

Monitoring Uzbekistan's Progress towards Green Growth Using the OECD Green Growth Indicators Framework

Uzbekistan GGIs Monitoring Report 2023- Final Event

Mode: In person

Location: Ministry of Economy and Finance

Date: October 24, 2023

14:00-16:00 Tashkent time

Background

The Government of Uzbekistan is committed to green growth and the transformation towards a green economy. The Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated December 2, 2022, No. PP-436 approved the Program and Action plan for the transition to a green economy and with it eight main indicators and targets to monitor progress. The Ministry of Economy and Finance (MoEF) is tasked with the implementation and monitoring of the green economy strategy.

In this regard, the report “**Monitoring Uzbekistan's Progress towards Green Growth using the OECD Green Growth Indicators framework: the State of Play in 2023**” is a key component of the MoEF's green economy monitoring efforts. It adopts and uses the Green Growth Indicator framework (GGI) developed by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in 2011. The framework has been widely applied among OECD members and beyond, including in Central Asia. The report applies the GGI framework for the first time to Uzbekistan and allows for comprehensive and detailed tracking of its performance in all main areas of green growth. The report has seven chapters. The six chapters show trends in Uzbekistan between 1990-2022 for the four GGI dimensions: i) establishing a low-carbon, resource-efficient economy; ii) maintaining the natural asset base; iii) improving people's quality of life; and iv) implementing appropriate policy to realise the economic opportunities of green growth. The last chapter monitors the eight national indicators against the 2022 targets. The report makes use of national data where available and international data to complement it.

The study was a joint effort between the MoEF, Westminster International University in Tashkent (WIUT), Statistical Agency of Uzbekistan (SA) and the OECD. The work is financed by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety through its International Climate Initiative (IKI) and implemented under the GREEN Action Task Force hosted by the OECD.

Purpose of the event: The event will be a formal launch the main findings of the report: ***Greening the Economy in Uzbekistan: The State of Play in 2023*** and associated web platform. It will provide the opportunity to network amongst participants.

Logistics: Hybrid event at the MoEF. UZB-ENG-UZB simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

Room document: Main Findings of the Report and Nutshells with policy messages.

Participants

The meeting will be opened by his excellency the First Deputy Minister of MoEF, Mr. Ilkhom Norkulov followed by remarks from the OECD's Deputy Director for Environment Dr. Mathilde Mesnard. The event will gather representatives of the Ministry of Economy and Finance, as key national partner, as well as the Deputies from the Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change, Statistics Agency and other line Ministries and national stakeholders. It will also bring together representatives from development partners and non-government organizations.

Agenda

Tashkent time	Session
14:00-14:15	Welcome & registration
14:15-14:30	<p>Item 1: Opening Remarks</p> <p>Mr. Ilkhom Norkulov, First Deputy Minister, MoEF Dr. Mathilde Mesnard, Deputy Director for Environment, OECD</p> <p><i>Formal Hand-Over of the Report and Group Picture</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: Isabella Neuweg, Policy Analyst, Green Finance and Investment, OECD</i></p>
14.30–15:00	<p>Item 2. Presentation of the Report and Webplatform</p> <p>What do OECD Green Growth Indicators tell us about Uzbekistan's progress towards a green economy?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is Uzbekistan becoming more efficient in using natural resources and environmental services? • Is the natural asset base of Uzbekistan’s economy being maintained? • Does greening economic growth in Uzbekistan generate quality of life for people? • How does greening growth generate economic opportunities in Uzbekistan? <p><i>Presentation by Dr. Etenesh Asfaw, Senior Research Lead, WIUT</i></p>
15:00–15:30	<p>Item 3: Panel Discussion and Reactions from the Audience</p> <p>Key take-aways from the project, challenges and ways forward to improve monitoring of green economy in Uzbekistan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Islamov Shoxzod Shuxrat, <i>Head of Green Economy Development Department, Ministry of Economy and Finance</i> • Etenesh Asfaw, <i>Senior Research Lead, WIUT</i> • Anton Kostyuchenko, <i>Institute for Macroeconomic and Regional Studies</i> • Xodjimarut Talipov, <i>Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change</i> • Kamoliddin Abdugafarov, <i>Statistics Agency under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan</i> <p><i>Moderator: Isabella Neuweg, Policy Analyst, Green Finance and Investment, OECD</i></p>
15:30– 15:40	Closing Remarks: Dr. Mathilde Mesnard, OECD Deputy Director for Environment
15:40– 16:00	Networking and Press Briefings