

Briefing Note for UN Regional Preparatory Meetings Letter 2019

Bridge 47 Network Member

This briefing note and letter have been prepared to help with Bridge 47's global advocacy, to ensure that our messages of lifelong learning and global citizenship education are heard at High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2019. SDG 4 and SDG 10 will be reviewed at HLPF 2019, and we have made this letter as a tool for you to use to continue to build relationships with Member State representatives, government and other stakeholders, who are likely to attend HLPF 2019 and to start giving them the message about the importance of global citizenship education and lifelong learning as a key theme to the implementation of SDG 4 and other SDGs.

What are UN Regional Preparatory Meetings?

There are five regional preparatory meetings for HLPF. Although each region may run slightly different from each other, all meetings have the same overall purpose which is to engage with member states, UN bodies, and the institutions, major groups and other stakeholders in highlighting regional and sub regional perspectives on the SDGs being reviewed at HLPF 2019. The regional preparatory meetings also review the implementation and progress of all SDGs, within their region, submitting their findings into a written report prior to HLPF.

The dates for each regional preparatory meeting are as follows:

[United Nations Economic Commission for Europe \(ECE\)](#): 21-22 March 2019, Geneva, Switzerland

[United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific \(ESCAP\)](#): 27-29 March 2019, Bangkok, Thailand

[United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia \(ESCWA\)](#): 9-11 April 2019, Beirut, Lebanon

[United Nations Economic Commission for Africa \(ECA\)](#): 16-18 April 2019, Marrakech, Morocco

[United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean \(ECLAC\)](#): 22-26 April 2019, Santiago, Chile.

What do you need to do?

We are asking you to get in touch with your appropriate government minister and/or senior officials and their special advisors ahead of them attending your relevant Regional Preparatory Meeting. It takes two easy steps,

1. review the letter and make the necessary changes adding the appropriate name at the beginning and end of the letter, putting in the relevant Regional Preparatory meeting at the beginning, and decide whether to add a sentence to bullet point 2 from your own national context
2. send the letter to the appropriate person(s)

Further Resources

Further background on the Regional Forums and their link to the UN and SDGs can be found [here](#).

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