

# REGIONAL FORUM

ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE UNECE REGION

29 – 30 MARCH 2023 | HYBRID EVENT | GENEVA & ONLINE



## SIDE EVENT CONCEPT NOTE

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Event title

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Progress on SDGs under Review: Civil Society Perspectives from the EECCA Region

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Background and Rationale

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*of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in times of multiple crises.'*

At the approach to the middle of the period of SDG implementation, it is necessary to critically assess the SDG progress in the UNECE region. Civil society reports play a key role in providing information that can be missed by other stakeholders.

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Session objectives and expected outcomes

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At this event, civil society representatives will present overall SDG implementation report of Belarusian civil society prepared as parallel report to the VNR in 2022 and spotlight reports on SDG11 and SDG6 from Belarus, Moldova, Georgia, Ukraine, Armenia, and Azerbaijan with recommendations for how to proceed with progress in the coming years to ensure that the 2030 Agenda is implemented at the national level.

Belarusian civil society representatives also will share best practices implemented during 2022 High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on advocacy actions that can be applied by relevant stakeholders.

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Organizers

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**Lead organizers:** FES, ECE-RCEM

**Contributors:** Dekabristen e.V., CENN (Georgia), Ekapraekt (Belarus), Urbanlab Yerevan, Partnership for Development Center (Moldova), Ukrainian Nature Conservation Group

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Agenda and Structure

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1. Short welcome and introduction

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2. Importance of Spotlight and Civil society reports in EECCA region
3. Outputs from the Presentation of the Belarusian civil society report
4. Spotlight reports on SDGs 11 and 6 implementations in Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine
5. Q&A

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## List of Panellists

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Nelya Rakhimova, governing body ECE-RCEM, CSDR

Natalia Covrig, Center “Partnership for Development”, Moldova (online)

Valeria Kolodeghna, Ukrainian Nature Conservation Group, Ukraine (online)

Kristina Rikhter, Legal advisor Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya Office

Irina Sukhy, activist, Green Network Belarus

Dmitry Chernyh, Vice-chair of Belarussian Helsinki Committee

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## Sign-up / Registration Link

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