











UN High-Level Political Forum 2023

Panel discussion on "Regional cooperation and acceleration of the SDGs implementation: The Role of the Central European Initiative (CEI)"

18 July h. 6.30-8.00 pm, UN Headquarters - New York Conference Room 5

Agenda

Introductory remarks

Nina Kodelja, CEI Deputy Secretary General

Opening statements

Gheorghe Leucă, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova to the UN, CEI Presidency 2023 **Lachezara Stoeva**, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Bulgaria to the UN, also in capacity of ECOSOC President

Ferit Hoxha, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Albania to the UN **Maurizio Massari**, Permanent Representative of Italy to the UN

Keynote statements

Adrian Băluțel, Secretary of State of the Government of the Republic of Moldova **Ivana Živković**, UN Assistant Secretary General, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Director of the UNDP Regional Bureau for Europe and the CIS

Fabio Scano, Special Envoy of the WHO Regional Director for Europe for the Western Balkans

Panel

Miloš Prica, Ambassador, Co-chair of 2023 UNECE Regional Forum on Sustainable Development **Aliona Rotaru**, Executive Director, "Dreamups" Innovation and Entrepreneurship Accelerator, Republic of Moldova

Rade Stanišić, Head of International Project Management Unit, Port of Bar, Montenegro

Statements from the floor and Q&A

Concluding remarks

Nina Kodelja, CEI Deputy Secretary General

Moderators: Nina Kodelja, CEI Deputy Secretary General – Opening and keynote statements; Lidija Arsova, CEI Senior Executive Officer – Panel