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21ST OSCE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

**“Increasing stability and security: Improving the environmental footprint
of energy-related activities in the OSCE region”**

FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING

4-5 February 2013, Vienna

Venue: OSCE Congress Centre, Hofburg, Heldenplatz, 1010 Vienna,
Neuer Saal, 2nd Floor

AGENDA

Monday, 4 February

09.30 – 11.00 **Opening Session: The linkages between energy and environment
and their impact on security and co-operation** (*Open to the Press*)

Opening Statements:

- **Ambassador Ihor Prokopchuk**, Chairman of the Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the OSCE, 2013 Ukrainian OSCE Chairmanship
- **Ambassador Lamberto Zannier**, OSCE Secretary General
- **Mr. Halil Yurdakul Yigitguden**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Keynote Speeches:

- **Mr. Taizo Nishikawa**, Deputy to the Director General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
- **Mr. Sebastian Winkler**, Director for Europe, Global Footprint Network

Statements by Delegations / Discussion

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee/Tea break (*Press Conference*)

11.30 – 13.00 **Session I: Environmental challenges and opportunities of energy consumption**

Selected topics:

- Local effects of fossil fuel consumption: air pollution and existing measures to reduce its harmful effects on population
- Global effects of fossil fuels: climate change as a threat to security and as an opportunity for international co-operation
- Energy efficiency: policy measures to promote energy savings

Moderator: Ambassador Ol'ga Alayerová, Chair of the Economic and Environmental Committee, Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Ms. Dana Bogdan, Project Assistant, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Speakers:

- **Mr. David Stanners**, Head of International Co-operation, European Environment Agency (EEA)
- **Mr. Dennis Tänzler**, Head of Climate & Energy Policies, Adelphi Research, Germany
- **Ms. Gabriela Prata Dias**, Senior Expert for energy efficiency and related environmental questions, Energy Charter Secretariat

Discussion

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch break

14.30 – 16.00 **Session II: Environmental challenges and opportunities of energy production and transportation**

Selected topics:

- Fossil fuel extraction and environment
- Hydropower and environment
- Environmental risks of fossil fuel transportation, including best practices on oil spill prevention and preparedness

Moderator: Ambassador Thomas Greminger, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Ms. Nino Makashkhia, Associate Environmental Affairs Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Speakers:

- **Mr. Werner Floegl**, Vice-President, International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD)
- **Mr. Bosko Kenjic**, Head of Water Resources Department, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Mr. Peter Taylor**, Manager, Oil Spill Preparedness Regional Initiative (OSPRI)
- **Ms. Shynar Izteleuova**, Director of the Atyrau Aarhus Centre, Kazakhstan

Discussion

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee/Tea break

16.30 – 18.00 Session II - Continuation: Environmental challenges and opportunities of energy production and transportation

Selected topics:

- Production of electricity and environment
- Environmental concerns of electricity distribution and opportunities for co-operation on electricity markets
- Efforts to protect critical energy infrastructure

Moderator: Ambassador Eoin O'Leary, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the OSCE
Rapporteur: Ms. Gohar Ghazinyan, National Officer, Environmental Dimension, OSCE Office in Yerevan

Speakers:

- **Mr. Janez Kopač**, Director, Energy Community
- **Dr. Majid Khodjaev**, Executive Director, CA Regional Center for Renewable Energy, Uzbekistan
- **Mr. Julijus Grubliauskas**, Energy Security Officer, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
- **Ms. Nurzat Abdyrasulova**, Director, Energy and Environmental Expert at Civic Foundation UNISON, Kyrgyzstan

Discussion

18.30 Reception hosted by Mr. Halil Yurdakul Yigitguden, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (Hofburg - Winter Garden)

Tuesday, 5 February

09.30 – 11.00 **Session III: Promoting sustainable management of energy resources**

Selected topics:

- Policy instruments for promoting sustainable energy
- Good governance in the resource extraction sector
- Preventing negative legacies of energy-related activities, including mining operations

Moderator: Mr. Matthew Murray, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Europe and Eurasia, International Trade Administration Department, United States of America

Rapporteur: Mr. Richard Wheeler, Senior Programme Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Speakers:

- **Mr. Jonas Moberg**, Head, Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Secretariat (EITI)
- **Professor Thomas Johansson**, Co-Chair of the Global Energy Assessment, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) and Professor at the International Institute for Industrial Environmental Economics, Lund University, Sweden
- **Mr. Stepan Kudria**, Deputy Director, Institute of Renewable Energy, National Academy of Sciences, Ukraine
- **Mr. Gan-Ochir Ser-Od**, Senior specialist of Department of Coordination of Policy Implementation, Ministry of Mining, Mongolia

Discussion

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee/Tea break

11.30 – 13.00 **Session IV: Co-operation between public and private sectors and international organizations**

Selected topics:

- Strengthening public-private co-operation on the way to the Green Economy
- Engaging private and international financial institutions and providing incentives for the business sector
- The role of international organizations in providing technical assistance

Moderator: Ambassador Mykola Melenevskiy, Ambassador-at-large on environmental issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, 2013 Ukrainian OSCE Chairmanship

Rapporteur: Mr. Elton Qendro, Project Assistant, Governance in Economic and Environmental Issues Department, OSCE Presence in Albania

Speakers:

- **Mr. Alistair Clark**, Managing Director, Environment and Sustainability, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
- **Mr. Markus van der Burg**, Managing Director, Conning Asset Management Limited, United Kingdom
- **Mr. Martin Krause**, Regional Practice Leader for Environment, Climate & Energy, Regional Centre for Europe and CIS, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Discussion

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch break

14.30 – 16.00 Session V: Communicating environmental challenges and risks and promoting public participation in decision making

Selected topics:

- Improving the narrative to enhance dialogue between science, political decision makers, the industry and the civil society
- Best practices in public outreach on environmental risks, including at local level
- Awareness raising, education and capacity building

Moderator: Ambassador Robert Kvile, Permanent Representative of Norway to the OSCE
Rapporteur: Mr. Nurbek Tashbekov, Assistant, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Speakers:

- **Ms. Aykhon Sharipova**, Deputy Chairperson, Environmental Protection Committee, Tajikistan
- **Ms. Marta Szigeti Bonifert**, Chair of ENVSEC Initiative and Executive Director of the Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe (REC)
- **Ms. Katherine Richardson**, Professor, Biological Oceanography and Leader, Sustainability Science Centre, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- **Mr. Dmitry Prudtskikh**, Manager, Aarhus Centre in Khujand, Tajikistan

Discussion

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee/Tea break

16.30 – 18.00

Concluding Session: The OSCE's Role in Follow-up to the Forum

Concluding Debate

- Identifying priority areas for future engagement
- Ways and means to tackle existing gaps and strengthen co-operation

Moderator: Ambassador Ihor Prokopchuk, Chairman of the Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the OSCE, 2013 Ukrainian OSCE Chairmanship

Rapporteur: Mr. Raul Daussa, Environmental Programme Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities