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**“Enhancing security and stability in the OSCE region through digital innovation,
contributing to sustainable development and climate adaptation”**

SECOND PREPARATORY MEETING

St Julian’s, 19-20 June 2024

Venue: Westin Dragonara Hotel, St Julian’s, Malta

DRAFT AGENDA

Wednesday, 19 June 2024

- 16:00** **Thematic Field Visit - a Climate Adaptation Best Practice Case Study**
- 19:30** **Reception hosted by the Chairpersonship of Malta, Pavilion Reef Club,
Westin Dragonara Hotel, St Julian’s**

Thursday, 20 June 2024

- 9:00 - 9:30** **Welcoming remarks**
- 9:30 - 10:45** **Session I: Addressing environmental hazards, disasters and
degradation, including other climate change-related risks to security
in the OSCE area**
- Selected topics:**
- Highlighting the short- and long-term impact of environmental degradation on health, wellbeing, stability and security
 - Fostering effective disaster risk reduction through prevention, preparedness and cooperation through multi-stakeholder efforts
 - Enhancing environmental sustainability through digital innovation, technological co-operation, access to data and early warning systems

- Advancing innovative agricultural, food and energy policies to strengthen climate resilience, security and stability in the OSCE area

Discussion

10:45 - 11:15

Coffee/Tea Break

11:15 - 12:30

Session II: Enhancing environmental protection as well as the sustainable use and management of natural resources to safeguard sustainable development and security in the OSCE area

Selected topics:

- Addressing environmental degradation and the mismanagement of natural resources with implications for security, stability and sustainable economic development
- Strengthening environmental protection and good environmental governance contributing to economic development and the well-being of people, including a perspective on women and youth
- Considering the short- and long-term impacts of environmental degradation contributing to and stemming from conflicts
- Protecting biodiversity by addressing the current environmental challenges in the OSCE region, including in the marine environment

Discussion

12:30 - 14:00

Buffet lunch hosted by the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, Terrace Restaurant, Westin Dragonara Hotel, St Julian's

14:00 - 15:30

High-Level Panel: Addressing the economic, environmental and social impacts of climate change, which may negatively affect prosperity, stability and security in the OSCE area

Selected Topics:

- Integrating climate considerations into strategy and policy direction in all fora on the basis of national and regional vulnerabilities
- Taking a systemic perspective on the adverse effects of climate change and their implications on security & stability in the OSCE area
- Enabling the effective participation of women and youth in decision-making processes on climate change adaptation
- Promoting regional co-operation and multistakeholder approaches, for innovative solutions to strengthen climate change resilience and preparedness

Discussion

15:30 - 16:00 **Coffee/Tea break**

16:00 - 17:30 **Closing Session**

Statements by Delegations

Concluding Remarks