

**Thematic event within the framework of the 28th UN Conference of the Parties on
Climate Change**

***Unlocking sustainable innovation and creating an ecosystem of clean technology innovation
and entrepreneurship***

Date: December 8, 2023

Organizers: IGTIC, UNIDO

Location: Central Asian Pavilion, COP28.

The Global Cleantech Innovation Program (GCIP), the flagship UNIDO program, is funded through the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the Green Climate Fund (GCF). GCIP's journey began in 2011 with the pilot program at COP17 and was officially launched in 2014. Since then, the global GCIP network has expanded its reach to Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Eastern Europe. As of November 2022, GCIP is actively implemented in sixteen countries, including Cambodia, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Lesotho, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Republic of Moldova, Senegal, South Africa, Türkiye, Ukraine, Uruguay, and Viet Nam.

GCIP's primary objective is to address market and policy deficiencies that hinder the emergence, deployment, and adoption of cleantech innovations, enabling low and middle-income countries to leapfrog toward greener and more resilient economies. The envisioned impact of GCIP is to contribute to climate action through greening existing industries, creating innovative solutions, fostering low-carbon development, and delivering additional socio-economic benefits in Partner Countries, including job creation, poverty reduction, empowerment of women, and youth engagement.

This event is a platform to showcase the Global Cleantech Innovation Program (GCIP) and highlight the Kazakhstan GCIP initiative.

Welcome Speech

Sunyoung Suh, Project Coordinator, Climate Technologies Innovation Unit, UNIDO
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Olzhas Agabekov, Chairman of the Board of NJSC "IGTIC"

Panel discussion:

Participants:

- companies from Malaysia and Nigeria that have undergone GCIP
- startups from Kazakhstan
- **Saule Sabiyeva**, Director of the Climate Policy Department of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan