



# Regional SDG Coordination Leaders Forum: Building a Partnership to Underpin National Sustainable Development Solutions

**Minsk, Belarus, 21-22 February 2018**

Beijing Hotel Minsk  
36 Krasnoarmeiskaya Str.

## TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

**Wednesday, February 21**

**9:00-10:00** Registration

**9:30-10:00** Media stakeout

**10:00-11:00** Opening of the Forum

*Welcoming remarks by the high-level representatives of Belarus and United Nations.*

*Ceremony of cancellation of an envelope issued by the National Postal Service of Belarus to commemorate Sustainable Development Goals*

**11:00-11:30** Coffee break

**11:30-13:00** Interactive discussion “National policies and institutions: advancing SDGs through sharing of experiences and mutual learning”

*Participants from the countries of Europe and Central Asia will be invited to present their unique perspectives in mainstreaming Agenda-2030 into national policies, and to indicate what they see as priorities requiring special attention in the context of multi-level architecture to support implementation of SDGs. Experts from the UN system will introduce an overview of the most important policy and institutional trends that could affect ability of countries to achieve SDGs and present tools available to assist governments in this context.*

**13:00-14:30** Lunch

**14:30-16:00** Interactive discussion “Cooperation and coordination in achieving SDGs: innovative solutions to combat inequalities”

*The discussion will focus on a multi-dimensional approach to address poverty and inequalities in countries in different situations and on different levels of development. A special emphasis will be given to the ways and means to sustain mutually beneficial regional cooperation and foster coherence between institutions charged with the implementation of the Agenda-2030.*

**16:00-16:30** Coffee break

**16:30-18:00** Informal “speed dating” session

*Participants will be asked to have a sequence of short (up to 10 minutes) informal bilateral talks in order to build closer personal ties with their counterparts and exchange ideas on how to strengthen and promote a partnership of SDG coordination leaders. These ideas will be presented and summarised at the end of the session.*

**19:00-21:00** Reception on behalf of the National Coordinator of Belarus on SDGs, social programme

### **Thursday, February 22**

**10:00-11:30** Interactive discussion “Building bridges between sustainable development and gender equality”

*The session will examine how successful multi-stakeholder partnerships at the regional, national and sub-national levels could contribute to accelerated gender-responsive implementation of the SDGs. The participants will also be invited to discuss how investing in women’s economic empowerment and entrepreneurship could contribute to sustainable future for all.*

**11:30-12:00** Coffee break

**12:00-13:30** Interactive discussion “Building national and regional capacities of investing into sustainable development”

*The discussion is supposed to build around the subject of financing inclusive sustainable development as well as of capacity to monitor output of such investments. Participants will identify challenges at the national and international levels will and propose integrated policy solutions.*

**13:30-14:00** Adoption of outcomes/recommendations. Closing of the Forum

*The summary of the discussions during the event could contribute to the deliberations at the UNECE Regional Forum for Sustainable Development to be conducted in March 2018. Additional emphasis could be given to further activities to contribute to building a network of national SDG coordinators as a practitioners’ partnership to assist the achievement of SDGs.*

**14:00-15:30** Lunch