Director for Europe

PLENARY DEBATE

12:00 – 14:00

Lunch break

14:00 – 16:00

Plenary Session
Key actions and accelerators to tackle the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 and to promote a sustainable recovery

The session will take into account key messages from the virtual peer learning sessions (thematic clusters: People, Prosperity, Planet and cross-cutting issues).

Guiding questions: Which are the key actions and accelerators of member States to tackle the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 and move towards a sustainable recovery? What are the key take-aways for member States and other stakeholders from the peer learning sessions?

Mr. László Borbély
Co-Chair of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
State Counsellor to the Prime Minister, Romania

MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PANEL (14:10-14:40 CET)

Ms. Odeta Barbullushi
Adviser to the Prime Minister of Albania
National Coordinator for Regional Cooperation of Albania
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**Plenary Session and Closing**

**Experiences from the region with Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)**

Experiences from UNECE member States that have presented or will present VNRs at the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, including linkages between multiple VNRs and the inclusion of SDG implementation at the local level.

Guiding questions: What are the experiences of member States with the VNR process? If member States have prepared more than one VNR, what are the linkages between these VNRs? How has the local dimension of SDG acceleration and implementation been reflected in VNRs? How could the VNR process further evolve in the future?

Mr. Francisco André  
Co-Chair of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development  
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Portugal

Mr. Liu Zhenmin  
Under-Secretary-General of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations

Mr. Martin Chungong  
Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

Mr. Alexander Marschik (video message)  
Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations in New York  
Co-facilitator for the intergovernmental negotiations for the review process of the ECOSOC and HLPF

Ms. Najat Maalla M'jid (video message)  
Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children

**MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PANEL** (10:15-10:45 CET)

Mr. Vladislav Smrž  
Deputy Minister of the Ministry of the Environment, Czech Republic

Ms. Mia Crawford  
Coordinator 2030 Agenda, Deputy Director Global Agenda, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden
Mr. Anton Czvetov
Deputy Director, Department of Multilateral Economic Cooperation and Special Projects, Ministry of Economic Development, Russian Federation

Mr. Peter Erik Danielsson
Mayor of Helsingborg, Sweden
Report from the pre-meeting “Local Governments: The role of SDG Voluntary Local Reviews”

Ms. Nelya Rakhimova
Open School of Sustainable Development, Openshkola (Civil Society representative)

PLENARY DEBATE (10:45-11:40 CET)

Ms. Tatiana Valovaya
Director-General of the UN Office at Geneva and Under-Secretary-General

Ms. Olga Algayerova
UNECE Executive Secretary and Under-Secretary-General

Mr. Francisco André
Co-Chair of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
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Peer learning round tables
10-16 March 2021, Virtual sessions

Cluster 1: PEOPLE

Strengthening health, food and social protection systems towards COVID-19 recovery and resilience

Session 1-1
10 March 2021, 14:00-16:00 CET
The impact of COVID-19 on sustainable development: strengthening health system and social protection Read More

Session 1-2
10 March 2021, 10:00-12:00 CET
Accelerating SDG progress in the time of a pandemic: improving food systems to make healthy diets accessible to all Read More

Session 1-3
16 March 2021, 10:00-12:00 CET
Road safety - Changing gear Read More

Cluster 2: PROSPERITY

Building back innovative, inclusive and sustainable economies and providing decent and productive jobs for all

Session 2-1
11 March 2021, 10:00-12:00 CET
Recovering from COVID-19 through a sustainable and human-centred approach to the future of work Read More

Session 2-2
12 March 2021, 10:00-12:00 CET
Young people and COVID-19: Impact and Solutions Read More

Session 2-3
11 March 2021, 10:00-12:00 CET
Transforming Tourism for a sustainable, prosperous, and inclusive post COVID-19 world
Pathways to a sustainable COVID-19 recovery for climate and the environment

Session 3-1
16 March 2021, 10:00-12:00 CET
Partnerships for a sustainable recovery: Initiatives to accelerate the achievement of the environment and climate goals of the 2030 Agenda

Read More

Session 3-2
15 March 2021, 10:00-12:00 CET
Making sustainable production and consumption work for the circular economy of tomorrow

Read More

Session 3-3
15 March 2021, 10:00-12:00 CET
Building back better through Climate-Resilient Recovery

Read More

Session 3-4
15 March 2021, 15:00-17:00 CET
Snapshot on Boreal forests’ contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals

Read More

CROSS-CUTTING SESSIONS

Session 4-1
12 March 2021, 15:00-17:00 CET
SDGs and COVID-19 – how can data and statistics help building back better?

Read More

Session 4-2
15 March 2021, 10:00-12:30 CET
Digital Transformation for Sustainable Development Goals in the Wake of COVID-19

Read More

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