24th OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum

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

SECOND PREPARATORY MEETING

Berlin, 19 - 20 May 2016
Federal Foreign Office/Auswärtiges Amt, Unterwasserstrasse 10, 10117 Berlin, Germany

ANNOTATED AGENDA

Thursday, 19 May 2016

09:00 – 10:30 Opening Session

Welcoming remarks:

– Ambassador Eberhard Pohl, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Germany to the OSCE, 2016 German OSCE Chairmanship

– Dr. Halil Yurdakul Yigitguden, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Keynote speeches:

– Dr. Gernot Erler, Special Representative of the Federal Government of Germany for the 2016 OSCE Chairmanship, Member of the German Bundestag

– Prof. Peter Eigen, Chairman of the Advisory Council, Transparency International

– Mr. Denis Simonneau, Director of European and International Relations of ENGIE (former GDF Suez) and Chair of the ICC Commission on Corporate Responsibility and Anti-corruption, France

Moderator: Ambassador Eberhard Pohl, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Germany to the OSCE, 2016 German OSCE Chairmanship
Rapporteur: Ms. Brigitte Krech, Economic and Environmental Affairs Adviser, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Statements by Delegations / Discussion

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee/Tea break

11:00 – 13:00 Participation in the Concluding Panel of the OSCE Chairmanship Business Conference “Connectivity – for Trade and Investment”

13:00 – 13:30 Lunch hosted by the 2016 OSCE German Chairmanship

13:30 – 14:30 Session I (Panel debate): The impact of good governance on economic development and on the creation of a positive investment climate

Selected topics:

- Good governance as a prerequisite for sustainable economic development, stability and security
- Impact of transparency, accountability and good governance on investment climate and competitiveness
- The role of the private sector in strengthening good governance

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

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

Speakers:

- Mr. Nikoloz Gagua, Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development, Georgia
- Mr. Gazmend Turdii, Deputy Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council
- Dr. Valentin Alfaya, Health & Safety, Environment and Quality Director, Ferrovial; President of the Spanish Green Growth Group, Spain
- Prof. Peter Eigen, Chairman of the Advisory Council, Transparency International

14:30 – 15:00 Coffee/Tea break
15:00 – 16:30  
Session II: Trade facilitation measures as an important factor to strengthen good governance, foster economic development and stimulate business interaction

Selected topics:

- Inter-linkages between trade facilitation and economic development
- Reducing the administrative burden for trade and investment as a catalyst for economic development
- Harmonizing and simplifying customs and border crossing procedures in order to strengthen good governance and stimulate business interaction

Moderator: Mr. Walter Kemp, Vice President and Chief Operations Officer, International Peace Institute

Rapporteur: Ms. Zukhra Bektepova, Economic Affairs Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Affairs

Speakers:

- Mr. Robert Teh, Senior Research Economist, World Trade Organization
- Ms. Celine Kauffmann, Deputy Head, Division for the Regulatory Policy Division, OECD
- Ms. Ivonne Julitta Bollow, Head of Eastern Europe and International Affairs Corporate Public Policy, METRO Group, Germany
- Ms. Yulia Minaeva, Senior Economic and Environmental Officer, OSCE Centre in Bishkek
- Mr. Mika Poutiainen, Project Manager, Enforcement Department, International Affairs, Finnish Customs, Finland

16:30 – 17:00  
Coffee/Tea break

17:00 – 18:30  
Session III: Good governance as a basis for the fight against corruption, money laundering and the financing of terrorism

Selected topics:

- Compliance with international standards on anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism as a basis for creating an attractive business and investment climate
- Tackling bribery risks through the establishment of adequate regulatory systems
- Creating transparent and predictable procedures as a way to eliminate opportunities for corruption and to strengthen stability and security
• The role of the private sector in promoting good governance and fighting corruption

Moderator: Dr. Frank Evers, Deputy Head, Centre for OSCE Research (CORE), University of Hamburg, Germany

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

Speakers:

– Dr. Elina Sidorenko, Member of the Expert Council of the Presidential Administration on Combating Corruption, Russian Federation
– Mr. Roderick Macauley, Criminal Law Advisor, International and Corporate Criminal Law, Ministry of Justice, United Kingdom
– Ms. Laura Sherman, Anti-corruption Adviser, OSCE Mission to Serbia
– Mr. Francois Vincke, Vice Chairman, Commission on Corporate Responsibility and Anti-Corruption, International Chamber of Commerce

19:00 Reception hosted by the 2016 OSCE German Chairmanship
Session IV: Good governance in logistics and supply chains as a means to strengthen economic development, stability and security

Selected topics:

- Fostering economic connectivity through promoting good governance in logistics and supply chains
- Labour, social and environmental standards in supply chains
- The role of the private sector in strengthening good governance in logistics and supply chains
- Best practices on improving Euro-Asian transport and logistics

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

Rapporteur: Mr. Roel Janssens, Economic Adviser, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Speakers:

- Mr. Helmut Fischer, Head of Division for Sustainable Standards, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany
- Dr. Vytautas Naudožas, Ambassador of the Republic of Lithuania to the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Tajikistan, Lithuania
- Ms. Alejandra Cruz Ross, Technical Officer, Transport Sector, Sectoral Activities Department, International Labour Organisation
- Mr. Steven Pope, Head, European Customs and Regulatory Affairs, DHL Express
- Dr. Christoph Feldmann, Chief Executive Officer, Association for Supply Chain Management, Purchasing and Logistics (BME), Germany
- Ms. Eva Molnar, Director, Sustainable Transport Division, UNECE

Coffee/Tea break

Session V (Panel debate): Good migration governance and its contribution to economic growth, stability and security

Selected topics:

- Good migration governance, human mobility and economic productivity
- Economic globalization and labor migration
- The cost of ineffective labor migration policies
• Best practices on matching migrant workers’ skills with labor market needs

Moderator: Dr. Ursula Weidenfeld, Freelance Journalist, former Deputy Editor-In-Chief at “Der Tagesspiegel”, Germany

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

Speakers:
– Dr. Demetrios Papademetriou, President of Migration Policy Institute (MPI) Europe, President Emeritus of MPI, USA
– Ms. Natalia Popova, Senior Labour Economist, International Labour Organization
– Dr. Volker Treier, Deputy Chief Executive Office, Association of German Chambers of Commerce and Industry (DIHK), Germany

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 15:30 Session VI: The contribution of migrant workers to economic development, stability and security through circular and return migration

Selected topics:
• The economics of circular and return migration
• Implementation of effective labor migration policies from recruitment, to job placement, to return
• Best practices on managing circular and return migration in countries of origin, transit and destination
• Challenges and opportunities in addressing effective circular and return migration

Moderator: Ms. Natasha Walker, Communications Consultant, Germany

Rapporteur: Ms. Teresa Albano, Economic Affairs Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Speakers:
– Ms. Geertrui Lanneau, Senior Regional Specialist on Labour Mobility and Human Development Regional Office for the EU, Norway and Switzerland, International Organization for Migration
– Mr. Göran Hultin, Founder and CEO, Caden Corporation, Switzerland - Member, Global Agenda Council on Migration, World Economic Forum
Ms. Jana Costachi, Migration Expert, former Coordinator of ILO Projects in Moldova and Central Asia, former Deputy Minister of Social Protection and Labour, Moldova

Ms. Necla Uz, Labour Expert, General Directorate of Labour, Ministry of Labour and Social Security, Turkey

Prof. Ermelinda Meksi, Deputy Coordinator/Head of Economic Activities, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee/Tea break

16:00 – 17:00 Concluding Session/ Panel discussion

Selected topics:

- Wrap-up of the discussions: lessons learned and priority areas for future discussion and increased co-operation
- Outlook to the Concluding Meeting in Prague

Speakers:

- Dr. Eric Frey, Moderator of Session I and IV
- Dr. Ursula Weidenfeld, Moderator of Session V
- Dr. Halil Yurdakul Yiğitgüden, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- Ambassador Antje Leendertse, Head of the Task Force for the 2016 German OSCE Chairmanship, Federal Foreign Office, Germany

Moderator: Ambassador Antje Leendertse, Head of the Task Force for the 2016 German OSCE Chairmanship, Federal Foreign Office, Germany

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

Closing Statements by Delegations