



## Dialogue of the Executive Secretaries of the Regional Commissions

with the UN General Assembly Second Committee

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Inclusive societies based on new economic models and sustainable use of natural resources: perspectives from the regions

### Concept Note

#### Objectives

The Dialogue will present regional perspectives on the theme of the Second Committee<sup>3</sup>, Q.F.O.X.V.L.Y.H. V.R.F.L.H.W.L.H.V. E.D.V.H. Sustainable Use of Natural Resources. P.R.G.H.O. Key objectives will be

1. To present latest trends in development thinking and new economic models emerging from the regions in support of the transformational change required to achieve the 2030 Agenda.
2. To showcase how Regional Commissions act as think tanks in the region generating knowledge and applied policy research and support countries in conceptualizing innovative development frameworks to accelerate implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

#### Expected Outcomes

For Member States and other stakeholders to gain appreciation of development thinking and innovative and integrated solutions emerging in the regions to address the challenges of advancing the implementation of the 2030 Agenda



In September 2019, world leaders gathered at the SDG Summit unanimously adopted the **2019 Global Sustainable Development Report**. The **2019 Global Sustainable Development Report** welcomes the efforts of the Regional Commissions and the Regional Fora for Sustainable Development in realizing the vision of the 2030 Agenda. The **2019 Global Sustainable Development Report** recommends that regional organizations step up efforts to facilitate the exchange of information and dissemination of lessons learned.



In the context of the Africa Mining Vision (AMV), ECA has been actively supporting countries in rethinking their mineral resources development models leading to knowledge generation and applied policy research, towards optimizing linkages with other economic sectors, in line with the 2030 Agenda priorities and its economic, social and environmental dimension

- In Asia and the Pacific, rapid economic growth has come at the cost of rising inequalities and considerable environmental degradation. ESCAP is actively accompanying the region in rethinking its development model to move away from a sole emphasis on economic growth or prosperity to an economic philosophy that puts people and the planet first. To ensure that socioeconomic progress does not damage the environment, a giant leap is needed towards a more sustainable model, based on resource-efficient consumption and production.
- In the UNECE region, there is a trend towards increased resource efficiency, which contributes to reducing environmental pressures. However, there is a need to better manage natural resources, promote a circular economy, which reduces waste and encourages reutilization, and engineer a shift towards resources with a smaller environmental footprint. UNECE is supporting norms and standard setting towards such a shift and has launched four nexus areas: natural resource management, smart connectivity, smart and sustainable cities, and measuring the SDGs to maximize results.

The Dialogue of the Executive Secretaries will provide an opportunity for more in-depth understanding of regional efforts towards transformational changes to accelerate implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the innovative thinking and models to support such transformations.