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**“Strengthening stability and security through co-operation on good
governance”**

FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING

Vienna, 25 - 26 January 2016
OSCE Congress Centre, Hofburg, Heldenplatz, 1010 Vienna

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

Monday, 25 January 2016

09:30 – 11:00 Opening Session

Welcoming remarks

- **Ambassador Eberhard Pohl**, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Germany to the OSCE, 2016 OSCE German Chairmanship
- **Ambassador Lamberto Zannier**, OSCE Secretary General
- **Dr. Halil Yurdakul Yiğitgüden**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Keynote speeches

- **Prof. Dr. Dr. Klaus Töpfer**, former Executive Director of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), former German Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety
- **Dr. Helge Wendenburg**, Director General, Water Management and Resource Conservation, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Germany

Rapporteur: Ms. Jenniver Sehring, Environmental Affairs Adviser, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Statements by Delegations / Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00 **Session I: Good environmental governance, economic development and competitiveness**

Selected topics:

- Good environmental governance as a prerequisite for sustainable development and enhanced stability and security
- Impact of good environmental governance on investment climate and competitiveness
- Good environmental governance in supply chain management
- Exchange of best practices on environmental performance in the business sector

Moderator: Mr. Johannes Kaup, Journalist, Radio Ö1, ORF

Rapporteur: Mr. Leonid Kalashnyk, Environmental Programme Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Speakers:

- **Ambassador Felipe de la Morena Casado**, Ambassador at Large for International Environmental Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation, Spain
- **Ms. Nilza de Sena, MP**, Vice-Chair of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly's Committee for Economic Affairs, Science, Technology and Environment
- **Dr. Alistair Clark**, Managing Director for Environment and Sustainability, EBRD
- **Dr. Clemens Grabher**, Managing Director, 11er Nahrungsmittel GmbH, Austria

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch hosted by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

14:30 – 16:00 **Session II: Environmental legislation and its impact on business and investment**

Selected topics:

- The role of the national environmental regulatory framework for investment climate and competitiveness
- Multilateral environmental agreements as catalyst for an enabling business environment
- Exchange of best practices on environmental compliance

Moderator: Dr. Eric Frey, Managing Editor, Der Standard

Rapporteur: Ms. Brigitte Krech, Economic and Environmental Affairs Adviser, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Speakers:

- **Mr. Ethan Shenkman**, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, United States Environmental Protection Agency, USA
- **Mr. Nikolai Shvets**, Deputy Chairman, Federal Grid Company of Unified Energy Systems, Russian Federation
- **Dr. Dirk Buschle**, Deputy Director/Head of Legal Unit, Energy Community Secretariat
- **Mr. Nicholas Bonvoisin**, Acting Chief, Transboundary Cooperation Section, Environment Division, UNECE
- **Dr. Thomas Hruschka**, Director of Sustainable Development, Environmental Protection, City of Vienna, Austria

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 – 18:00 **Session III: Transparency, access to information, and stakeholder participation**

Selected topics:

- Effective stakeholder participation mechanisms for environmentally sound investment and development projects and programmes
- Enhancing transparency in environmental decision-making at all levels
- Consultative processes in promoting resource efficiency and sustainable development
- Bridging local communities, local authorities and the private sector

Moderator: Ms. Marta Bonifert, Executive Director, Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe

Rapporteur: Ms. Dana Bogdan, Project Assistant, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Speakers:

- **Ms. Nino Tandilashvili**, Head of Division of Relations with the Parliament and Legal Drafting, Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Environment, Georgia
- **Ms. Adriana Gheorghe**, Project Manager - Cooperation EU Neighbours and Central Asia, European Environment Agency
- **Ms. Maria Brückner**, Project Manager, Zebralog, Germany
- **Mr. Dmitry Prudtskikh**, Khujand Aarhus Centre, Tajikistan

18:30 **Reception hosted by the 2016 OSCE German Chairmanship** (Café Palmenhaus, Burggarten 1, 1010 Vienna)

Tuesday, 26 January 2016

09:30 – 11:00 **Session IV: Good environmental governance in the raw materials sector**

Selected topics:

- Management of mineral resources for sustainable development
- Initiatives for promoting transparency and good governance
- Best practices of local community and private sector interaction

Moderator: Dr. Frank Evers, Deputy Head, Centre for OSCE Research, The Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy, University of Hamburg

Rapporteur: Ms. Olga Skorokhodova, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Speakers:

- **Ambassador Artur Lorkowski**, Ambassador of Poland to Austria, former Deputy Director of the EU Economic Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland
- **Mr. Eero Yrjö-Koskinen**, Chairman of the Finnish Network for Sustainable Mining
- **Mr. Howard Mann**, Senior Advisor to the Secretariat, Intergovernmental Forum on Mining Minerals and Metals
- **Mr. Dorjdari Namkhajantsan**, Manager, National Resource Governance Institute, Mongolia
- **Mr. Kanybek Isabaev**, Director, Aarhus Centre, Osh, Kyrgyzstan

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00 **Session V: Resource efficiency and green technologies as instruments for sustainable development**

Selected topics:

- Resource efficiency as a win-win strategy for business and society
- Greening the economy in the context of strengthening security and stability, and prosperity
- Importance of green technologies, innovations and resource efficiency for addressing climate change challenges
- Benefits of green economy for investment climate and development

Moderator: Mr. Jan Dusík, Director, UNEP Regional Office for Europe

Rapporteur: Ms. Jenniver Sehring, Environmental Affairs Adviser, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Speakers:

- **Ms. Birgit Schwenk**, Head of Division, European and International Affairs of Resource Efficiency, Raw Materials Policy, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Germany
- **Mr. Christiaan Prins**, Head of European External Affairs, Unilever, Belgium
- **Dr. Bakhyt Yessekina**, Climate Change Adviser to the Minister of Energy, Director of the “Green Academy” Scientific Research and Education Centre, Kazakhstan
- **Mr. Krzysztof Michalak**, Senior Programme Manager, Environmental Directorate, OECD
- **Mr. Raffi V. Balian**, Director, US Regional Environmental, Science & Technology, and Health Hub for Central and Eastern Europe
- **Mr. Gökhan Yetkin**, CEO of Gonen Gubre Inc., Turkey

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch hosted by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

14:30 – 16:00 **Session VI: Sound waste management frameworks in the context of good environmental governance**

Selected topics:

- Promoting environmentally sound management of waste at all levels
- Preventing illegal transboundary movement of waste
- Best practices in addressing waste-related challenges

Moderator: **Ms. Désirée Schweitzer**, Deputy Co-ordinator/Head of Environmental Activities, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Rapporteur: **Mr. Leonid Kalashnyk**, Environmental Programme Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Speakers:

- **Ms. Olijana Ifti**, Deputy Minister of Environment, Albania
- **Dr. Andreas Jaron**, Head of Division, General, Principal and International Matters of Circular Economy, Transboundary Movement of Waste, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Germany
- **Ms. Tatiana Terekhova**, Programme Officer, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm Conventions
- **Mr. Georg Ketzler**, Member of the Executive Board and CFO, Saubermacher Dienstleistungs AG, Austria
- **Mr. Dmytro Skrylnikov**, Head of the NGO Bureau of Environmental Investigation, Ukraine

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 17:15 **Concluding Session**

Selected topics:

- Wrap-up of the discussions: lessons learned and priority areas for future discussion and increased co-operation
- Outlook to the 2nd Preparatory Meeting in Berlin

Speakers

- **Dr. Halil Yurdakul Yiğitgüden**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- **Ms. Christine Weil**, Deputy Head of Mission, Permanent Mission of Germany to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Mr. Bernhard Romstorfer, Desk Officer, Permanent Mission of Germany to the OSCE

Closing statements by Delegations