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Day 1		
12:15-13:00	<p>1. Joint Closing Session of the OECD Eurasia Week and Opening of the Inaugural Meeting of the GREEN Action Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Linking the OECD Eurasia Week and the GREEN Action Programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Douglas Frantz, Deputy Secretary General, OECD ● Remarks by the Co-Chair of the EAP Task Force and approval of meeting agenda and summary records of the last meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Jürgen Keinhorst, Task Force Co-Chair, Germany ● Greening the economy in the Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) Region: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Simon Upton, Environment Director, OECD ● Signing the OECD Declaration on Green Growth by Georgia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Irma Kavtaradze, Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development, Georgia <p>Action(s): ENV/EPOC/EAP/A(2016)2-for approval, ENV/EPOC/EAP(2016)5-for information, ENV/EPOC/EAP/M(2015)3-for approval</p>	ENV/EPOC/EAP/A(2016)2 ENV/EPOC/EAP(2016)5 ENV/EPOC/EAP/M(2015)3
13:00-14:15	Lunch break	
14:15-14:30	<p>2. Election of the GREEN Action Programme Task Force Bureau</p> <p>Country delegates will be invited to elect new Task Force Bureau members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Kumi Kitamori, Head of Division, OECD <p>Action(s): ENV/EPOC/EAP/RD(2016)1-for approval , ENV/EPOC/EAP(2016)5-for information</p>	ENV/EPOC/EAP/RD(2016)1 ENV/EPOC/EAP(2016)5
14:30-14:40	<p>3. Outcome of the recent Ministerial Meetings</p> <p>UNECE and the European Union will inform participants about the outcomes of the recent ministerial meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Environment for Europe (EfE) Ministerial Conference (Batumi, Georgia 8-10 June 2016) 	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2016)5

- Mr. Marco Keiner, Director, Environment Division, UNECE
- Ms. Sylvie Motard, Deputy Director Regional Office for Europe, UNEP
- The Eastern Partnership (EaP) Environment Ministerial Meeting (Luxembourg, 18 October 2016)
 - Mr. Norbert Kurilla, the State Secretary of the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic/EU presidency

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14:40-16:00	4. Promoting green investment and finance - International and national efforts to finance low-carbon investments in EECCA	ENV/EPOC/ EAP(2016)4
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This session aims to review experience and identify priority actions to leverage and diversify financing for green infrastructure development and green investments in the EECCA countries. The focus will be on actions proposed in the Task Force work programme, including greening public finances and better expenditure management, facilitating access to private finance and developing strategies for green investments, including addressing climate change mitigation and adaptation.

- Introductory presentations on key challenges to, and opportunities for, scaling up green investment in the transition economies:
 - Mr. Mihai Roscovan, invited expert, former Deputy Minister of Economy and Reforms, Moldova
 - Mr. Jernej Stritih, former Deputy Minister of Environment, Slovenia
 - Mr. Johannes Van de Ven, Senior Carbon Manager, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
- *Roundtable interventions by the Task Force Members and Partners*

Action(s): For discussion

16:00-16:15	Coffee break
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16:15-17:45	5. Integrating environmental, economic and sectoral policies for green growth	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2016)4
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The objectives of this session are to discuss the progress in policy reform for greening economic development growth in the EECCA countries and to identify ways to accelerate the reform process and achieve concrete results. The emphasis will be places on the areas suggested in the Task Force Work Programme, including the development of comprehensive green growth strategies, devising regulatory and economic instruments that promote greener growth, strengthening the rule of law, integrating environmental and sectoral policies and strengthening the green growth measurement framework.

- Introductory presentations on key lessons learned from reforming policies and regulations to accelerate greening economic growth in the EU and EECCA:
 - Ms. Irma Kavtaradze, Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development, Georgia
 - Ms. Sylvie Motard, Deputy Director Regional Office for Europe, UNEP
 - Mr. Patrick Wegerdt, Bilateral and Regional Environmental Cooperation Unit, DG Environment, European Commission
- *Roundtable interventions by the Task Force Members and Partners*

Action(s): For discussion

18:00-19:30 **Cocktail Reception**
Room "Roger Ockrent"

Day 2

09:30-11:00 **6. Water-related innovations in support of green economic development in EECCA** ENV/EPOC/EAP(2016)4

This session will provide a platform for discussion of innovations in water sector reform in the European Union, the EECCA region and OECD member countries. It will describe ongoing and future projects and initiatives and highlight the link between a well-managed water sector and green economic development.

- Reforms needed to support river basin management in Eastern Neighbourhood countries (EUWI Plus Project);
 - Mr. Marco Keiner, Director, Environment Division, UNECE and Ms. Tatiana Efimova, Environment Directorate, OECD
- Challenges with implementation of river basin management plans in EU-Member Countries and the link to economic growth;
 - Mr. Yannick Pochon, International Office for Water
- How to stimulate water-related innovation? The role of technical and non-technical innovations for adequate water resources management;
 - Ms. Lena Zeiger, Permanent Delegation of Israel to the OECD
- How to facilitate transition to green economy in the water sector of Kazakhstan? Role of MPWI, cost effective state support in improving water use efficiency and water productivity
 - Mr. Erik Yakubayev, Deputy Director of KazWater, Committee of Water Resources, Ministry of Agriculture of Kazakhstan
- *Roundtable interventions by the Task Force Members and Partners*

Action(s): For discussion

11:00-11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30-13:00 **7. Education, awareness raising and communications for sustainable development and green growth**

Education for sustainable development was one of the themes of the EfE Ministerial conference in Batumi. In addition, to raise awareness about the need for and ongoing efforts to shift to a green economy is important to ensure a successful transition. This session is intended to facilitate sharing of country experience, and to discuss the role of the Green Growth Knowledge Platform (GGKP) for sharing information on activities to support the BIG-E.

- The following experts will deliver introductory presentations:
 - Mr. Mykola Kuzyo, Vice Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources, Ukraine
 - Mr. Bernard Combes, Information Officer, Education for sustainable Development and Global citizenship Section, UNESCO
 - Mr. Benjamin Simmons, Head, Green Growth Knowledge Platform

Action(s): For discussion

13:00-14:30	Lunch break	
14:30-16:00	8. Sharing information on planned activities	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2016)3 ENV/EPOC/EAP(2016)4 Room document 2

This session will present the proposed programme of work and budget for 2017 and 2018 of the Task Force for the implementation of the GREEN Action Programme . It will highlight planned activities and provide an opportunity for discussion.

- OECD's Progress Report and Work Programme for 2016-2018;
 - Mr. Krzysztof Michalak and Mr. Matthew Griffiths, Environment Directorate, OECD
- Mapping of activities supporting greening of the economy in EECCA by the UN agencies;
 - Representative of UNECE/UNEP
- Mapping of activities supporting greening of the economy in EECCA by other development partners;
 - Ms. Mikaela Rambali, Environment Directorate, OECD

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16:00-16:30	9. Item 9. Other business and closing remarks	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The delegates will be invited to discuss and approve the dates and the venue of the next meeting. ● The delegates will be invited to raise any other issues that were not covered by the agenda. ● The Chair will make the closing remarks. <p>Action(s): For discussion and approval</p>	