

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT HANDBOOK



## 2.2 REGIONAL FORUMS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The Regional Forums for Sustainable Development (RFSDs), organized by the five UN Commissions (regional outpost of the United Nations in their respective regions) are set to support the Implementation Follow Up and Review of the 2030 Agenda.

They enable appropriate linkages between various levels (from local to global), actors (state and non-state) and sectors. In that way, they are creating a regional space to share policy solutions, best practices and challenges in SDG implementation. They help identifying major regional and sub regional trends. In doing so, they facilitate peer learning and cooperation - including South-South and triangular cooperation- and give input to the High Level Political Forum (HLPF). The regional Forums are expected to be inclusive and to encourage participation and broad involvement of civil society and other stakeholders.

The European Regional Forum is convened by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). It is open to participation of all relevant regional and sub regional stakeholders, including civil society. Their 2019 meeting will be held on Thursday, 21 March, and Friday, 22 March, at the International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG). The Regional Forum will be aligned with the theme of the 2019 High-Level Political Forum: "Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality". The peer learning round tables will focus on the implementation of the following five SDGs under in-depth review at the 2019 HLPF: SDG 4, SDG 8, SDG 10, SDG 13, SDG 16.

Country representatives and other stakeholders will share concrete case studies from their national experience, propose solutions to identified problems and discuss how best practices can be adopted by peers.

## **RESOURCES**

Regional Commissions: Regional Forums on Sustainable Development

UNECE: Regional Forum Background

Regional Commissions: What we do

**UNECE: Regional Forum 2016** 

**UNECE: Regional Forum 2018** 

**UNECE: Regional Forum 2019** 

IISD: 2018 Regional Forum news