

Programme

**Annual Meeting of the SPECA Thematic Working Group on Gender
and the Sustainable Development Goals**

“Building back fairer: Gender equality in a post-COVID world”

Tuesday, 2 November 2021, 9:30 – 12:30, (UTC+1)

Virtual meeting

9:00-9:30	Registration: setting up the on-line format of the meeting
9:30-10:00	<p>Welcome remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Dmitry Mariyasin, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNECE • Mr. Kaveh Zahedi, Deputy Executive Secretary, ESCAP • Ms. Sadagat Gahramanova, Deputy Chairperson of the State Committee for Family, Women and Children’s Affairs, Azerbaijan, and Chair of the Thematic Working Group on Gender and SDGs
	Session 1: Policy initiatives and measures implemented in response to COVID-19 and its economic and social consequences on women and girls
10:00-11:15	<p>Country presentations (10 minutes each)</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Ms. Sadagat Gahramanova, Deputy Chairperson of the State Committee for Family, Women and Children’s Affairs, Azerbaijan, and Chair of the Thematic Working Group on Gender and SDGs</p> <p>Peer learning and sharing of best practices and lessons learned on the thematic priority areas for the Working Group, including policy initiatives and measures implemented in response to COVID-19 pandemic and its economic and social consequences on women and girls.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Sadagat Gahramanova, Deputy Chairperson of the State Committee for Family, Women and Children’s Affairs of Azerbaijan, and Chair of the Thematic Working Group on Gender and SDGs • Mr. Shahmardan Baimanov, Chairman of the Committee on Youth and Family Affairs, Kazakhstan • Ms. Gulnura Mambetisaeva, Head of Family, Children, Gender Policy and Protection from Domestic Violence, Kyrgyzstan • Ms. Hilolbi Kurbonzoda, Chairperson of the Committee for women and family affairs, Tajikistan • Ms. Shemshat Atadjanova, Head of Department of Democracy and International Relations of the Institute of State, Law and Democracy, Turkmenistan • Ms. Malika Kadyrkhanova, Chairperson of the Committee on Women and Gender Equality of the Senate of the Oliy Majlis of Republic of Uzbekistan

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Gulnora Marufova - First Deputy Minister for Mahalla and Family Support of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Deputy Chairperson of the Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan on the issues of ensuring gender equality, Uzbekistan <p>Discussion</p>
	<p>Session 2: Group Discussion: Rethinking economic policies to systematically reflect gender and care dimensions in design and implementation</p>
11:15-12:00	<p><i>Moderator:</i> Ms. Malinka Koparanova, Senior Social Affairs Officer and Gender Focal Point, UNECE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic policies for empowering women with a focus on care economy: key actions to ensure resilient societies during and after COVID-19 pandemic in SPECA countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNECE main findings and recommendations from assessments of women’s economic empowerment through reducing the unpaid care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Nazgul Tashpaeva, expert, member of the task force on the development of the national strategy for development of the Kyrgyz Republic for 2021 – 2026. - ESCAP main findings and recommendations with regard to unpaid care and domestic work in the Asia-Pacific region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Cai Cai, Chief, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Section, Social Development Division, ESCAP • Identification of opportunities for sub-regional cooperation and to accelerate gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in SPECA countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Nargis Azizova, Programme Specialist, UN Women Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia - Ms. Barbora Galvankova, Programme specialist, Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment, UNDP Regional Hub for Europe and CIS - Ms. Dono Abdurazakova, Senior Gender and Social Protection Adviser, FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia • Discussion
	<p>Session 3</p>
12:00-12:20	<p><i>Moderator:</i> Ms. Cai Cai, Chief, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Section Social Development Division, ESCAP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of the activities of the SPECA Working Group on Gender and SDGs for 2020-2021 • Work plan of the SPECA Working Group on Gender and SDGs for 2022-2023
	<p>Closing</p>
12:20-12:30	<p>Chair’s Summary of the meeting</p>