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2020 SPECA ECONOMIC FORUM "Regional Cooperation to Support Socioeconomic Recovery in the Wake of COVID-19"

and

FIFTEENTH SESSION OF THE SPECA GOVERNING COUNCIL (Virtual Modality, 18-20 November 2020)

INFORMATION NOTICE

I. INTRODUCTION

This Information notice provides logistical details regarding 2020 SPECA Economic Forum and the fifteenth session of the SPECA Governing Council jointly organized by the Government of Kyrgyzstan, the present Chair country of the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA), the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).

II. ORGANIZATION

The 2020 SPECA Economic Forum will be held from 09:00 until 16:00 on 18 November 2020 and from 09:00 until 16:00 on 19 November 2020. The fifteenth session of the SPECA Governing Council will be held from 09:00 until 13:00 on 20 November 2020. The SPECA high-level events will be held on virtual modality. All necessary instructions with connection details will be shared with registered participants closer to the event date.

III. PARTICIPATION

Government representatives of the United Nations member States, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, relevant international and regional organizations, international financial institutions, donors as well as representatives of the private sector, the academic community and civil society are invited to participate in the 2020 SPECA Economic Forum on 18 and 19 November 2020.

Representatives of neighbouring countries, other countries interested in supporting the Programme, United Nations agencies and programmes, international and regional organizations,

international financial institutions and donor agencies can attend the fifteenth session of the SPECA Governing Council in the morning of 20 November as observers.

IV. CONFERENCE FEE

No conference fee is charged for participation.

V. PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION

Invited and nominated participants are requested to fill in the online Registration form by **6** November 2020: <u>http://bit.ly/2020SPECA</u>.

VI. DOCUMENTATION

Documents for the 2020 SPECA Economic Forum and the fifteenth session of the SPECA Governing Council can be found on the ESCAP Subregional Office for North and Central Asia and UNECE websites as per below:

- https://www.unescap.org/events/2020speca-ef
- https://www.unescap.org/events/2020speca-gc
- https://www.unece.org/index.php?id=55495
- https://www.unece.org/index.php?id=55488

VII. INTERPRETATION

Simultaneous interpretation in English and Russian will be provided.

VIII. CONTACT INFORMATION

Further information on the 2020 SPECA Economic Forum and the fifteenth session of the SPECA Governing Council can be obtained from:

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IX. USEFUL INFORMATION

Instructions on how to connect to virtual platforms are available on the below websites:

- https://www.unescap.org/events/2020speca-ef
- <u>https://www.unescap.org/events/2020speca-gc</u>

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