1. Opening of the session


2. Adoption of the Agenda

The Governing Council will consider the adoption of the agenda of its eighteenth session.

3. Outcomes of the 2023 SPECA Economic Forum “Transforming the SPECA Region into a Connectivity Hub with Global Outreach”

Report by the co-chairs of the Forum followed by a discussion. The Governing Council will consider the adoption of the conclusions and recommendations of the 2023 SPECA Economic Forum.


Progress reports of the SPECA Thematic Working Groups (will be circulated in advance of the session) followed by a discussion:

1 The SPECA Governing Council reiterates at all its sessions the request to the SPECA participating States to nominate SPECA focal points and focal points for each Working Group in writing to the ESCAP and UNECE secretariats.
The Governing Council will take note of progress made in the activities of the SPECA Thematic Working Groups since its seventeenth session, including implementation of the decisions of previous Governing Council sessions and strategic SPECA documents.

The Governing Council will consider the adoption of the 2024-2025 Work Plan for the SPECA Thematic Working Groups. The draft Work Plan will be circulated in advance of the session. Representatives of the UNECE and ESCAP secretariats will make a presentation on the Work Plan, followed by a discussion.

5. Establishment of SPECA Trust Fund (for information)

The Governing Council will hear about the progress made on the establishment of the SPECA Trust Fund.

6. Review of the SPECA Terms of Reference (ToR)

The SPECA Governing Council will consider revisions to the SPECA ToR. The draft of the revised SPECA ToR will be circulated in advance of the session.

7. UN General Assembly Resolution on SPECA (for information)

The Governing Council will hear about the progress made on a UN General Assembly Resolution on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of SPECA.

8. SPECA Summit (for information)

The SPECA participating State chairing SPECA in 2023 will inform about the organization of a SPECA Summit on 24 November 2023.

9. Discussion on the draft Roadmap for the Digitalization of Multimodal Data and Document Exchange along the Trans-Caspian Transport Corridor, Using United Nations Legal Instruments and Standards (for information)

10. Election of the next Chair country of SPECA

11. Date and venue of the 2024 SPECA Economic Forum and nineteenth session of the SPECA Governing Council

12. Other business

13. Adoption of decisions and closing of the session

Closing statements by the Heads of Delegation of the SPECA participating States, the high-level representatives of the UNECE and ESCAP secretariats.

14:00 – Lunch on behalf of the Minister of Economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan