



**PRESS RELEASE ON
THE THIRD REGIONAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
FOR THE UNECE REGION
(Geneva 21-22 March 2019,**

The Third Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the UNECE Region took place in Geneva, on 21-22 March 2019, a regular annual event that is bringing together stakeholders from governments, civil society, academia and the private sector for sharing experiences on how to realize the 2030 Agenda and for encouraging collaboration.

The purpose of the Forum is to create a regional space for sharing policy solutions, best practices and challenges in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and for identifying major regional and sub-regional trends and further action required for achieving the objectives of the 2030 Agenda.

The Forum was organized in three plenary sessions, 10 Round Tables discussing SDGs 4, 8, 10, 13 and 16, two focus events on cutting-edge topics affecting overall SDG implementation and a great number of side events.

BSEC PERMIS was represented at the Forum by Ambassador Traian CHEBELEU, Deputy Secretary General.

For the first time ever the BSEC PERMIS was present in this important event also with a special stand, where information material regarding the activities of BSEC Working Groups for the promotion of the UN SDGs was placed at the disposal of visitors and participants.

Various experiences and views on how to cooperate within the UNECE region and its different sub-regions, in order to facilitate the advance of the SDGs, were shared during most of the interventions by participants. A widely shared view was that the international community is still far from reaching the agreed objectives for combating climate change and that renewed efforts are necessary by all actors involved.