Agenda item 3: Sustainable Development in the Region

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## Conclusions / key points

- Progress achieved until now has been far from satisfactory, **achievement of the SDGs in peril**
- In ECE region, **less than one out of five measurable targets on track** to be achieved
- **Political Declaration**
  - Reaffirmed **Rio Declaration principles** & importance of the **regional dimension**
  - Committed to scale up **financing**, enhance **partnerships**, **integrated** policies
  - **Commitments to action**: education on sustainable development, mid-term comprehensive review, consumption and production patterns; oceans; national frameworks and action plans
The next phase of the 2030 Agenda – accelerating progress towards achieving SDGs

• Exploiting synergies between various goals critical for acceleration
  
  o *Climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution* among the six key transitions for systemic impact on SDG achievement
  
  o Four “*engine room*” actions on country level on each transition area

• Twelve High Impact Initiatives of the UNDS: Nature Driving Economic Transformation a. o.

• Summit of the Future in 2024 to accelerate SDG implementation – based on proposals in Our Common Agenda
2024 Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

- Tentative theme: “Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the UNECE region in times of multiple crises: The effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions”.
- Set of five SDGs to be discussed in-depth at the 2024 HLPF:

**Plenary sessions (hybrid)**
- 13 March 2024, 10:00-13:00
- 14 March 2024, 15:00-18:00

**Peer learning round tables**
- 13 March 2024, 15:00-18:00
- 14 March 2024, 10:00-13:00

**Side events (virtual) and preparatory consultations**
## Plenary sessions

- **Focus:**
  - High-level policy debate on accelerating SDG progress and delivering transformative solutions.
  - Operationalizing the outcomes of the SDG Summit, with its focus on key SDG transition areas, including climate change and food systems.
  - Regional contribution to the preparations for the Summit of the Future.

## Peer learning sessions

- **Focus:**
  - Policy issues related to the five SDGs under in-depth review, highlighting concrete policies and actions.

- **Main actors:**
  - Government representatives
  - RCP and Issue-based Coalitions
  - UN Resident Coordinators
  - Civil society and other relevant partners
Content of the 2024 RFSD (2/2)

Annual SDG report

Chair’s report will be submitted to HLPF
We count on your engagement in the 2024 Regional Forum!

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