



Side Event Concept Note

Amplifying Youth-Driven Climate Solutions: The Impact of Education and Green Skills in Kyrgyzstan

Date: 09.12.2023

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.

Venue: Central Asian Pavilion

The working language of the session will be English

Context

In the face of climate change, young people around the world are at the forefront of innovative and traditional solutions to adapt to climate change. *The preservation of the Kyrgyz aboriginal horse, the creation of artificial glaciers, the genetic preservation of unique varieties of apple trees are just some of the climate solutions that are initiated by young people in the Kyrgyz Republic.*

However, it is still crucial to assess how effectively the climate process in the Kyrgyz Republic engages young people, as the share of young people in civic participation is only 0.51 percent (UNICEF).

The Kyrgyz Republic is working in partnership with [UN CC Learn](#) to advance solutions to this problem and create a strategy aimed at enhancing individual and institutional skills for green development. This work is interlinked with major national initiatives, such as the ratification of the Paris Agreement and the government's commitments to strengthen the country's NDCs, the development of the National Adaptation Plan, as well as the adoption of the National Green Economy Program, an economy that recognizes the need for competencies for green development in the country.

The Kyrgyz Republic presented its National Strategy for Climate Change Education in April 2021. *The Comprehensive Climate Change Education Action Plan* aims to increase the capacity of decision-makers, integrate climate education at all levels, and ensure public access and engagement of young people to climate issues.

The session is dedicated to the presentation of the UNCC Learn strategy in the Kyrgyz Republic, as well as the presentation of youth climate cases. It also fosters reflection, exchange of experiences and replication of initiatives in Central Asia and globally.

The final art session is designed to draw attention to the importance of climate education and action for the well-being of local communities and the preservation of mountain ecosystems through art. Participants can color a snow leopard canvas and express their commitment to action.

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- UNCC:Learn



- UNDP
- UNISON
- AUCA
- Green Alliance of Kyrgyzstan
- Solve Climate by 2030
- ILC Asia (CAPA)



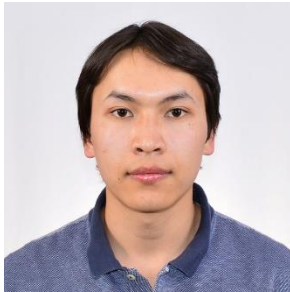
Side Event Agenda

Timeline	Session Titles
9:30-9:35	<p>Welcoming national treats</p> <p>Opening and introduction to the background of the session and its relevance, and introduction of the speakers</p> <p><i>Moderator: Begim Zhanuzakova</i></p>
9:35-9:50	<p>Session 1: UNCC Learn in Kyrgyzstan: From Strategy to Action</p> <p><i>Speaker: Samar Kanatov</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- National Strategy for Climate Change Education- Preliminary Results of the Strategy Implementation- The Role and Participation of Youth in Climate Change Education- Q&A
9:50-10:00	<p>Session 2: Local Solutions under Youth Leadership in Kyrgyzstan</p> <p><i>Speaker: Mira Dzhakshylykova,</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Presentation of 10 cases and analysis of the impact of cases on climate- Lessons Learned from Climate Heroes and Sustainability Initiatives- Presentation of the Kyrgyz Republic's Youth Consultations on Local Solutions- Q&A <p>Resource Links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- QR code for the bank of initiatives and projects from the youth of the Kyrgyz Republic
10:00-10:15	<p>Discussion: Replicating the Climate Education Strategy, Expanding Green Skills and Stimulating Local Solutions in the Central Asian Region</p> <p><i>Speaker: Kunduz Adylbekova</i></p>



10:15-10:25	Art Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Painting a canvas depicting a snow leopard, a symbol of Kyrgyzstan and an important link in the ecosystem.- Augmented reality glasses: Virtual reality through the exciting ecosystem of the Kyrgyz Republic- 3D photo & video with snow leopard

Information about the speakers and participants of the event:



Samar Kanatov, kanatov_s@auca.kg

Samar is a leader in the youth movement for climate education and advocacy in Kyrgyzstan.

Currently, he is a Climate and Sustainable Energy Intern at UNDP Kyrgyzstan. Samar was the first SDG Youth Ambassador for Climate Action. Later, he led the active work of the Central Asia Youth for Water Network, CAY4Water, as the National Coordinator. Samar is in his final year of Economics at the American University of Central Asia.



Mira Dzhakshylykova - dzhakshylykova_m@auca.kg



Mira Dzhakshylykova is a graduate of AUCA, where she distinguished herself by obtaining a double specialization in Environmental Management and Sustainable Development (LAS-EMSD), as well as in the Faculties of International and Comparative Politics (ICP). As a dedicated environmental activist and Peace Ambassador of the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), she now serves as a Sustainability Coordinator at AUCA.



Begim Zhanuzakova - zhanuzakovabs@gmail.com

Begim Zhanuzakova works on the Climate Change Programme at UNISON GROUP. In addition, Begim Zhanuzakova is the Country Contact Point for Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) at the UNFCCC and a representative of the Official Representation of Children and Youth to the UNFCCC. She is also one of the regional coordinators of the UN Global and Regional Youth Conference and Movement on Climate Change (COY17 and RCOY Central Asia).



Kunduz Adylbekova - adylbekova.knz@gmail.com

Kunduz is a member of YOUNGO, and member of the youth movement for climate education and advocacy in Kyrgyzstan.