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**North and Central Asian Forum on Implementation of
the Sustainable Development Goals**

3-4 September 2018, Tbilisi, Georgia

Venue: Best Western Tbilisi Art Hotel

Address: Apakidze str.11, Tbilisi, Georgia

Agenda

Timing	Session
Monday, 3 September 2018	
09:00 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 – 10:00	Opening session Welcome remarks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Stefanos Fotiou - Director, Environment and Development Division, ESCAP Opening Remarks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Levan Davitashvili - Minister, Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia - Mr. Alexander Khvtisiashvili - Director of Department of International Economic Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia - Mr. Niels Scott, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Georgia
10:00- 10:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group photo - Coffee break
10:45- 12:30	Session 1: Where do we currently stand with the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development <u>Document:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ESCAP's Statistical Yearbook for Asia and the Pacific 2016: SDG Baseline Report; - 2018 High-level Political Forum Ministerial Declaration; - Report of the 2018 High-level Political Forum; - Report of the Fifth Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development. <p>The session's aim is to reflect on the current situation of the subregion in terms of progress on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, presenting data from the ESCAP's Statistical Yearbook for Asia and the Pacific 2016: SDG Baseline Report and other subregional assessments. This will help enhance awareness and</p>

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	<p>understanding of the key challenges and opportunities for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the sub-region. Main messages from the past HLPF will be presented and dissected in connection to the subregional agenda.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Stefanos Fotiou, Director, Environment and Development Division, ESCAP <p>Panelists (15 minutes each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Stefanos Fotiou - ESCAP - Mr. Andrey Panteleev – Head, Economic Policy Strategies Section (EEC) <i>“Eurasian Economic Union: sustainable development goals implementation at subregional level”</i> - Mr. Nikita Pochtarev - Advisor, Economic Policy Strategies Section (EEC) <i>“Fostering inclusive growth in the Eurasian Economic Union”</i> - Ms. Nino Zambakhidze - Head, Georgian Farmers Association <i>“SDGs for farmers’ sustainable development”</i> <p>Discussions</p>
12:30- 14:00	Lunch break
14:00-15:30	<p>Session 2: National progress, achievements and challenges with respect to the 2030 Agenda</p> <p><u>Document:</u> Voluntary National Review 2018: National assessment report for Armenia</p> <p>To support capacity building for other countries in the subregion thinking of making presentations in 2019, the session will feature a discussion involving countries who presented their reports in the previous sessions of the HLPF and those planning to report in 2019. As appropriate, the session will also provide inputs to discussions on implementation of the road map for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific.</p> <p>Moderators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Munkhtuya Altangerel - Deputy Resident Representative, United Nations Development Programme <p>Panelists (15 minutes each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representative of Azerbaijan – Mr. Huseyn Huseynov - Representative of Kazakhstan – Mr. Zhaslan Gabdullin - Representative of Georgia – Ms. Anna Kvernadze <p>Q & A (Discussion)</p>
15:30- 16:00	Coffee break

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16:00 – 17:30	<p>Cont. Session 2: National progress, achievements and challenges with respect to the 2030 Agenda</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Hovhannes Ghazaryan - Head of Resident Coordinator's Office, Office of the UN Resident Coordinator <p>Panelists (15 minutes each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representative of Armenia – Ms. Astghik Miansyan and Mr. Arman Hovhannisyan - Representative of Tajikistan – Mr. Faridun Roziqov <p>Q & A (Discussion)</p>
Tuesday, 4 September 2018	
09:30-11:00	<p>Session 3: Review of Goals for the HLPF 2019</p> <p><u>Document:</u> “Template for SDGs regional profiles”</p> <p>The session will provide subregional perspectives on the cluster of goals under review in 2019: SDG 4 “Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all”; SDG 8 “Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all”; SDG 10 “Reduce inequality within and among countries”; SDG 13 “Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts”; SDG 16 “Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels”.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Nikolay Pomoshchnikov - Senior Economic Affairs Officer, ESCAP <p>Panelists (15 minutes each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Batyr Mamedov – Head of ICSD Secretariat <i>“The development of the Regional Environmental Program for sustainable development of Central Asia”</i> - Dr. Rafis Abazov - Senior Managing Director, Ban Ki Moon Institute for Sustainable Development <i>“Education for Sustainable Development and Decent Work: Changes and Challenges for Central Asian Region”</i> - Mr. Khojamakhmad Umarov – Head, Macroeconomic Department, Center of Economic Studies - Ms. Rimma Sabayeva – UNV <i>“Volunteerism and the SDGs”</i> <p>Q & A</p>

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11:00-11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30-13:00	<p>Session 4: Perspectives on the APFSD and HLPF theme “Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality” (2019)</p> <p>The session’s aim is to gather inputs theme of the 2019 APFSD and HLPF in the form of priorities, good practices and initiatives (subregional thematic profiles)</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Arun Jacob - Environmental Affairs Officer, ESCAP <p>Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Case studies on the HLPF theme 2019” <p><i>Discussions</i></p> <p><i>Small group work</i></p>
13:00-14:30	Lunch Break
14:30-15:30	<p>Cont. Session 4: Perspectives on the APFSD and HLPF theme “Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality” (2019)</p> <p>Report back to the plenary by group representatives and discussion</p>
15:30-16:00	<p>Session 5: The way forward and closing</p> <p>The panel will discuss the way forward, including the process leading to the APFSD and HLPF.</p> <p>Moderators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Mikheil Patashuri - Counselor, Department of International Economic Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Aigul Serikbayeva - Ms. Nurgul Dzhanaeva - Mr. Stefanos Fotiou - Mr. Nikolay Pomoshchnikov <p>Wrap up and concluding remarks by the organizers</p>
16:00-16:30	<i>Coffee break</i>