

High-Level Policy Dialogue on Energy-Water-Land Nexus in Central Asia

Tashkent, 15 October 2021
Hyatt Regency Tashkent (Samarkand Room)
09:30 - 13:00

DRAFT AGENDA

Background

Central Asia is a hot spot where climate change is already threatening the environment and the natural resource base on which the region's future socioeconomic development relies. Central Asia is also imbalanced in terms of the distribution of arable land, water resources, fossil fuel deposits, climate and topography across the region. Central planning under the Soviet Union mitigated some of these imbalances, but also led to unsustainable use of natural resources including over exploitation of land and water.

Ahead of the COP26 UN Climate Conference in Glasgow in November 2021, the countries of Central Asia have been addressing the close links between climate change and the energy-water-land "nexus" in the region. There is currently strong momentum for regional cooperation in Central Asia as demonstrated by several successful joint actions, projects and initiatives. One example is "Green Central Asia" launched in Berlin in January 2020, which declared intent on cooperation in the field of climate and security among the countries of Central Asia and Afghanistan.

To accelerate a post-COVID green recovery and enhance well-being of citizens, the countries of Central Asia need to capture opportunities to better integrate the energy-water-land "nexus" into the broader policy framework and expand regional cooperation, based on sound economic rationale and mutual trust.

Objective

This **High-Level Policy Dialogue on Energy-Water-Land Nexus in Central Asia** aims to:

- bring together Central Asian countries for an exchange of views on cooperation opportunities concerning long-term energy, water and land use policies and the development of sustainable, climate-resilient national and regional infrastructure to support the "nexus";
- discuss the opportunities that exist at a regional level for cooperation amongst countries, including in the context of various ongoing and new initiatives;
- secure high-level political support from Central Asian countries for future activities in addressing the "nexus", including the new OECD initiative on the energy-water-land use nexus supported by Germany's International Climate Initiative, to be implemented in cooperation with international and regional partners¹.

¹ The new 4-year project (2022-2026) on the energy-water-land nexus in Central Asia will be financed by Germany's International Climate Initiative (IKI) and implemented by the OECD, EBRD, UNECE and SIC-ICWC in cooperation with other development partners active in areas relevant to the "nexus" to maximize synergies and complementarities.

SESSION 1

Moderator: Kumi Kitamori, OECD

From 09:30.....Welcome coffee

10:00-10:15 Opening/Welcome Remarks

- **Mathias Cormann**, Secretary-General, OECD
- **Mr. Laziz Kudratov**, First Deputy Minister of Investments and Foreign Trade-General Director of Strategic Development Agency, Republic of Uzbekistan
- **Tilo Klinner**, Ambassador of Germany to Uzbekistan

10:15-10:25 Towards resource security in the face of climate change: “Nexus” opportunities, challenges and regional cooperation - an OECD perspective

- **Rodolfo Lacy**, Environment Director, OECD

10:25-11:15 Central Asian countries perspectives - “Nexus” priorities, opportunities and challenges

Country priorities for energy-water-land use transformation in the context of climate change, including lessons learnt and ambitions for the future

- **Kazakhstan**
- **Kyrgyzstan**
- **Tajikistan**
- **Turkmenistan**
- **Uzbekistan**

11:15-11:30 Coffee Break

SESSION 2

Moderator: Kumi Kitamori, OECD

11:30-12:20 : Tackling the energy, water, land use nexus transformation – key ongoing and future initiatives

Towards sustainable energy transition in Central Asia

- **Federal Ministry for Environment (BMU), Germany**
 - *Tackling the energy, water, land use nexus transformation from the perspective of the UNECE CSE*
- **World Bank:**
 - *World Bank approach to tackling the energy, water, land use nexus transformation*

Driving effective transboundary water management in Central Asia

- **United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)**
 - *Transboundary water cooperation to tackle cross-cutting issues in the face of climate change*
- **Asian Development Bank**
 - *Asian Development Bank approach to tackling the energy, water land use nexus transformation*

The move towards sustainable agriculture and land use and innovative approaches to market reform

- **Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations**
 - *The Importance of a multi-sectorial Water-Energy-Land Nexus Approach to Achieve Sustainable Food System Transformation in Central Asia*
- **European Bank for Reconstruction and Development**
 - *Challenges and opportunities for scaling up investment in the nexus approaches in Central Asia*

The climate change challenge in Central Asia

- **Scientific Information Center of Interstate Commission for Water Coordination**
 - *Water, Food, Energy, Environment Security in Central Asia: Benefits of Nexus Solutions*

12:20-12:50: Responses and feedback from country delegations

- Tour de Table (all countries)

12:50-13:00: Next steps and closing

- OECD and BMU, Germany

13:00-14:00 LUNCH [Buffet]

AFTERNOON

Bilateral meetings for Delegates

List of Participants

Country / Organisation	Participants
Kazakhstan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Chingiz Sauranbayev, counsellor of the Kazakhstan embassy in Uzbekistan Mr Akhmetzhan Primkulov, Vice Minister, Ministry of Ecology Mr Zhandos Imanaliyev, the Presidential Office Mr Azat Matenov, Counselor, Division of the Multilateral Economic Cooperation and Official Development Assistance, Ms Kalamkas Duzbayeva, Head of Division of the Trans border water resources, Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
Kyrgyzstan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Aibek Artykbaev - Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic. Mr. Bakyt Asangul - Director of the Seventh Political Department of the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs.
Tajikistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Ashurboy Solekhzoda, First Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Trade Mr. Bahodur Ahadzoda, Head of the Main Directorate for the Development of Real Sectors of the Economy, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade Mr. Bakhodur Rakhmonov, Deputy Head of the Department of Foreign Economic Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ms. Jurakhonzoda Saodat, Deputy Director of the Centre of Strategic Research under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan H.E. Abdujabbor Rahmonzoda, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Tajikistan to Uzbekistan
Turkmenistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Yazguly Mammedov, Ambassador of Turkmenistan in Uzbekistan
Uzbekistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Laziz Kudratov, First Deputy Minister, Ministry of Investments and Foreign Trade-General Director of Strategic Development Agency Mr Ilkhom Norkulov, First Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction Mr Farkhod Arziev, First Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mr Jusipbek Kazbekov, Deputy Chairman, State Committee For Ecology and Environment Protection
Germany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Tilo Klinner, Ambassador of Germany to Uzbekistan Mr. Jürgen Keinhorst, Director of the Division “Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Africa, Middle East”, Federal Ministry for Environment (BMU) and Co-Chair of the UNECE Committee on Sustainable Energy (CSE) Ms. Hannah Mosleh, Policy Officer, Federal Ministry for Environment (BMU)
OECD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Rodolfo Lacy, Director of Environment Ms. Kumi Kitamori, Head of Green Growth and Global Relations Division Mr. Matthew Griffiths, Senior Programme Manager Mr. Takayoshi Kato, Policy Analyst

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Asian Development Bank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Enrico Pinali, Deputy Country Director, Uzbekistan Resident Mission, Central and West Asia Department
EBRD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Andrey Zhironkin, Principal Banker
FAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Temurbek Reymov, Coordinator of Interim Regional CADI Secretariat
The Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Ludmilla Kiktenko, Environment Management Programme Manager
SIC-ICWC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Dinara Ziganshina, Deputy Director
UNDP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Matilda Dimovska, Resident Representative in Uzbekistan, UNDP
UNECE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Marco Keiner, Director of the Environment Division • Mr. Batyr Hajiyev, Economic Affairs Officer
World Bank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Marco Mantovanelli, Country Manager, Uzbekistan • Mr. Ferhat Esen, Senior Energy Specialist