25TH OSCE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

“Greening the Economy and Building Partnerships for Security in the OSCE Region”

CONCLUDING MEETING

Prague, 6-8 September 2017
Venue: Czernin Palace, Loretánské nám: 5, 118 00 Prague

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

Wednesday, 6 September 2017

12:00 – 13:00 Light Lunch hosted by the OCEEA (marking the 25th anniversary of the Economic and Environmental Forum), Entrance Hall, Czernin Palace

13:00 – 15:00 Opening Session

Welcoming remarks:
- H.E. Lubomír Zaorálek, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic
- H.E. Hans Jörg Schelling, Minister of Finance, Austria
- Ambassador Vuk Žugić, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Keynote speeches:
- H.E. Ol’ga Algayerová, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
- H.E. Marie Chatardová, President, UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
- Prof. Jeffrey D. Sachs, Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary General António Guterres, on the Sustainable Development Goals (via video conference)
**Moderator:** Ambassador Florian Raunig, Head of 2017 OSCE Austrian Chairmanship Task Force

**Rapporteur:** Mr. Andreas Stadler, Minister Plenipotentiary, Deputy Head of Mission for the Economic and Environmental Dimension, 2017 OSCE Austrian Chairmanship

**Statements by Delegations/Discussion**

15:00 – 15:15  Coffee/Tea break

15:15 – 16:30  Break-Out Session: Challenges and Opportunities to Strengthening Economic and Environmental Co-operation in the OSCE Area *(English only)*

**Moderator:** Mr. Andreas Stadler, Minister Plenipotentiary, Deputy Head of Mission for the Economic and Environmental Dimension, 2017 OSCE Austrian Chairmanship

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

**Speakers:**

- **Mr. Thomas Mayr-Harting,** Managing Director for Europe and Central Asia, European External Action Service (EEAS)
- **Dr. Eric Frey,** US expert, Journalist and Managing Editor, Der Standard, Austria
- **Ambassador Livia Leu,** Head, Bilateral Economic Relations Division, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research (EAER), Switzerland
- **Ambassador Kairat Sarybay,** Chairperson of the OSCE Economic and Environmental Committee, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the International Organizations in Vienna

16:30 – 17:00  Coffee/Tea break

17:00 – 18:30  Session I: The Way to Vienna

**Moderator and Introduction:** Ambassador Florian Raunig, Head of 2017 OSCE Austrian Chairmanship Task Force

**Rapporteur:** Dr. Bernd Forster, Counsellor, Task Force for the 2017 OSCE Austrian Chairmanship

19:00  Reception hosted by the 2017 OSCE Austrian Chairmanship

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Thursday, 7 September 2017

09:30 – 11:00  Session II: Reducing Environmental Risks and Strengthening Good Environmental Governance

Selected topics:

- 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Environmental risk reduction and the role of the OSCE
- Good environmental governance and cross-border co-operation

Moderator: Ambassador Véronique Roger-Lacan, Permanent Representative of France to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Ms. Claire Nantier, Counsellor, Permanent Representation of France to the OSCE

Speakers:

- Mr. Mahir Aliyev, Regional Coordinator, UN Environment Europe Office (UNEP)
- Professor Maia Bitadze, Deputy Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Protection, Georgia
- Mr. Mutallim Abdulhasanov, Head of Ecology Policy Sector, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Azerbaijan
- Ms. Natalya Zharkina, Head of the Department of Environmental Policy and Science, Ministry of Natural Resources and Nature Protection, Republic of Belarus
- Mr. Ralf Ernst, Deputy Co-ordinator/Head of Environmental Activities, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Discussion

11:00 – 11:30  Coffee/Tea break


Selected topics:

- Renewable energy for energy security
- Resource efficiency and renewable energy in support of climate action and sustainable development
- Benefits of co-operation to promote renewable energy and green growth in the OSCE area
Moderator: Ambassador Roksanda Ninčić, Permanent Representative of Serbia to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Mr. Uroš Milanović, Attaché, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Serbia to the OSCE

Speakers:

- **Mr. Aleksandar Dukovski**, Chair of the UNECE Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency, Director of Energy Agency, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- **Dr. Marat Zhumagulov**, Deputy Director of the Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- **Ms. Olivera Zurovac-Kuzman**, National Environmental Affairs Officer, OSCE Mission to Serbia
- **Ambassador György Szabo**, Head of the OSCE Programme Office in Astana

Discussion

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 – 16:00 Session IV: Promoting Economic Participation and Strengthening Stability and Security

Selected topics:

- Job and business creation
- Economic empowerment of youth and women
- Education and prevention of radicalisation

Moderator: Ambassador M. Victoria González Roman, Permanent Representative of Spain to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Ms. Zukhra Bektepova, Economic Affairs Officer, Office of the Coordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Speakers:

- **Ms. Amarsanaa Darisuren**, OSCE Senior Adviser on Gender Issues, OSCE Secretariat
- **Mr. Javier Dorado**, Director General, Institute for Youth, INJUVE, Spain
- **Dr. Ingeborg Friehs**, Representative of the Management Board in the European Network of Public Employment Services, AMS – Public Employment Service, Austria
- **Dr. Daniela Pisoiu**, Senior Researcher, Austrian Institute for International Affairs, Austria
- **Mr. Alexander Chuplygin**, Deputy Head of Mission, OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina
Discussion

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee/Tea break

16:30 – 18:00 Session V: Promoting Connectivity and Building Trust and Business Partnerships in the OSCE Area

Selected topics:

- Enhancing economic co-operation and overcoming barriers in the OSCE area
- Promoting connectivity and building partnerships through transport and trade facilitation
- Strengthening the role of the OSCE in promoting economic co-operation and connectivity

Moderator: Ambassador Alessandro Azzoni, Permanent Representative of Italy to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Ms. Giulia Manconi, Permanent Mission of Italy to the OSCE

Speakers:

- Mr. Peter Havlik, Senior Economist and former Deputy Director, The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (WIIW), Guest Research Scholar at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), Austria
- Ambassador Tudor Ulianovschi, Chair of the UNECE Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova to the UN, WTO and other International Organisations in Geneva
- Ambassador Tuula Yrjölä, Head of the OSCE Programme Office in Dushanbe
- Mr. Alexander Sumbatyan, Deputy Director of the Department of International Co-operation, Ministry of Transport, Russian Federation

Discussion

18:30 Reception hosted by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (Gardens of the Czernin Palace)
Friday, 8 September 2017

09:00 – 10:30    Session VI: Promoting Connectivity and Economic and Environmental Co-operation for Regional Security

Moderator: Ambassador Claude Wild, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the OSCE

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

Speakers:
- Ambassador Martin Sajdik, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office in Ukraine and in the Trilateral Contact Group on the implementation of the peace plan in the East of Ukraine
- Mr. Per Fischer, Coordinator of the Working Group on Economic Issues and Rehabilitation of the Trilateral Contact Group
- Ambassador Peter Burian, EU Special Representative for Central Asia
- Mr. Gazmend Turdiu, Deputy Secretary General, Regional Co-operation Council (RCC)

Discussion

10:30 – 11:00    Coffee/Tea break

11:00 – 12:00    Concluding Session

Moderator: Ambassador Kairat Sarybay, Chairperson of the OSCE Economic and Environmental Committee, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the International Organizations in Vienna

Rapporteur: Ms. Sophie Surinder, Adviser, Economic and Environmental Dimension, Permanent Mission of Austria to the OSCE, 2017 OSCE Austrian Chairmanship

Speakers:
- Ambassador Thomas Greminger, OSCE Secretary General
- Ambassador Florian Raunig, Head of 2017 OSCE Austrian Chairmanship Task Force
- Ambassador Alessandro Azzoni, Permanent Representative of Italy to the OSCE