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31st OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum

**“Enhancing security and stability in the OSCE region through digital innovation,
contributing to sustainable development and climate adaptation”**

FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING

Vienna, 29-30 April 2024

Blended format

Venue: Hofburg, Neuer Saal

Online: Via Zoom (available only for panelists)

DRAFT AGENDA

Monday, 29 April 2024

10:00 - 11:30 Opening Session

Welcoming remarks

Statements by Delegations/Discussion

11:30 - 12:00 Coffee/Tea Break

12:00 - 13:30 Session I: Promoting policies to strengthen energy security and sustainability in the trade and transport sector to improve the environmental footprint of the economy

Selected Topics:

- Strengthening access to sustainable, affordable, diversified and reliable energy supplies, including through enhanced infrastructure protection
- Resource efficiency and green technologies as instruments contributing to sustainable development and inclusive economic growth

- Promoting common actions and co-operation to develop sustainable trade and transport policies in the OSCE area
- Good governance in logistics and supply chains management as a means to strengthen economic development, stability and security

Discussion

13:30 - 15:30

Lunch break

15:30 - 17:00

Session II: Recognizing the potential for digital transformation, capacity building and human capital development in contributing to sustainable development

Selected topics:

- Human capital development as an essential factor for economic development, competitiveness and green growth
- Recognizing the potential of youth and women in contributing to economic, political and social development
- Increasing co-operation on human capital development through the exchange of best practices and the promotion of capacity-building initiatives
- Promoting access to quality education, training, upskilling and reskilling opportunities through bridging capacity gaps and improving digital skills

Discussion

Tuesday, 30 April 2024

09:00 - 10:30

Session III: Advancing innovative policies and the use of new technologies to foster sustainable economic development and growth, including in the agricultural sector

Selected Topics:

- Promoting innovative agriculture and food policies contributing to sustainable development and strengthening the reliability of supply chains
- Harnessing sound investment policies and promoting a favourable business climate to accelerate sustainable economic growth in the digital era
- Enhancing public participation in sustainable development policy formulation and implementation
- Fostering technological development through public-private partnerships and multi-stakeholder collaboration

Discussion

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee/Tea Break

11:00 - 12:30 **Session IV: Strengthening efforts to foster good governance, transparency and accountability through combating-corruption and asset recovery**

Selected Topics:

- Advancing stability through innovative anti-corruption policies that improve the business and investment climate
- Enhancing co-operation and sharing of best practices in the use of digital tools for fostering asset recovery
- Strengthening integrity and accountability to help prevent and combat corruption as well as to achieve sustainable economic growth and development
- Promoting transparency, good governance, and the rule of law in preventing and combatting corruption including in the environmental sphere

Discussion

12:30 - 13:00 Coffee/Tea Break

13:00 - 14:00 **Closing Session**

Statements by Delegations

Concluding Remarks