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Conference Chair:

H.E. Mr. Gigla AGULASHVILI, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources
Protection of Georgia

Conference Secretary:

Mr. Zaal LOMTADZE, Secretary to the UNECE Committee on Environmental Policy,
Chief of Section, Environment for Europe and Sustainable Development Section,
Environment Division, UNECE

Wednesday, 8 June 2016

1. Opening of the Conference and adoption of the agenda

Plenary session, Wednesday, 8 June 2016, 9.30–10.30 a.m., Sheraton Batumi Hotel

Chaired by

H.E. Mr. Gigla AGULASHVILI, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources
Protection of Georgia

Welcoming address by

H.E. Mr. Giorgi KVIRIKASHVILI, the Prime Minister of Georgia

Welcoming address by

* The present document was not formally edited.

H.E. Mr. Archil KHABADZE, Chairman of Government of the Autonomous Republic of Ajara

Keynote statement by

H.E. Mr. Tomáš PERNICKÝ, Ambassador, the Czech Republic, on the topic “From Dobris to Batumi: 25 years of pan-European cooperation”

Keynote address by

Mr. Christian Friis BACH, the Executive Secretary of UNECE

Keynote address by

Mr. Ibrahim THIAW, the Deputy Executive Director of UNEP

2. The environment dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development — moving forward in the pan-European region

(a) Multilateral environmental agreements, mechanisms, policies and institutions supporting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Plenary session and interactive discussion, Wednesday, 8 June 2016, 10.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m., Sheraton Batumi Hotel

Note that more details regarding the organization of this agenda item are provided in the Guidance for speakers (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/3/Add.2).

Chaired by

H.E. Mr. Gigla AGULASHVILI, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia

Moderated by

Mr. Christian Friis BACH, Executive Secretary of UNECE

Mr. Ibrahim THIAW, Deputy Executive Director of UNEP

Opening cluster on cross-cutting issues

H.E. Ms. Sharon DIJKSMA, Minister for the Environment, Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment of the Netherlands, holding the Presidency of the Council of the European Union

H.E. Mr. Aramays GRIGORYAN, Minister of Nature Protection of Armenia

H.E. Mr. Andrei KOVKHUTO, Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of Belarus

H.E. Mr. Gigla AGULASHVILI, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia

Mr. Khayrullo IBODZODA, Chairman, Committee on Environmental Protection under the Government of Tajikistan

Mr. Giannis TSIRONIS, Alternate Minister of Environment of Greece

Mr. Krasimir ZHIVKOV, Deputy Minister of Environment and Water of Bulgaria

Mr. Gani SADIBEKOV, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Energy of Kazakhstan

Mr. Rovshan FAYZIEV, Deputy Chairman of the State Committee for Nature Protection of Uzbekistan

Ms. Alexandra CARVALHO, Secretary-General, Ministry of Environment, Portugal

First thematic cluster, around water and health and continuing on the water theme

H.E. Mr. Pascal MEUNIER, Ambassador of France to Georgia

H.E. Mr. Kestutis TRECIOKAS, Minister of Environment of Lithuania

H.E. Mr. István NAGY, Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture, Hungary

Ms. Inga PODOROGHIN, State Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Republic of Moldova

Ms. Hannele POKKA, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of the Environment of Finland

Ms. Alda OZOLA, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Latvia

Mr. Günter LIEBEL, Director General, Environment and Climate Protection, at Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria

Bringing in different perspectives, from non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations

Ms. Olga PONIZOVA, co-Chair, European ECO Forum

Ms. Marta SZIGETI BONIFERT, Executive Director, Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe

Mr. Andrey LALETIN, Chairman, Friends of the Siberian Forests, and representing also the Global Forest Coalition (confirmed)

Mr. Simon UPTON, Director of Environment of OECD

Second, small thematic cluster, around education

H.E. Mr. Slaven DOBROVIĆ, Minister of Environment and Nature Protection of Croatia

H.E. Ms. Martina QUICK, Ambassador of Sweden to Georgia

Third thematic cluster, beginning with responsible consumption and production

H.E. Mr. Tomáš PERNICKÝ, Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Georgia

H.E. Mr. Marko POMERANTS, Minister of the Environment, Estonia

H.E. Ms. Cristiana PASCA PALMER, Minister of Environment, Waters and Forests of Romania

Ms. Maria KRAUTZBERGER, President of the Federal Environment Agency, Germany

H.E. Mr. Yuval FUCHS, Ambassador of the State of Israel to Georgia

Mr. Francesco LA CAMERA, Director General, Italian Ministry for the Environment Land and Sea, Directorate for Sustainable Development, Environmental Damage, European Union and International Affairs

Final speakers, on industry, innovation and infrastructure and on the Astana Water Action

Mr. Uroš VAJGL, Deputy Director of Directorate for the Environment, Minister of the Environment and Spatial Planning of Slovenia

Ms. Martine ROHN-BROSSARD, Deputy Head of International Affairs Division, Swiss Federal Office for the Environment

Additional speakers, ready to speak subject to the availability of time

Mr. John M. MATUSZAK, Senior Policy Advisor, Environmental Quality and Transboundary Issues /OES, U.S. Department of State

Mr. George KREMLIS, Head of Cohesion Policy and Environmental Impact Assessments Unit, European Commission Directorate-General for Environment

(b) Keeping the pan-European environment under review

Plenary session and interactive discussion, Wednesday, 8 June 2016, 3–4.30 p.m., Sheraton Batumi Hotel

Chaired by

H.E. Mr. Gigla AGULASHVILI, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia

Address by

H.E. Mr. Andrei KOVKHUTO, Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of Belarus on the topic “From Astana to Batumi: developing the Shared Environmental Information System across the pan-European region”

Address by

Mr. Hans BRUYNINCKX, Executive Director of the European Environment Agency, on the topic “The European Environment Agency and milestones in the European Union and European Neighbourhood implementation of SEIS”.

Country testimonials by

(a) A short video presentation with brief statements

(b) Mr. Guenter LIEBEL, Director General of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management of Austria, on SEIS in support of “Air quality”

(c) Ms. Inga PODOROGHIN, State Secretary of Environment of Republic of Moldova, on SEIS in support of “Green Economy”

(d) Mr. Marat ANUAROV, Head of the Informational and Analytical Center for Environmental Protection of the Ministry of Energy of Kazakhstan, on “Opportunities, challenges and priorities on the road towards 2030, including monitoring of SDGs”

Launch regional assessment GEO-6 by

High-level official of UNEP, to be confirmed, and

Mr. Christian Friis BACH, the Executive Secretary of UNECE

Presentation by

Mr. Jan DUSIK, the UNEP Director of the Regional Office for Europe, on “The Global Assessment Process and launching the regional assessment of the Sixth Global Environment Outlook”

Interactive ministerial panel discussion

Moderated by

H.E. Ms. Cristiana PASCA PALMER, the Minister of Environment, Waters and Forests of Romania

Panellists

H.E. Mr. Norbert KURILLA, the State Secretary of Environment of Slovakia

H.E. Mr. Slaven DOBROVIĆ, the Minister of Environment and Nature Protection of Croatia

Intervention/questions from the floor by

The Netherlands on behalf of the European Union and its Member States

France

Kyrgyzstan

European ECO-Forum

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3. Towards a new society: 10 years of education for sustainable development

Plenary session and interactive discussion, Wednesday, 8 June 2016, 4.30–6 p.m., Sheraton Batumi Hotel

Co-Chaired by

H.E. Mr. Alexandre JEJELAVA, Minister of Education and Science of Georgia

H.E. Mr. Gigla AGULASHVILI, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia

Keynote address by

H.E. Mr. Costas KADIS, Minister of Education and Culture of Cyprus

Keynote address by

H.E. Ms. Sharon DIJKSMA, Minister for the Environment of the Netherlands

Keynote address by

Mr. Qian TANG, Assistant Director General for Education, UNESCO (via video address)

Keynote address by

Mr. Christian Friis BACH, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

Presentation by

Mr. Gerald FARTHING, the Chair of the Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development, on the key findings of the report on progress in implementation of the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development

Interventions from the floor by

Greece

Romania

Kyrgyzstan

Switzerland

Belgium (Flanders) via video address

Ukraine

Poland

Hungary

Belarus

CAREC

European ECO-Forum

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Presentation by

Mr. Gerald FARTHING, the Chair of the Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development, on the framework for the future implementation of the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development and the draft Batumi Ministerial Statement on Education for Sustainable Development

Thursday, 9 June 2016

4. Greening the economy in the pan-European region

Plenary session and interactive discussion, Thursday, 9 June 2016, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., Sheraton Batumi Hotel and Hilton Batumi Hotel

Note that more details regarding the organization of this agenda item are provided in the Guidance for speakers.

Plenary session, Thursday, 9 June 2016, 10–11:05 a.m., Sheraton Batumi Hotel

Chaired by

Mr. Marc CHARDONNENS, State Secretary for the Environment, Director of the Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland

Live video-link by

Mr. Bertrand PICCARD, the Aviation Pioneer and Solar Energy Champion, and UNEP Goodwill Ambassador via a live connection to the Solar Impulse air plane, at the time of the Conference flying over the Atlantic Ocean pursuing its fly around the Earth to demonstrate the potential of the solar renewable energy

Keynote address by

Mr. Graeme MAXTON, Secretary General of the Club of Rome, the author of the international best-seller “The End of Progress: How modern economics has failed us” and the coming book “Reinventing Prosperity: Managing Economic Growth to Reduce Unemployment, Inequality and Climate Change”

Keynote address by

H.E. Ms. Cristiana PASCA PALMER, the Minister of Environment, Waters and Forests of Romania

Keynote address by

H.E. Mr. Andrei KOVKHUTO, the Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of Belarus

Presentation by

Ms. Alexandra CARVALHO, the Secretary-General of Environment, Portugal, to present the Pan-European Strategic Framework for Greening the Economy on behalf of the Chair of the Committee on Environmental Policy

Launching of the BIG-E

Video screening on green economy by

European ECO Forum

Multi-stakeholder round-table discussions, Thursday, 9 June 2016, 11:05 a.m.–1 p.m., Sheraton Batumi Hotel and Hilton Batumi Hotel

Multi-stakeholder round table on greening the economy: Two parallel sessions of a multi-stakeholder round table on greening the economy in the pan-European region will be held.

Parallel session 1 (English/French/Russian interpretation): Session 1 of the round table will be held at the Sheraton Batumi Hotel

Co-Moderated by

H.E. Mr. Slaven DOBROVIĆ, the Minister of Environment and Nature Protection of Croatia

Mr. Christian Friis BACH, the Executive Secretary of UNECE

Participants in parallel session 1

Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Georgia, Greece, Italy, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Switzerland, Tajikistan, United States of America, Uzbekistan, European Commission, UNECE, UNEP, OECD, WB, GGKP, European ECO-Forum

Interventions (*according to the interest expressed*) by

(a) Opportunities and challenges

Austria

United States of America

OECD

World Bank

European ECO-Forum

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(b) Paths to sustainability

Lithuania

Poland

United States of America

Uzbekistan

France

World Bank

University of Oxford

European ECO-Forum

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(c) Green incentives

Bulgaria
Poland
Republic of Moldova
Switzerland
OECD
European ECO-Forum
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(d) Cooperation

Republic of Moldova
Switzerland
UNEP
GGKP
European ECO-Forum
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Parallel session 2 (English/Russian interpretation): Session 2 of the round table will be held at the Hilton Batumi Hotel

Co-Moderated by

H.E. Ms. Cristiana PASCA PALMER, the Minister of Environment, Waters and Forests of Romania

Mr. Jan DUSIK, the Regional Director of UNEP

Participants in parallel session 2

Albania, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Malta, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, EEA, UNDP, OSCE, REC-CEE, European ECO-Forum

Interventions (*according to the interest expressed*) by

(a) Opportunities and challenges

Hungary
EEA
UNDP
European ECO-Forum
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(b) Paths to sustainability

Germany
Portugal
Sweden
European ECO-Forum

Pistoletto Foundation

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(c) Green incentives

Bulgaria

Latvia

Portugal

EEA

European ECO-Forum

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(d) Cooperation

OSCE

REC-CEE

European ECO-Forum

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5. Improving air quality for a better environment and human health

Plenary session and interactive discussion, Thursday, 9 June 2016, 3–6 p.m., Sheraton Batumi Hotel and Hilton Batumi Hotel

More details regarding the organization of agenda item 5 are provided in the Guidance for speakers.

Plenary session, Thursday, 9 June, 3–4.15 p.m., Sheraton Batumi Hotel

Chaired by

H.E. Mr. Kestutis TRECIOKAS, Minister of Environment of Lithuania

Video: improving air quality for a better environment and human health

Keynote address by

H.E. Mr. Andrei KOVKHUTO, the Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of Belarus

Keynote address by

Ms. Zsuzsanna JAKAB, the Regional Director for Europe, the World Health Organization

Keynote address by

Ms. Nino KHATISKATSI, the Deputy Mayor of Tbilisi

Presentation by

H.E. Mr. Jan OLSSSEN, the Environment Ambassador of Sweden will present the Batumi Action for Cleaner Air.

Launching ceremony

Batumi Action for Cleaner Air (BACA)

Multi-stakeholder round-table discussions, Thursday, 9 June 2016, 4.15–6 p.m., Sheraton Batumi Hotel and Hilton Batumi Hotel

Multi-stakeholder round table on improving air quality: Two parallel sessions of a multi-stakeholder round table on improving air quality for a better environment and human health will be held (a total of 1 hour and 45 minutes).

Parallel session 1 (English/French/Russian interpretation): Session 1 of the round table will be held at the Sheraton Batumi Hotel

Co-Moderated by

Ms. Maria KRAUTZBERGER, President of the German Environment Agency

Mr. Simon UPTON, the OECD Director of Environment

Participants in parallel session 1

Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Hungary, Israel, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Malta, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, UNECE, UNEP, OECD, European ECO-Forum

Interventions (*according to the interest expressed*) by

(a) **Pollutants and policies**

Bulgaria
Finland
Portugal
Switzerland
Uzbekistan
European ECO-Forum
UNECE
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(b) **Sectors and funding**

Latvia
European ECO-Forum
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(c) **Public awareness and participation**

Portugal
European ECO-Forum
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(d) **Cooperation**

Belgium
Hungary
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Parallel session 2 (English/Russian interpretation): Session 2 of the round table will be held at the Hilton Batumi Hotel

Co-Moderated by

H.E. Mr. Ostap SEMERAK, Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine

Mr. Jan DUSIK, the Director of the UNEP Regional Office for Europe

Participants in parallel session 2

Albania, Austria, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Italy, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Sweden, Tajikistan, United States of America, Ukraine, European Commission, WHO, IFAS, European ECO-Forum

Interventions (according to the interest expressed) by

(a) **Pollutants and policies**

Germany

Sweden

Tajikistan

United States of America

European ECO-Forum

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(b) **Sectors and funding**

Austria

Poland

European ECO-Forum

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(c) **Public awareness and participation**

United States of America

European ECO-Forum

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(d) **Cooperation**

United States of America

IFAS

European ECO-Forum

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Friday, 10 June 2016

6. Reporting on the outcomes of the discussions under the thematic sessions

Plenary session, Friday, 10 June 2016, 10–11.30 a.m., Sheraton Batumi Hotel

Chaired by

H.E. Mr. Gigla AGULASHVILI, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia

Reporting on green economy segment by

Mr. Marc CHARDONNENS, State Secretary for the Environment, Director of the Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland

Questions/comments:

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Reporting on air quality segment by

Ms. Maria KRAUTZBERGER, President of the German Federal Environment Agency

Questions/comments:

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7. Adoption of Conference outcomes

Plenary session, Friday, 10 June 2016, 11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m., Sheraton Batumi Hotel

Chaired by

H.E. Mr. Gigla AGULASHVILI, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia

Presentation of Declaration by

H.E. Mr. Gigla AGULASHVILI, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia

Statements by

The Netherlands on behalf of European Union

UNECE

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8. Closure of the Conference

Plenary session, Friday, 10 June 2016, 12.30–1 p.m., Sheraton Batumi Hotel

Chaired by

H.E. Mr. Gigla AGULASHVILI, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia

Chair's Summary by

H.E. Mr. Gigla AGULASHVILI, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources
Protection of Georgia
