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**Conclusions RCM segment (9:30-11:15)**

**Item 2: Gender**

- The RCM was briefed on the **global Beijing+20 Review and the 59<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on the Status of Women** in New York in March, which generated renewed political will to implement commitments on gender equality and women's empowerment, including through the SDGs.
- UNEP informed about the ongoing preparation of the first **Global Gender and Environment Outlook** to be launched at the 2nd United Nations Environment Assembly in May 2016.
- UN Women, UNFPA and UNDP are preparing a **Partnership Framework** for a regional working group on gender.
- **The working group on gender will be formalized and opened up for remote participation by non-Istanbul-based agencies. The working group will report back on its status at the next RCM meeting.**

**Item 3: UN Regional Thematic Group on Noncommunicable Diseases and Social, Economic and Environmental Determinants of Health**

- WHO presented the **revised Terms of Reference and programme of work** for 2015/16 of the Regional Thematic Group. The name of the group was modified to better distinguish it from the global task force on NCDs. The RCM welcomed the broader focus on social, economic and environmental determinants of health.
- **A face-to-face meeting of the group will be organized in July to discuss the next steps. This includes further work on the business case for NCDs, to which ECE will contribute by conducting a literature review related to its areas of work (especially air pollution and environmental determinants).**
- **A more elaborate report on the group and its activities will be received at the next RCM meeting.**

#### Item 4: Other Business

- ECE session: The RCM was briefed on the 66<sup>th</sup> session of ECE in April, which also served as the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development.
- Green Economy Activities: A pan-European strategic framework for greening the economy is being prepared in the run-up to the Eighth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference in Batumi, Georgia in 2016, jointly led by ECE and UNEP. **RCM members will be consulted electronically in June/July on the preparation of the framework after discussions at the Bureau of the ECE Committee on Environmental Policy (CEP).** RCM members also expressed interest in being involved in the second theme of the Batumi Conference – air pollution.
- ITU Regional Initiatives: Five Regional Initiatives for Europe are currently being implemented by ITU in follow-up to the 2014 World Telecommunication Development Conference.
- RCM website: ECE presented the draft RCM website. **The link to the website will be shared with the RCM for review and comments.**
- Next RCM meeting: The next RCM/R-UNDG meetings could be held in Dushanbe (in conjunction with the SPECA Economic Forum and Governing Council in November), in Paris (in conjunction with the Climate Conference in November/December) or in Geneva (around mid-November hosted by ILO). **Concrete options will be communicated in due course.**

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