

**Connecting countries
Driving progress
Improving lives**

**Virtual session
SPECA WG on ITSD**

**Online
30 July 2020**



Programme implementation since last session (1)

- Support to implementation of policy recommendations of UNECE Innovation for Sustainable Development Review of Kyrgyzstan.
 - Expert advice provided to develop an implementation plan
 - Advice on creation of an Innovation Centre
- Adoption of SPECA Innovation Strategy for Sustainable Development at annual session of SPECA Governing Council, Ashgabat, November 2019
 - Initiation of work on STI gap analysis in each SPECA country

Programme implementation since last session (2)

- Study trip to Moscow “From ideas to applications: Sharing best practices on incubators, science parks and technology transfer” in partnership with MGIMO Business Incubator and Henley Business School, October 2019
 - Pilot for similar possible capacity building activities under SPECA Innovation Strategy for Sustainable Development
 - Outputs on “What matters for business incubation? Lessons from the Russian experience”, “Guidelines for creating a business incubator”, and “A brief overview of current best practices and recent developments in incubators, science parks and technology transfer to promote sustainable development in SPECA countries”
- Review of PPP Laws in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.

Selected upcoming activities (1)...

Implementation of UN Development Account project
“Strengthening innovation policies for SPECA
countries in support of the 2030 Agenda for
Sustainable Development” (2020-2023)

- Support to implementation of SPECA Innovation Strategy for Sustainable Development
- STI gap analysis in each SPECA country
- Regional workshop (November 2020 – provisionally online) to present outcomes of STI gap analysis and identify priority areas for cooperation between SPECA countries
- Will include Circular Economy dimensions and impact of Covid19

Selected upcoming activities (2)...

- 13th session of the UNECE Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies, Geneva, Switzerland, 27-28 October 2020
 - Reporting on series of planned webinars on “Building Back Better after Covid 19: promoting Innovation for a Sustainable future”
 - Discussion of progress of the task force on high-level innovation policy principles for sustainable development
- Request for a UNECE Innovation for Sustainable Development Review of Uzbekistan

Work plan H2 2020 and 2021

Please see work plan in English and Russian at meeting page:

<https://www.unescap.org/events/speca-working-group-innovation-and-technology-sustainable-development>

- Amended from Work Plan adopted at last WG session to reflect updated TORs and change of name of the WG (previously the SPECA Working Group on Knowledge-based Development).
- Any requests for additional activities welcome
- New work plan to be adopted at next session of the SPECA Working Group on Innovation and Technology for Sustainable Development, planned for 2021

Thank you

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