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The Secretariat**

2016 Aarhus Centres Annual Meeting

Vienna, 21-23 November 2016

Venue: Hofburg Congress Centre, Heldenplatz, 1010 Wien
Neuer Saal, 2nd Floor

AGENDA

Monday, 21 November

09:00 Registration

09:30-10:30 Opening Session: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – the role of Aarhus Centres

Moderator: Dr. Halil Yurdakul Yigitgüden, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Rapporteur: Ms. Dana Bogdan, Project Assistant, OCEEA

Opening Remarks:

- **Ambassador Lamberto Zannier**, OSCE Secretary General
- **Ms. Christine Weil**, Deputy Head of Mission, Permanent Mission of Germany to the OSCE, 2016 OSCE German Chairmanship

Speakers:

- **Ms. Olga Zakharova**, Manager, Aarhus Centre Minsk, Belarus
- **Ms. Nino Gokhelashvili**, Aarhus Convention National Focal Point, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection, Georgia
- **Ms. Maryna Yanush**, Environmental Affairs Officer, Aarhus Convention Secretariat, UNECE
- **Ms. Esra Buttanri**, Senior Environmental Affairs Adviser/Head, Environmental Co-operation Unit, OCEEA

Discussion

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 Session 1: Aarhus Centres' engagement in fostering green economy – experiences and prospects

Moderator: Mr. Andreas Stadler, Minister Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission of Austria to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Ms. Olivera Zurovac-Kuzman, Environmental Adviser, OSCE Mission to Serbia

Speakers:

- The role of Aarhus Centers in promoting green economy principles
Ms. Savriniso Hafizova, Manager, Aarhus Centre Garm, Tajikistan
- Aarhus Centres' engagement in fostering the transition to green economy in Armenia
Mr. Zhora Arakelyan, Co-ordinator, Hradzan Aarhus Centre, Armenia
- Circular economy in Serbia- a local perspective
Ms. Sonja Popovic, Manager, Aarhus Centre for South and East Serbia, Serbia
- Green economy activities: Challenges and opportunities in Ukraine
Ms. Alla Yushchuk, Senior Project Assistant, OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine
- Following up on Batumi core themes together with the Aarhus Centres
Dr. Johannes Mayer, Head of Unit of International Relations, Austrian Environment Agency, Austria

Discussion

12:30-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Session 2: Fostering transparency, accountability and public participation in environmental matters –Aarhus Centres' best practices

Moderator: Mr. Darren Perdue, Political Officer, United States Mission to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Mr. Erali Paiziev, Senior Programme Assistant, OSCE Centre in Bishkek

Speakers:

- Strengthening stakeholder participation for uranium legacy remediation in Kyrgyzstan
Mr. Kanybek Isabaev, Manager, Aarhus Centre Osh, Kyrgyzstan
- Increasing public participation in environmental decision-making in the Eastern Kazakhstan region through the EITI mechanism
Ms. Nadezhda Safonova, Director, Eastern Kazakhstan Aarhus Centre
- Fostering regional co-operation among SEE Aarhus Centers: DRR exercise as learning case
Mr. Robert Murataj, Manager, Aarhus Information Centre Vlora, Albania

- Activities and extension of the Aarhus Centre of Turkmenistan
Mr. Nazar Korpeyev, Manager, Aarhus Centre Turkmenistan
- Aarhus Centres' activities in fostering transparency and public participation in environmental matters in Montenegro
Mr. Aleksandar Perovic, Director, Aarhus Centre Niksic, Montenegro
- Aarhus Centre's role in the implementation of the Aarhus Convention in Azerbaijan
Mr. Shovkat Bakirov, Chief advisor of the Environmental Publicity Division and Aarhus Convention National Focal Point, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Azerbaijan

Discussion

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:30 **Session 3: Strengthening community based disaster risk reduction: the contribution of Aarhus Centres**

Moderator: Mr. Jean-Luc Oesch, Deputy Head of Delegation, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Ms. Alma Mirvic, Associate Project Co-ordinator, OCEEA

Speakers:

- Main results of the project “Strengthening the Capacities of Aarhus Centres in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) to Enhance Awareness of Local Communities”
Ms. Jenniver Sehring, Environmental Affairs Adviser, OCEEA
- The involvement of Aarhus Centre in strengthening the communities on DRR
Ms. Rodica Iordanov, Director, Aarhus Centre Chisinau, Moldova
- The more we know, the more resilient we are
Mr. Viktor Bjelic, Coordinator, Aarhus Centre Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- The role of Aarhus Centres in strengthening DRR and climate change response mechanism – practice of Khujand Aarhus Centre
Mr. Ikromjon Mamadov, Director, Aarhus Centre Khujand, Tajikistan

Discussion

18:00-19:30 **Reception hosted by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities**

Tuesday, 22 November

09:30-11:00 Session 4: Training session on green economy and resource efficiency

Moderator: Ambassador Desiree Schweitzer, Senior Advisor/Austrian Chairmanship Liaison, Office of the Secretary General, OSCE

Rapporteur: Ms. Nino Malashkhia, Associate Environmental Affairs Officer, OCEEA

Trainer: Mr. Michal Musil, Consultant, Integra Consulting Ltd

Speaker: Mr. Pawel Kazmierczyk, Project Manager, Resource Efficiency and Material Flows, European Environment Agency

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 Session 5: Discussion of the road map on green economy and resource efficiency

Moderator: Mr. Michal Musil, Consultant, Integra Consulting Ltd

Rapporteur: Mr. Mohamed Belbachir, Young Diplomat, OCEEA

13:00-14:30 Lunch

14:30–16:00 Session 6: Sustainability of Aarhus Centres

Moderator: Ms. Esra Buttanri, Senior Environmental Affairs Adviser/Head, Environmental Co-operation Unit, OCEEA

Rapporteur: Mr. Riccardo Zennaro, Assistant, OCEEA

Speaker: Mr. Sadun Emrealp, Consultant

Discussion

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

16:30-18:00 Session 7: Conclusion and way forward

Moderator: Mr. Ralf Ernst, Deputy Co-ordinator/Head of Environmental Activities, OCEEA

Rapporteur: Ms. Jenniver Sehring, Environmental Affairs Adviser, OCEEA

Speakers:

- Presentation of the new Aarhus Centres' website
Ms. Isabella Zaratsyan, Online Communications Officer, Communication and Media Relations Section, OSCE
- Media and NGOs collaboration for the improved reporting on environment and natural resources in Central Asia
Mr. Farhod Rahmatov, Project manager, Internews

Concluding statements:

- Representative of the 2016 OSCE German Chairmanship *TBC*
- **Mr. Andreas Stadler**, Minister Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission of Austria to the OSCE
- **Dr. Halil Yurdakul Yigitgüden**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Remarks from participants

19:00 Dinner hosted by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Heuriger Mayer am Pfarrplatz, Pfarrplatz 2, 1190 Vienna
(Bus transfer will be provided)

Wednesday, 23 November

Field visit with focus on green economy and resource efficiency

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