

## Fourth North and Central Asian Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals

“Human Well-being and the SDGs: Recovering after the COVID-19 Crisis”

Virtual Meeting Format  
2-4 September 2020

### Programme

#### Day 1, Wednesday, 2 September

##### 10:00-10:45 OPENING SESSION

**Moderator: Mr. Nikolay Pomoshchnikov**, Officer-in-Charge, ESCAP Subregional Office for North and Central Asia

- *Welcome remarks*, **Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana**, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of ESCAP
- *Keynote address*, **H.E. Mr. Rashid Alimov**, Doctorate in Political Sciences, Honorary Professor of the Taihe Institute, Secretary-General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) from 2016 to 2018
- *Opening remarks*, **Mr. Bambang Susantono**, Vice-President for Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- *Overview Presentation: COVID-19 Socio-Economic Impact Assessment in the NCA Subregion*, **Ms. Agi Veres**, Deputy Director and Deputy Assistant Administrator Regional Bureau for Europe and the CIS, UNDP

##### 10:45-11:00 Break

##### 11:00-12:45 SESSION 1: High-level Dialogue with Youth on Occasion of the United Nations 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Moderator: Ms. Krista Pikkat**, Director, UNESCO Almaty Cluster Office for Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan

- *UN75 Campaign video*
- *Introductory Remarks*: **Mr. Fabrizio Hochschild-Drummond**, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Commemoration of the United Nations 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- *Dialogue between Eminent Persons and Youth, including Q&A with audience*, on Recovery from the COVID-19 Crisis in the Context of the "Decade of Action"
  - *Eminent person*: **H.E. Mr. Miras Daulenov**, Vice-Minister of Education and Science, Kazakhstan
  - *Eminent person*: **Mr. Toily Kurbanov**, Deputy Executive Coordinator of the United Nations Volunteers

- *Eminent person:* **Ms. Aziza Umarova**, CEO, SMARTGOV Consulting; Associate Editor for Eurasia at GovInsider, Uzbekistan
- *Youth representative:* **Mr. Artem Gerasimenko**, Founder, “Healthy Cities” Center, Russian Federation
- *Youth representative:* **Ms. Asel Kubanychbekova**, Founder, Women’s Entrepreneurship Development Fund, Kyrgyzstan
- *Youth representative:* **Ms. İlayda Eskitaşcıoğlu**, Beijing 25 Youth Task Force Member, Turkey
- *Youth representative:* **Ms. Khilola Abdullayeva**, Participant SDG Olympiad in Central Asia, Student at Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Agricultural Mechanization Engineers, Uzbekistan

- *Closing*

## Break

14:00-15:15

### SESSION 2A: [Closed] Subregional and National Progress Reporting on SDGs in the Context of the COVID-19 Crisis

- *Break-out groups for peer discussion* on VNR reporting and countries’ SDG progress
  - Countries that presented VNRs in 2019 (Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan); **Moderator: Ms. Elena Danilova-Cross**, Programme Specialist on Poverty and Inequality, UNDP
  - Countries that presented VNRs first time in 2020 (Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Uzbekistan), **Moderator: Ms. Ulziisuren Jamsran**, UN Women Representative in Kyrgyzstan
  - Countries that presented the VNRs second time in 2020/soon (Armenia, Georgia, Tajikistan), **Moderator: Mr. Riccardo Messiano**, Sustainable Development Officer, Environment and Development Division, ESCAP

15:15-15:30

## Break

15:30-17:00

### SESSION 2B: Subregional and National Progress Reporting on SDGs in the Context of the COVID-19 Crisis

**Moderator: Ms. Katinka Weinberger**, Chief, Environment and Development Policy Section, Environment and Development Division, ESCAP

- *Presentation on the SDGs Progress in North and Central Asia*, **Mr. Arman Bidarbakht-Nia**, Head, Statistical Data Management Unit, Statistics Division, ESCAP
- *Panel discussion, including Q&A with audience*
  - **Rapporteurs from Session 2A**
  - **Mr. Dmitry Ezhov**, Head, International Cooperation Section, Integration Development Department, Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC)
  - **Ms. Elena Danilova-Cross**, Programme Specialist on Poverty and Inequality, UNDP
  - **Ms. Tamar Iakobidze**, Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist & SDG Focal Point, Caucasus Environmental NGO Network (CENN)
- *Closing*

## Day 2, Thursday, 3 September

10:00-12:00

### SESSION 3: Leaving No One Behind: Human Well-being and Health

Co-organizers: ESCAP, UNESCO, UN Women, WHO

**Moderator: Mr. Srinivas Tata**, Director, Social Development Division, ESCAP

**Human Well-being and Health:** Interlinkages within the SDG-Cluster: 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 and 16

- **Setting the Stage: Mr. Srinivas Tata**, ESCAP
- **Presentation: Dr. Melita Vujnovic**, WHO Representative and Head of Country Office in the Russian Federation
- **Presentation on the Impact of COVID-19 on the Education Sector in Central Asia, Ms. Krista Pikkat**, Director, UNESCO Almaty Cluster Office for Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan
- **Presentation on the Impact of COVID-19 on Women and Girls - New Challenges and Solutions, Ms. Sagipa Djusaeva**, National Programme Officer, UN Women in Kyrgyzstan with inputs from **Ms. Diana Ismailova**, Programme Coordinator, UN Women in Tajikistan
- **Panel discussion, including Q&A with audience:**
  - **Ms. Ketevan Goginashvili** - Chief Specialist of Health Policy Division at Policy Department, Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs, Georgia
  - **Dr. Almaz Sharman**, President, Academy of Preventive Medicine of Kazakhstan; Chairman of the Board, Asyl Miras Charity Foundation
  - **Ms. Gulmira Kazakunova**, Chair, Public Association Union of People with Disabilities "Ravenstvo"; Executive Director, Association of People with Disabilities, Kyrgyzstan
  - **Mrs. Saodat Kamalova**, Director, Central Asian Gerontological Centre, Tajikistan
  - **Ms. Gulshan Dolonbaeva**, Head, Kyrgyzstan Diaspora (Kyrgyzstan-Ural) in Ekaterinburg, Russian Federation
- **Closing**

#### Break

14:00-16:00

#### SESSION 4: Sustainable Food Systems and Healthy Nutritional Patterns

Organizer: FAO

**Moderator: Mr. Sumiter Broca**, Senior Policy Officer, FAO

**Sustainable Food Systems and Healthy Nutritional Patterns:** Interlinkages within the SDG-Cluster: 1, 2, 3, 8, 10, 12, 16 and 17

- **Keynote speaker: Mr. Jamie Morrison**, Director, Food Systems and Food Safety Division, FAO
- **Panel discussion, including Q&A with audience:**
  - **Mr. Kanat Tilekeyev**, Senior Research Fellow, University of Central Asia
  - **Mr. Sergiy Zorya**, Lead Agriculture Economist, Europe and Central Asia Region, World Bank
  - **Ms. Mariko Kawabata**, Deputy Country Director, Tajikistan Country Office, UN World Food Programme (WFP)
  - **Mr. Alisher Shukurov**, Advisor to the Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources, Uzbekistan
  - **Ms. Adiba Akhmedjanova**, Founder, Association of Women Agrarians, Uzbekistan
  - **Ms. Manzura Sultanova**, Head, Public Organization "Saodat", Tajikistan
- **Closing**

#### Day 3, Friday, 4 September

10:00-12:00

#### SESSION 5: Sustainable, Inclusive and Resilient Economies

Co-organizers: ESCAP, ILO, UNEP, UN Women.

**Moderator: Mr. Hamza Ali Malik**, Director, Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development Division, ESCAP

**Sustainable, Inclusive and Resilient Economies:** Interlinkages within the SDG-Cluster: 1, 8, 10, 12 and 16

- **Welcome and Setting the Stage: Mr. Hamza Ali Malik**, ESCAP

- **Presentation:** *The COVID-19 and the World of Work: from Crisis Response toward Inclusive Job-rich Recovery and SDGs*, **Mr. Ramiro Pizarro**, Project Manager, Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, ILO
- **Presentation:** **Ms. Lesya Nikolayeva**, Technical Officer, Resource Efficiency Unit, UNEP Europe Office
- **Presentation:** *"Gender Responsive Socio-Economic Recovery and SDG "*, **Ms. Nargis Azizova**, Intergovernmental Partnership, Normative and Knowledge Management Specialist, UN Women Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia
- **Panel discussion, including Q&A with audience:**
  - **H.E. Mr. Erkin Mukhitdinov**, First Deputy Minister of Employment and Labour Relations, Uzbekistan
  - **Ms. Aselia Isakova**, Head, Legal Expertise Division, Public Procurement Department, Ministry of Finance of Kyrgyzstan
  - **Mr. David Advadze**, Acting Head, Division of Sustainable Development, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia
  - **Ms. Aigul Kussaliyeva**, Director, Green Finance Intelligence, AIFC Green Finance Center
  - **Mr. Kadyr Baikenov**, Chairman of the Board, Confederation of Employers (Entrepreneurs) of Kazakhstan; Chairman of the Board, Union of Engineering Companies of Kazakhstan
  - **Ms. Gulnara Zhumageldiyeva**, Deputy Chair, Federation of Trade Unions of Kazakhstan
  - **Ms. Asel Kubanychbekova**, Founder, Women's Entrepreneurship Development Fund, Kyrgyzstan
- **Closing**

## Break

**14:00-15:30** **SESSION 6: Strengthening Supply Chains and Connectivity Through Regional Partnerships**  
Organizer: ESCAP

**Moderator:** **Ms. Azhar Jaimurzina Ducrest**, Chief, Transport Facilitation and Logistics Section, Transport Division, ESCAP

- **Presentation Setting the Stage:** **Ms. Mia Mikic**, Director, Trade, Investment, and Innovation Division, ESCAP
- **Panel discussion, including Q&A with audience:**
  - **Mr. Andrey Panteleev**, Head, Economic Policy Strategies Section, Macroeconomic Policy Department, Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC)
  - **Mrs. Bayan Adilbekova**, Secretariat, Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO)
  - **Mr. Leonid Efimov**, Head, International Cooperation Division, Eurasian Development Bank (EDB)
  - **Ms. Shelly Hsieh**, Strategy and Policy Officer, Strategy, Policy and Budget Department, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
  - **Mr. David Morris**, Vice-Chair, Executive Council, ESBN; Director, David Morris Projects, Ltd.
  - **Ms. Yelena Vassilevskaya**, Deputy Director for Project Management and Training, Kazakhstan Freight Forwarders Association (KFFA)
- **Closing**

**15:30-15:45** **Break**

**15:45-16:30      CLOSING SESSION: Summing up the Subregional SDG Forum**

**Moderator: Mr. Nikolay Pomoshchnikov**, Officer-in-Charge, ESCAP Subregional Office for North and Central Asia

- *Summary of Main Messages by Session, Mr. Nikolay Pomoshchnikov*, ESCAP
- *Tour de Table of Co-organizers and Speakers: Reflections on the Forum and Moving Forward*
- *Closing statement, Mr. Nikolay Pomoshchnikov*, ESCAP

*Note: Almaty time (UTC+6)*