

**Pathways to progress:
Regional voices driving
the 2030 Agenda**

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CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM

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REGIONAL FORUM
ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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ECE-RCEM Civil Society Forum 2024

Info

Date	12 March 2024
Where	Room XIX in the E-building, Palais des Nations, UN, Geneva (and self-organised livestream, so not fully hybrid)
Registration (in-person)	https://indico.un.org/event/1009658/
Registration (online)	https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlqduGuqzguG9GNrG-uEPWI RG1zlUbTjIMC

Agenda

08:30 – 09:30	Registration, coffee and networking	
09:30 – 10:00	Briefing on the Summit of the Future (SOFT) Moderator: Marianne Haslegrave Informal meeting open to CSO and MS	Expected outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gain clearer understanding about Summit of the Future,• Preparing for the session with UN agencies later
10:00 – 11:00	Introduction and orientation Moderator: Anna Salnikova <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome by RCEM - go through agenda and solidarity principles for engagement• Ice-breaker• About ECE-RCEM - Hanna Gunnarsson, Women Engage for a Common Future• Opening address - Tatiana Molcean, Executive Secretary UNECE• Agenda setting - key points from Member Mobilization Meeting• Setting common expectations for the meeting	Expected outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clarity on the process• Networking• Building solidarity
11:00 – 12:00	Same or different? – Session on VNRs from our region Ensuring civil society engagement in national VNR processes Moderator: Valentina Bodrug-Lungu <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Armenia - Anna Barikyan• Austria - intervention is welcomed• Azerbaijan - Lala Safarli, SARA Movement• Georgia - Sopiko Babalashvili, CENN• Spain - intervention is welcomed	Expected outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reporting on the situation on VNR preparation and CSO engagement

**12:00 –
13:00**

Summit of the Future: how to make voices of civil society heard

Interactive session where civil society will get to hear from UN Agencies what they currently are doing to support civil society in getting their messages across.

Moderator: Marianne Haslegrave

- **Guy Ryder**
[Under-Secretary-General for Policy](#)
- **Belén Sanz**
[UN Women](#)
Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia
- **Christina Behrendt,**
[International Labour Organisation \(ILO\)](#)
Head Social Policy Unity
- **Marta Diabolova**
[United Nations Population Fund \(UNFPA\)](#)
Regional Advisor, Strategic Partnerships
- **Wondwosen Asnake Kibret**
[UN Environment Program \(UNEP\)](#)
Policy and Partnerships Coordinator, Europe Office

Expected outcomes

- Networking opportunity with UN Agencies
- Building stronger allyship between civil society and UN Agencies

**13:00 –
15:00**

Lunch, networking and side events

**15:00 –
16:30**

Session on SDGs under review

Reflecting on the peer roundtables based on key points from the Member Mobilization Meeting.

Moderator: Hanna Gunnarson

- SDG 1. No Poverty - TBC
- SDG 2. No Hunger - Sopiko Babalashvili
- SDG 13. Climate Action - TBC
- SDG 16. Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions - TBC
- SDG 17 Partnerships for the SDGs -TBC

Expected outcomes

- Forming joint recommendations, reflecting our wide expertise, to be used by civil society during the peer-learning tables.

**16:30 –
17:30**

Combining priorities

Interactive preparatory group session with Forum participants

Moderator: Nelya Rakhimova

Combining policy input and drafting our interventions and statements

Expected outcomes

- Coordinating advocacy statements with Youth delegates
- Selecting Speakers

**17:30 –
18:00**

Closing session – What's next?

Moderator: Hanna Gunnarsson

Expected outcomes

- Select speakers for the RFSD
- Resolve any outstanding uncertainties

18:00

End