



ЦЕНТРАЛЬНО-АЗИАТСКАЯ КОНФЕРЕНЦИЯ
ПО ВОПРОСАМ ИЗМЕНЕНИЯ КЛИМАТА

CENTRAL ASIA CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

CALL FOR ACTION

By Participants of the Second Central Asia Climate Change Conference

Tashkent city

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On April 3-4, 2019, Tashkent city hosted the Central Asia Climate Change Conference (CACCC) powered by the Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia (CAREC) in close cooperation with the Government of Uzbekistan, the support of World Bank within the "Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Program for Aral Sea Basin CAMP4ASB project.

The Conference aimed at **promoting regional cooperation and partnerships in climate change adaptation, as well as mitigating its consequences in Central Asia** .

More than 300 participants - representatives of Central Asian governments, international and regional organizations, diplomatic missions, multilateral development banks and civil society organizations , leading experts in the field of climate change , young leaders and representatives of the environmental sector attended the conference.

The Conference included three pre-conference sessions, plenary discussions, as well as five parallel sessions dedicated to the issues of global and regional climate tendencies, countries' obligations under the Paris Agreement, the development of climate services, the introduction of innovative technologies and practices, broad stakeholder involvement, increased academic capacity and access to climate finance. According to the results of the Conference and this **Call for Action** was adopted to promote regional cooperation and joint implementation of mitigation and adaptation measures, in which the participants of the Conference:

1. Consider that in the context of the growth of population in Central Asia, followed by an increase in the consumption of water, energy, biological and land resources, changing climate could jeopardize the UN sustainable development goals up to 2030, adopted by the countries of the region and the **call** to increase attention to climate change issues;
2. Take into account the need to limit global warming to 1,5 ° C, and **are calling** for consideration and immediate science-based solutions in the fields of energy management, industrial, land, transport and urban systems;
3. Value the voluntary, nationally determined contributions (NDCs) of the Central Asian countries to global processes for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adaptation, as well as the quality of reporting to the UNFCCC and **call** for a revision of quantitative commitments in the direction of their increase;
4. The underutilized potential of regional and transboundary cooperation in reducing greenhouse gas emission is noted and a call for regional integration of efforts is done.
5. Not only a potential threat of increase in the number of water-related natural disasters in the short and medium term, which are resulted from the intensive melting of the Tien Shan and Pamir glaciers, is noted, but also irreversible changes in the water supply regimes of the Aral Sea basin countries in the long term are observed. It is understood that despite the fact that countries are vulnerable to climate change in different ways, the region's adaptive capabilities directly depend on the level of transboundary cooperation,

foundation of which is to be found in global legal frameworks such as the Paris Agreement and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. As a result, a call for integration and coordination of adaptation measures is done;

6. The importance of delivering high-quality and timely climate services for the purposes of decision-making in various sectors of the economy is recognized and a call for strengthening technical and educational potential for the use of modern methods of processing and interpreting data is done. This will help societies to cope with current climate variability and to limit economic and social damage caused by climate disasters;
7. The World Bank's activities in modernizing the hydrometeorological services of Central Asia, which are carried out in the framework of the regional CAHMP project, and CAMP4ASB project activities in providing technical assistance in equipping and upgrading the weather and climate observation network, which is aimed at improving the quality of provided climate services, are highly appreciated. The call for mutually beneficial cooperation of stakeholders is done.
8. The Technical Assistance Capabilities (TCN) were taken into account. The call for the development or updating of the existing Technology Needs Assessment, which will be carried out by countries in the region, is done.
9. The positive results from the introduction of best adaptation practices were taken into account and call for increasing the capacity of local communities, as well as mobilizing resources, creating a favourable investment environment, sharing knowledge and lessons learned in order to scale and replicate in other countries of the region with similar climatic conditions is done.
10. The insufficiently active participation of the countries in the region in attracting climate finance from the GCF is recognized and call for increased efforts through capacity building is done.
11. It is noted that due to the timely financial, technical and advisory support provided by international organizations, funds and multilateral development banks, the effectiveness of countries' efforts in reduction greenhouse gas emissions and adaptation to climate change can be significantly exceeded. Call for coordination of efforts among the process's parties in order to ensure the synergism is done.
12. Welcomes the decision to create a network of civil society organizations in Central Asia on the issues of climate change, and **calls** for unity, mutual coordination and participation in a permanent open dialogue with all stakeholders, including governments, business, science, the public, young people and the media on important issues of the climate agenda;
13. Support the initiative to launch the "Environment for Central Asia" process (hereinafter referred to as OCCA) and **urge** to unite efforts to increase coherence and enhance the effectiveness of regional interaction in the context of the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the agenda for sustainable development for the period up to 2030;
14. Highly appreciate the potential of Central Asian youth in the issue of promoting sustainable development, her motivation and support a proactive approach and **call** for the involvement of young leaders in the implementation and projects related to strengthening it national capacity and regional cooperation on climate change;
15. Take into account the set of rules for the implementation of the Paris Agreement, determining the order and structure of monitoring and reporting on the activities of countries to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adaptation, and **urge** all interested parties to take this innovation into account in the NDC documents;
16. Emphasize and recognize the role of World Bank, international organizations, financial institutions and donor governments in their support in climate change adaptation and mitigation of its negative effects and **call** for embarking of activities and strengthening the regional cooperation;
17. Appreciate the Government of Uzbekistan Uzhydromet and the CAMP4ASB project implemented by the Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia in cooperation with EC IFAS with financial support from the World Bank , for conferences of

innovative expertise and synthesis of experiences of leading experts as well as to the people of Uzbekistan for the warm welcome and hospitality.

Following the discussions of pre-conference, plenary and parallel sessions, the conference participants noted the need implementation next steps:

1. **Support and strengthen** the first regional dialogue, exchange of knowledge and information to refine decision-making process on issues of climate change;
2. **Promote information** of the best practices and technologies gained through plenary sessions, learned of research outcomes, and the ability to attract investments and innovative technology for climate-resilient action;
3. **Coordinate** regional **efforts** to implement supportive programs and development of the Aral Sea region;
4. **Contribute** to attracting additional investment is, in support of initiatives on sustainable development of the region and the sustainable development of the Aral Sea basin, in particular by supporting the UN Trust Fund for the Aral Sea region;
5. **Provide Assistance** to the implementation of the project "Program for adaptation to climate change and mitigation of its consequences in the Aral Sea Basin " CAMP4ASB in terms of development of the Information Platform on climate change, technical modernization and increase capacity-building of hydrometeorological services, development of knowledge products, promotion of gender equality, technical and expert capacity as well as promotion of awareness in the wider public.

[1] Adopted at the 24th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (02-14.12.19, Katowice , Poland)