

UN ECE RCEM  
Regional CSO Forum on SDGs

## Civil Society Pre-Meeting to UNECE Regional Forum on Sustainable Development "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies"

Location: UN PALAIS DE NATIONS  
Room XII  
Geneva, Wednesday 28 February 2018

### Objectives

- Prepare the Civil Society input into the UNECE Regional Forum on Sustainable Development <https://www.unece.org/rfsd2018.html>
- VNR – identify challenges and lessons learned
- Discussion and development of recommendations Status of institutionalization of CSOs into all SDG related processes in UNECE region
- Discussion and development of recommendations on SDG s 6,7,11,12,15
- Strengthen UN ECE RCEM

*TRANSLATION English - Russian is available during the normal working hours, as off 10 AM*

| Time   | Session theme   |
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| 9:00-9:30  | Registration and networking (bring your own coffee) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sign up for the afternoon working groups</li></ul>  |
| <b><u>The third year of the SDGs in the region – knowing where we stand and moving on to prosperity and well-being for all</u></b> |   |
| 9:30-10:00   | <b>Opening by co-moderators BERFU Seker and JOAN Lanfranco</b><br>Plenary opening, introduction of the agenda, Forum objectives, and introduction of major groups and participants (identify by hand raising by MG, region)<br><br><b>Opening addresses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Olga Algayerova, executive secretary, UNECE</li><li>• HE Mr. Roman Busch, Deputy Ambassador at the Swiss Mission to the WTO and EFTA</li><li>• CSO speaker</li></ul>        |
| 10:00-11:00  | MODERATOR: OLGA Ponisova<br><b>The SDG process: how CSOs contribute the regional forum (1-2 March) and to the HLPF 2018 including intro to RCEM and Major Groups</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Show the program of Regional Forum and Roundtables on the screen and go through plans (by Sascha &amp; Anton)</li><li>• Show the HLPF page on screen, with VNR countries (Joan &amp; Berfu)</li><li>• Present a re-cap of the RCEM (Sascha &amp; Nurgul)</li></ul> |

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| <p>11:00-12:00</p> | <p>MODERATOR: DEIRDRE de Burca</p> <p><b>The 5 focus SDGs being reviewed in 2018:</b></p> <p>Interventions of 2 min and max. of 10 min per SDG which should include discussion on key gaps, priorities and crosscutting issues, then floor open for others not listed already below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>SDG 6 Water and Sanitation</b> (<i>Emma AWHHE Armenia, Natasha JHR Macedonia</i>)</li> <li>- <b>SDG 7 Energy</b>, (<i>Sascha, WECF – linking it to the concept notes, main issues region</i>)</li> <li>- <b>SDG 11 Cities</b> (<i>Silvia Perel Levin, Marion Stef/John EFD, Itir , Valentina and An</i>),</li> <li>- <b>SDG 12 Sustainable Production and Consumption</b> (<i>Patrizia EEB, Olga Ponisova EcoForum, Joan ITUC, Veronique Moreira WECF France</i>)</li> <li>- <b>SDG 15 Forest and Biodiversity</b> (<i>Silvia WWF</i>)</li> <li>- <b>SDG 17</b> - Angela, Nurgul FFD group</li> </ul> <p>Crosscutting (if time allows)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Report on INTERLINKAGES</b> between 6,7,11, 12,15 by Joan ITUC</li> </ul> <p>NB this session is INTERACTIVE - only the SDG and sub-targets on the screen</p> <p><b>Statements:</b> reflect on the concept notes, and add what is the <b>key issues missing in the concept notes &amp; 3 priorities for our region</b> (e.g. homelessness should be a key indicator of SDG11 and SDG1 for our region). Should incorporate how SDG 17 can be integrated in said SDG. Hand out cards, if people don't get to raise their statements, they can write it down, then it'll be brought to the working group discussions after lunch.</p> |
| <p>12:00-13:00</p> | <p>MODERATOR: SASCHA GABIZON</p> <p><b>Status of National Voluntary Reports from CSOs of VNR countries</b></p> <p>VNR – statements from CSOs from 2018 reporting countries (15) from the region: ALBANIA, ANDORA, ARMENIA, CANADA, GREECE, HUNGARY, ICELAND, IRELAND, LATVIA, LITHUANIA, MALTA, POLAND, ROMANIA, SLOVAKIA, SPAIN, SWITZERLAND and MOLDOVA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IRELAND Deidre IFP presents learnings from VNRs 2017, John from EFD</li> <li>• LATVIA - Inese presents work of CSO platform, Janis of Green Liberty comments</li> <li>• SPAIN – Joan ITUC and Almudena Catalonia Family Planning</li> <li>• ARMENIA – Emma AWHHE</li> <li>• ALBANIA - Lida Grabova IPPF and Aleksandra Women in Development Skodre</li> <li>• SWITZERLAND – Priska Fleischlin, Swiss CSO platform</li> <li>• POLAND Adam Rogalewski (TBC)</li> <li>• LITHUANIA – youth representative (TBC)</li> </ul>   |
| <p>13:00-13:15</p> | <p><b>Pre-Lunch interventions</b> by UN agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UNWOMEN Kyrgyzstan</li> <li>- UNFPA</li> <li>- UNEP</li> </ul>  |
| <p>13:15-14:30</p> | <p><b>Lunch break</b></p> <p><b>Flip Chart:</b> Nominations for speaker and participants open all afternoon</p>   |
| <p>14:30-15:30</p> | <p><b>WORK GROUPS of VNRs and thematic SDG</b> to prepare input Round Tables (next day)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- VNR countries EECCA (Russian speaking)</li> <li>- VNR countries EU (English speaking)</li> <li>- SDG6 – 2 subthemes: WATSAN &amp; IWRM</li> <li>- SDG7 – 2 subthemes: Energy Efficiency &amp; Transforming Energy Sector</li> <li>- SDG11 – 2 subthemes: Finance &amp; Promoting sustainable, resilient human settlements</li> <li>- SDG12 – 2 subthemes: Best practices SPC &amp; Circular Economy in value chains</li> </ul>   |

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|             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SDG15 – 2 subthemes: Forests &amp; Biodiversity</li> <li>- SDG17 – Financing, Capacity Building</li> </ul> <p><b>Working method: 5 key points for round tables for the roundtables, 1-3 key points for opening statement from each group</b></p>   |
| 15:30-16:00 | <p>Moderator: Joan Lanfranco</p> <p><b>Discuss in plenary the key points from the working groups for CSO statement, how to we get input from the VNRs into the 5 thematic SDG round tables</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft statement with input from all groups on the screen (drafting group set together and continues working on this)</li> </ul>   |
| 16:00-17:00 | <p>MODERATOR: An Huybrechts</p> <p><b>How to better implement the new Agenda 2030- Challenges and Perspectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where do we stand with the Indicator framework (Marianne, Patrizia)</li> <li>• Where do we stand Financing for Development (Stefan, Angela)</li> <li>• Regional CSO engagement mechanism (Sylvia Beales, MGs reps: how we self organise - provide a 2 pager on our mechanism for UNECE portal)</li> <li>• Short presentations by working groups, what was done last year, next steps, planning, structure, processes, communication, follow up, etc.</li> <li>• Added value, need for funding and capacity, and other challenges, how to engage with MS more closely, build on and not duplicate existing structures</li> </ul> |
| 17:00-17:30 | <p>Moderator: Valentina Bodrug</p> <p><b>Planning for the official Regional UNECE Forum on SDG implementation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nominations and election of speaker and RT participants</li> </ul>   |
| 17:30-18:00 | <p><b>Closing session -- GROUP PHOTO</b></p>  |

Evening: informal working groups to prepare for the next day