

Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

MONDAY, 21 JUNE

Time	Session
10:00–10:05 (CEST)	Opening remarks <i>Mr. Dmitry Mariyasin, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNECE</i>
10:05–10:10	Agenda item 1: Adoption of the agenda <i>Ms. Damegul Kabiyeva, Chair, SCTCS</i>
10:10–10:20	Agenda item 2: Election of officers <i>Mr. Mika Vepsäläinen, Chief of Section, Market Access, ECTD, UNECE, Secretary to the Steering Committee</i>

High-level segment: Removing regulatory and procedural barriers to trade in the Economic Commission for Europe region

10:20–11:05	Agenda item 4: Supporting the <u>removal of regulatory and procedural barriers to trade</u>: Serbia → Introductory remarks <i>Ms. Damegul Kabiyeva, Chair, SCTCS</i>
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- Opening speech
Mr. Stevan Nikčević, State Secretary in the Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Telecommunications and Chairman of the Serbian Trade Facilitation Body
- Ongoing reforms and key findings and recommendations emerging from the UNECE assessment
Ms. Hana Daoudi, Economic Affairs Officer, Market Access Section, ECTD, UNECE
- Improving trade facilitation conditions: Priority needs
Mr. Dusko Marinkovic, Deputy Director General, Customs Administration of Serbia
- Consolidating the national system of quality infrastructure: Priority needs
Mr. Zoran Bakic, Head of Special Working Group on the Regulation of Quality and Products Safety, Ministry of Economy of Serbia
- Synergies with the United Nations' operational activities and programmes in Serbia
Ms. Francoise Jacob, United Nations Resident Coordinator, Serbia
- Concluding remarks
Ms. Damegul Kabiyeva, Chair, SCTCS

11:05–12:00

Agenda item 5: Findings and recommendations emerging from the COVID-19 impact assessments targeting micro, small and medium-sized enterprises in selected countries

- Introductory remarks
Ms. Damegul Kabiyeva, Chair, SCTCS
- Increasing the contribution of non-tariff measures to post pandemic recovery and structural transformation: Challenges and recommendations emerging from UNECE assessments
Ms. Hana Daoudi, Economic Affairs Officer, Market Access Section, ECTD, UNECE
- Updates from the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Belarus, Georgia and the Republic of Moldova

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- *Mr. Artur Maysuryan, Head of EU Economic Cooperation Department, Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Armenia*
 - *Ms. Elina Simonyan, Advisor, Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Armenia*
 - *Ms. Iryna Babachenok, Deputy Head of the Main Department of Regional Development and Property Relations, Head of the Department of Property Relations, Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Belarus*
 - *Mr. Vakhtang Tsintsadze, Head of Economic Analysis and Reforms Department, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia*
 - *Ms. Iuliana Dragalin, State Secretary, Ministry of Economy and Infrastructure of the Republic of Moldova*
 - *Mr. Viorel Doaga, Deputy Head of the Revenues and Customs Control Department, Customs Service of the Republic of Moldova*
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Break

15:00–15:45

Agenda item 5: Findings and recommendations emerging from the COVID-19 impact assessments targeting micro, small and medium-sized enterprises in selected countries

→ Synergies with the United Nations' operational activities and programmes at the country level

- *Mr. Shombi Sharp, Resident Coordinator, UN Resident Coordinator Office in Armenia*
- *Ms. Joanna Kazana, Resident Coordinator, UN Resident Coordinator Office in Belarus*
- *Ms. Sabine Machl, Resident Coordinator, UN Resident Coordinator Office in Georgia*
- *Mr. Simon Springett, Resident Coordinator, UN Resident Coordinator Office in the Republic of Moldova*

15:45–16:30

General debate on issues discussed under agenda items 4 and 5

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- Concluding remarks
Ms. Damegul Kabiyeva, Chair, SCTCS

16:30–16:50

Agenda item 6: Country follow-up to Economic Commission for Europe studies on regulatory barriers and procedural barriers to trade

- Opening remarks
Ms. Damegul Kabiyeva, Chair, SCTCS
- Interventions:
 - *Mr. Giorgi Chitadze, Deputy Director General, Georgian Accreditation Center (GAC), Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia*
 - *Mr. Rustambek Sartkalchaev, IT Expert Administrator, Single Window State Enterprise in foreign trade under the Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic*
 - *Mr. Ralf Peters, Chief, Trade Information Section and Officer-in-Charge, Trade Analysis Branch, Division on International Trade in Goods, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development*
- Concluding remarks
Ms. Damegul Kabiyeva, Chair, SCTCS

General segment

Agenda item 7: Programme of Work

16:50–17:00

(d) Stakeholder needs and priorities

- Uzbekistan
Mr. Askar Mirsaidov, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations in Geneva
- Concluding remarks
Ms. Damegul Kabiyeva, Chair, SCTCS

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Continuation of the general segment

**09:30–09:40
(CEST) Agenda item 3: Matters arising**

- Introductory remarks
Ms. Damegul Kabiyeva, Chair, SCTCS
- Report on matters arising
Ms. Elisabeth Tuerk, Director, Economic Cooperation and Trade Division (ECTD), UNECE
- Concluding remarks
Ms. Damegul Kabiyeva, Chair, SCTCS

Agenda item 7: Programme of Work (continued)

09:40–10:15 (a) Updates from subsidiary bodies

- Opening remarks
Ms. Damegul Kabiyeva, Chair, SCTCS
- Updates from UNECE Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies (WP.6)
Mr. Mika Vepsäläinen, Chief of Section, Market Access, ECTD, UNECE, Secretary to the Steering Committee
- Updates from UNECE Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards (WP.7)
Ms. Agnieszka Sudol, Chair, WP.7, UNECE
- Concluding remarks
Ms. Damegul Kabiyeva, Chair, SCTCS

10:15–10:30 (b) Capacity-building and technical assistance activities

- Opening remarks
Ms. Damegul Kabiyeva, Chair, SCTCS
- Updates on regional activities
Mr. Mario Apostolov, UNECE Regional Advisor on Trade and Economic Integration
- Results of the independent review of UNECE project financed under the United Nations Development Account

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	<p>“Strengthening the National Capacities of Selected UNECE Countries for Evidence-Based Regulatory and Procedural Trade Policies to Achieve SDGs”</p> <p><i>Mr. Nicolas Dath-Baron, Programme Management & Support Services Division, Office of the Executive Secretary, UNECE</i></p> <p>→ Concluding remarks <i>Ms. Damegul Kabiyeva, Chair, SCTCS</i></p>
10:30–10:40	<p>(c) Cooperation with Economic Commission for Europe bodies and other organizations</p> <p>→ Introductory remarks <i>Ms. Damegul Kabiyeva, Chair, SCTCS</i></p> <p>→ Updates from UN/CEFACT <i>Mr. Lance Thompson, Secretary to UN/CEFACT, UNECE</i></p> <p>→ Concluding remarks <i>Ms. Damegul Kabiyeva, Chair, SCTCS</i></p>
10:40–10:50	<p>(e) Status of implementation of the Trade subprogramme 2021 programme of work</p> <p>→ Opening remarks <i>Ms. Damegul Kabiyeva, Chair, SCTCS</i></p> <p>→ Report on the status of the implementation of the Trade subprogramme 2021 programme of work <i>Ms. Elisabeth Tuerk, Director, ECTD, UNECE</i></p> <p>→ Concluding remarks <i>Ms. Damegul Kabiyeva, Chair, SCTCS</i></p>
10:50–11:00	<p>(f) Trade subprogramme’s programme of work for 2022 and outline of key components of the programme of work for 2023</p> <p>→ Opening remarks <i>Ms. Damegul Kabiyeva, Chair, SCTCS</i></p> <p>→ Programme of work for 2022 and outline of key components for 2023 <i>Ms. Elisabeth Tuerk, Director, ECTD, UNECE</i></p>



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	→ UN/CEFACT programme of work for 2022 <i>Ms. Maria Teresa Pisani, OiC, Trade Facilitation Section, ECTD, UNECE</i>
	→ Concluding remarks <i>Ms. Damegul Kabiyeva, Chair, SCTCS</i>
11:00–11:05	Agenda item 2: Election of officers (cont.) <i>Mr. Mika Vepsäläinen, Chief of Section, Market Access, ECTD, UNECE, Secretary to the Steering Committee</i>
11:05–11:10	Agenda item 8: Other business <i>Ms. Damegul Kabiyeva, Chair, SCTCS</i>
11:10–11:30	Agenda item 9: Adoption of the report <i>Ms. Damegul Kabiyeva, Chair, SCTCS</i>
11:30	End of meeting
