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ЦЕНТРАЛЬНО-АЗИАТСКАЯ КОНФЕРЕНЦИЯ ПО ВОПРОСАМ ИЗМЕНЕНИЯ КЛИМАТА
Соединяя климатические цели с действиями: воплощение амбиций в реальность

THE CENTRAL ASIA CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE
Bridging Climate Goals with Action: Making Ambitions a Reality

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27-29 May 2024 | Almaty, Kazakhstan

THE CONCEPT (VERSION AS OF MAY 10, 2024)

In 2023, Central Asian nations achieved remarkable strides in setting and pursuing ambitious targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and strengthening their climate resilience. This collective effort, which involved the collaboration of national governments, regional entities, and international actors, was showcased prominently at the 28th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28). A significant factor in this achievement was the Regional Dialogue of Central Asian Countries on Joint Preparations for COP28. This event, orchestrated by the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC) in partnership with governmental, civil society, and developmental stakeholders, fostered regional unity and action on climate issues.

Building upon this momentum, the 6th Central Asia Climate Change Conference (CACCC-2024) is poised to be a significant milestone in the ongoing regional climate discourse. CAREC, within the “Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Program in the Aral Sea Basin AF” (CAMP4ASB AF)¹, Central Asia Water and Energy Program (CAWEP)², and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH³, in partnership with the [The Global Partnership for Sustainable and Resilient Landscapes](#) (PROGREEN) [NDC Partnership](#) (NDCP), [Coalition for Capacity on Climate Action](#) (C3A), Asia Development Bank (ADB), [Asia Development Institute](#) (ADBI), International Organization for Migration (IOM), [International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies](#) (IFRC), [SWITCH-Asia a programme](#) funded by the European Union, the Kazakh-German University (DKU) along with valuable support provided from other partners, will facilitate crucial discussions. The Conference will focus on reviewing and enhancing the climate resilience initiatives being implemented across Central Asia, aiming to bolster support for governmental efforts and the broader populace in adapting to and mitigating climate change. Notably, CACCC-2024 will serve as the final conference for the CAMP4ASB and CAMP4ASB AF projects, showcasing its results and lessons learned and contributing to the region's broader discourse on climate action.

Scheduled for May 27-29, 2024, in Almaty, Kazakhstan, CACCC-2024 promises to be a confluence of diverse stakeholders, including policymakers, experts, and practitioners from various sectors. The conference will delve into critical issues pertaining to water, energy, food security, and environmental sustainability within the context of a climate-affected Central Asia. Participants will be apprised of the progress made by Central

¹CAREC implements CAMP4ASB AF jointly with EC IFAS under the financial support of the World Bank and the Green Climate Fund

² [Central Asia Water and Energy Program](#) (CAWEP) – a partnership between the World Bank, European Commission, Switzerland, and the UK which is supporting regional coordination, strengthening institutional capacities and promoting inter-sectoral integration to help achieve regional energy and water security in Central Asia

³ Within the [GIZ Climate Risk Management in Central Asia](#) Regional Program

Asian countries in climate mitigation and adaptation, including their reporting under the Enhanced Transparency Framework. Additionally, the conference will highlight significant cross-sectoral initiatives aimed at bolstering climate resilience, exploring climate finance mechanisms, and discussing platforms that facilitate regional and international cooperation in the face of climate challenges.

In 2024 the CACCC will focus on reviewing and enhancing practical climate initiatives being implemented across Central Asia, aiming to bolster support for governmental and development partners, academic society and private sector efforts, and the broader populace in making climate ambitions into reality. Considerable focus will be given to climate finance matters during the Conference. Attention will be directed not only towards ensuring a sufficient amount of climate finance but also its prudent management and fiscal policies, which are crucial for accomplishing climate objectives and fulfilling ambitions.

Possible events to be held before and after the CACCC-2024 will be part of a comprehensive approach to using the CACCC as a single platform for cooperation and promoting solutions to climate change in Central Asia.

Background

2023 has been declared by WMO the hottest year ever recorded. Climate change is becoming more evident yearly, demanding more attention and creating an urgent need for solutions. The Global Stocktake is considered the central outcome of COP28 – as it contains every element under negotiation and can now be used by countries to develop stronger climate action plans by 2025. The “enhanced transparency framework” negotiations at COP28 laid the ground for a new era of implementing the Paris Agreement. UN Climate Change is developing transparency reporting and review tools for use by Parties, which were showcased and tested at COP28.

The next two years will be critical. At COP29, governments must establish a new climate finance goal, reflecting the scale and urgency of the climate challenge. And at COP30, they must come prepared with new nationally determined contributions that are economy-wide, cover all greenhouse gases and are fully aligned with the 1.5°C temperature limit. Even if global warming stays within 1.5°C the need for adaptation to the impacts of climate change is enormous. At the same time, ensuring that sufficient climate finance is available and well-managed is critical to achieving climate goals and ambitions. In this context, climate finance will be the central theme of this year's conference.

The Central Asian region is exposed to the negative impacts of a rapidly changing climate because of a harsh and unique context – an arid, landlocked, snow-fed region with most of the water originating in the glaciers of the upstream mountains and neighborhood countries, extensive agriculture, ageing infrastructure, and high population growth. Although countries of the region – Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan – have distinct landscapes, natural-climatic conditions, development priorities, a transboundary nature of climate change will equally affect each Central Asian nation with novel risks.

The year 2024 marks the final year of the CAMP4ASB and CAMP4ASB AF project implementation. Throughout its 7 years lifecycle, the project has achieved significant milestones in enhancing climate resilience, promoting sustainable agricultural practices, strengthening regional cooperation, and empowering communities in the Aral Sea Basin region. The project's comprehensive approach, encompassing capacity building, knowledge sharing, and on-the-ground interventions, has laid a strong foundation for continued climate action in Central Asia beyond the project's conclusion.

Expected results

- The CACCC-2024 participants will discuss the progress, challenges and gaps with implementation of climate commitments by the Central Asian countries, governance and financial arrangements for implementation of sector-specific strategies at the national and local scales, and available platforms for regional climate coordination and cooperation;
- The CACCC-2024 participants will also discuss potential for regional collaboration in climate change adaptation, carbon neutrality pathways, energy transition and security;
- National government officials and international development partners will exchange views on the challenges and opportunities of climate-related disaster risk reduction, resilient water and land management, and the accomplishment of the “Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Program in the Aral Sea Basin AF” activities.
- To explore innovations on managing macro-fiscal and financial risks while considering climate change issues and seizing the opportunities, innovation and financing of a green/carbon neutrality transition.
- Promote collaborative NEXUS approach, technological advancements, and policy interventions to protect Central Asia's ecosystems and water-energy balance to ensure green, resilient, and inclusive development across the region.

Target audience

Experts and practitioners from the ministries of economic development and finance, environmental protection and ecology, water, agriculture, energy, hydrometeorological services, and other line state bodies of the Central Asia countries will attend CACCC-2024. Involvement of international organizations, multilateral development banks, the expert community, youth leaders, scientific institutions, civil society organizations, water/energy utilities, and business representatives is also expected.

Participation

Participation format: hybrid

The event will be streamed online with the opportunity for an active participation and interaction by online participants. For your convenience, further below are local start times of the Conference for online connection:

Participant's location	Start of the Conference (online)
Almaty, Kazakhstan (GMT+5)	08:50
Ashgabat, Turkmenistan (GMT+5)	08:50
Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic (GMT+6)	09:50
Dushanbe, Tajikistan (GMT+5)	08:50
Tashkent, Uzbekistan (GMT+5)	08:50

Registration of participants

Registration is required for both online and in-person attendance at the CACCC-2024.

Please use the following [link](#) for registration.

Venue: HOTEL ROYAL TULIP ALMATY
401 - 2 M. Ospanov Street
50020 Almaty, Kazakhstan

Working language: Russian, English. The organizers will provide simultaneous translation.

Additional information:

Additional info:

CACCC-2024 Web page: <https://carececo.org/en/main/activity/mettings/caccc-2024/>

CACCC-2024 Contact point: cc_specialist@carececo.org, Vladimir Grebnev, CAREC Regional Climate Change Specialist

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

Pre-Conference Events

20-21 May 2024. SWITCH-Asia Steering Committee and Annual Conference, SWITCH-Asia, Almaty
 17-28 May 2024. Training for Central Asia Content Makers, World Bank, Almaty

May 27, 2024 (Monday)

Day 1: Regional and National Climate Change Ambitions and Solutions

08:15-08:45	Registration
08:45-9:00	<i>Demonstration of intro videos Organizational announcements</i>
09:00-09:30	<p>Opening Session. <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Zafar Makhmudov, Executive Director, CAREC</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Orazbay Askhat Tuthishbaevich, Chairman of the Executive Committee, IFAS; - Mr. Oshurbaev Mansur, Vice-Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan; - Ms. Tatiana Proskuryakova, Regional Director for Central Asia, World Bank; - Ms. Nonhlanhla Zindela, Deputy Executive Director, the GCF (tbr); - Dr. Olga Pilifosova, Head of Adaptation Unite, UNFCCC Secretariat; - Mr. Torsten Brezina, Cluster Coordinator Regional Programmes Central Asia, GIZ; - Mr. Zafar Makhmudov, Executive Director, CAREC.
09:30-10:15	<p>Opening Plenary: Climate change commitments and achievements in Central Asia. <i>Moderator:</i> Vladimir Grebnev, Regional Climate Change Specialist, CAREC</p> <p><i>During the Opening Plenary, strategic insights will be shared with pivotal insights from development partners, providing a comprehensive overview of their climate change commitments and accomplishments in Central Asia.</i></p> <p>Plenary speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Urvashi Narain, Lead Economist; Environment, Natural Resources, and Blue Economy, World Bank; - Dr. Caroline Milow, Green Central Asia Programme Manager, GIZ; - Ms. Amanda McKee, Director for Knowledge and Learning, NDC Partnership;

	- Dr. Zinaida Fadeeva, Policy Support Component Team Leader, EU SWITCH-Asia (tbrc).							
10:15-11:00	Group Photo Coffee Break							
11:00-12:30	<p>Panel Session 1: Regional and National policies for climate adaptation and mitigation. <i>Moderator: Ms. Irina Bekmirzayeva, CCSE Programme Manager, CAMP4ASB RCU Coordinator, CAREC</i> <i>During Panel Session 1, the presentations of the Central Asian countries about the state of climate change planning at national and regional levels will be delivered, including implementation of the enhanced NDCs, National/Sectoral Adaptation Planning, Carbon Neutrality pathways, etc.</i></p> <p>Panel speakers (per 10 min each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IPCC Representative; - Mr. Saule Sabieva, Director Climate Change Department, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan; - Ms. Asel Raimkulova, Deputy Minister of natural resources, ecology and technical supervision of the Kyrgyz Republic; - Mr. Mavlodod Abdulqodir, Deputy Chairman of the Committee for Environmental Protection under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan; - Mr. Begench Miminov, Deputy Minister of Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan (tbrc); - Ms. Suna Park, Advisor to the Minister of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change, Director of the National Climate Centre of Uzbekistan; - WB Representative (tbc); - Dr. Lyaziza Sabyrova, Regional Head, Regional Cooperation and Integration, Central and West Asia Department, ADB; - UNDP Regional Representative (tbc). 							
12:30-14:00	Lunch Photo exhibition							
14:00-16:00	<p>Parallel Session A: Translate climate change ambitions into regional and national actions in line with the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>A.1: Building Resilience: Responding to Climate-driven Disasters. <i>Moderator: Dr. Juy Miller, IFRC</i></p> <p><i>The session, organised in collaboration with the IFRC and ACTED, will centre on risk management and mitigating climate-related disasters at the regional, national, and local levels.</i></p> </td> <td style="width: 25%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>A.2: Adaptation Framework in Central Asia: From Planning to Actions. <i>Moderator: Mr. Alexandr Nikolayenko, Senior Regional Adviser GIZ</i></p> <p><i>The session will be organized in collaboration with the GIZ "Green Central Asian" Initiative. It will host the first working group meeting on implementing the Regional Climate Change Adaptation Strategy in Central Asia.</i></p> </td> <td style="width: 25%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>A.3: Climate Change, Security and Migration: Challenges and Solutions. <i>Moderator: (tbrc)</i></p> <p><i>The session will be conducted in collaboration with the Green Academy and IOM and will focus on the intersection of Climate Change issues with multifaceted security challenges. It will also explore the complex landscape of climate-induced migration, seeking pathways toward resilience and sustainable outcomes for</i></p> </td> <td style="width: 25%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>A.4: Climate and Circular Economy Nexus: Approaches for the Central Asia <i>Moderator: Mr. Ranga Pallawala, EU SWITCH-Asia.</i></p> <p><i>The session will be conducted in collaboration with the IGTP Center and EU SWITCH-Asia, dedicated to an innovative approach for Central Asia in promoting best available techniques and circular economy</i></p> </td> </tr> </table>				<p>A.1: Building Resilience: Responding to Climate-driven Disasters. <i>Moderator: Dr. Juy Miller, IFRC</i></p> <p><i>The session, organised in collaboration with the IFRC and ACTED, will centre on risk management and mitigating climate-related disasters at the regional, national, and local levels.</i></p>	<p>A.2: Adaptation Framework in Central Asia: From Planning to Actions. <i>Moderator: Mr. Alexandr Nikolayenko, Senior Regional Adviser GIZ</i></p> <p><i>The session will be organized in collaboration with the GIZ "Green Central Asian" Initiative. It will host the first working group meeting on implementing the Regional Climate Change Adaptation Strategy in Central Asia.</i></p>	<p>A.3: Climate Change, Security and Migration: Challenges and Solutions. <i>Moderator: (tbrc)</i></p> <p><i>The session will be conducted in collaboration with the Green Academy and IOM and will focus on the intersection of Climate Change issues with multifaceted security challenges. It will also explore the complex landscape of climate-induced migration, seeking pathways toward resilience and sustainable outcomes for</i></p>	<p>A.4: Climate and Circular Economy Nexus: Approaches for the Central Asia <i>Moderator: Mr. Ranga Pallawala, EU SWITCH-Asia.</i></p> <p><i>The session will be conducted in collaboration with the IGTP Center and EU SWITCH-Asia, dedicated to an innovative approach for Central Asia in promoting best available techniques and circular economy</i></p>
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16:00-16:30	Coffee Break			
16:30-18:00	Parallel Session B: <i>Multi-sectoral Cooperation to Address Climate Challenges</i>			
	<p>B.1: Central Asia’s Readiness in Developing First Biennial Transparency Reports (BTR) under Enhanced Transparency Frameworks of the Paris Agreement. Moderator: Mr. Dilovarsho Dustzoda, manager ReCATH, CAREC. <i>In collaboration with the Regional Climate Action Transparency Hub for Central Asia (ReCATH, ICAT/CAREC initiative), this an in-depth technical session will be organised on achievements and plans in the Central Asian region.</i></p>	<p>B.2: Civil Society and Youth: Climate Actions. Moderator: Dr. Svetlana Mogiluk, CSCN CA Regional coordinator, Chair of the Kazakhstan’s Eco Forum. The Civil Society Climate Network of Central Asia will facilitate the session. It will focus on civil society and youth engagement and their partnership with state and development actors in planning/ implementing climate actions. This session will include the announcement of the winner of the Tereshkevich Youth Environmental Award in 2024.</p>	<p>B.3: Science for Climate Change and Health Solutions: Bridging Science and Action. Moderators: Mr. Alexey Kobzev, Head of Green Energy and Climate Change Lab, DKU Dr. Oyungerel Amгаа, Regional Health & Care Manager, IFRC. DKU and IFRC will facilitate the session, which will focus on enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of climate change actions through scientific support and research endeavours, including the interconnection of climate change, health, air quality issues, etc.</p>	<p>B.4: Collaborative Innovations: Advancing Energy Transition and Carbon Neutrality in Central Asia. Moderators: Dr. Dina Azhgaliyeva, Senior Researcher, ADBI The session will be organized in collaboration with the ADBI, ADB and dedicated to an innovative approach to energy collaboration, energy efficiency and carbon neutrality in Central Asian countries.</p>

May 28, 2024 (Tuesday)
Day 2: Climate financing and innovations

09:00-11:00	<p>Panel Session 2: <i>Climate capacity, innovation and financing: needs and opportunities.</i> <i>Moderator: Dr. William Hynes, Senior Climate Change Economist, World Bank/C3A</i> <i>During Panel Session 2, the presentations will focus on the needs for climate capacity within Governments and, in particular, Ministries of Finance, Economy and responsible for Energy, Biodiversity, Land and Water Resources Management in Central Asian countries and how they are managing macro-fiscal and financial risks and seizing the opportunities, innovation, financing of a climate resilience and green/carbon neutrality transition.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Climate finance and innovation under the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement”, Mr. Andrea Camponogara, RCC Global Lead, UNFCCC Secretariat; - “GCF Strategic Plan for 2024–2027 and Opportunities for Central Asia”. Mr. Maksim Surkov, Regional Manager, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, GCF (tbrc); - “Carbon Pricing Instruments“, Dr. Joseph Dixon Callisto Pryor, Senior Climate Change Specialist, World Bank; - “CAREC Climate Change Vision”, Dr. Altyнай Arapova, Senior Economist, ADB; - “Enhanced NDC 3.0 and climate finance”, Ms. Amanda McKee, Director for Knowledge and Learning, NDC Partnership - Representative of CA MinFin; - “Climate change in UNECE Environmental Performance Reviews: opportunities for Central Asia”. Ms. Alessandra Fidanza, International Expert - Italian Ministry of Environment and Energy Security, Member of the ECE Expert Group on Environmental Performance Reviews; - “Carbon financing for climate adaptation”, Dr. Rieks Bosch, Climate Adaptation Advisor, Dutch Green Business. 		
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break		
11:30-13:00	Parallel Session C: <i>Climate Change: The Financial, Macro-Fiscal and Innovation Landscape</i>		
	<p>C.1 NDC 3.0: The Way Forward. <i>Moderator: Deo Gabinete, Regional Manager, Eastern Europe, Asia, and the Pacific, NDC Partnership.</i> <i>The session will be conducted in collaboration with NDC Partnership and directly tackle the significance of NDC 3.0, share guidance on its preparation, and share information on available support from the NDCP and its members through Thematic Support for NDC-LTS Enhancement and Alignment and other resources. The session will also facilitate interactive discussions on countries' experiences with previous NDC submissions, their plans for 2025 NDCs, desired features, and resource needs for crafting robust NDCs.</i></p>	<p>C.2: Green Innovation and Pathways to Carbon Neutrality. <i>Moderator: Anna Murphy, World Bank C3A (tbrc)</i> <i>The session will be conducted in collaboration with World Bank/C3A and dedicated to how countries can tap new technologies to decarbonize, invest in low-carbon infrastructure, connect to value chains and diversify economic production through the transition to a low-carbon economy with practical examples (ADB Energy Transition Programme, etc).</i></p>	<p>C.3: Climate-related Fiscal and Financial Risks. <i>Moderator: David Knight, Lead Economist for Central Asia, World Bank</i> <i>The session will be conducted in collaboration with World Bank/C3A. It will focus on exploring potential fiscal and financial risks, e.g., contingent liabilities, and stranded assets related to climate, and discuss new sources of revenue, e.g., carbon taxes. It will analyze the combination of fiscal policies, including considerations of financial stability, debt sustainability and external borrowing, that may facilitate a more macroeconomically sustainable transition</i></p>

	<p>Lunch Simulation of WEFE Nexus approach (Nexus Game)</p>
<p>14:30-17:30</p>	<p>Panel Session 3: The Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Program for Aral Sea Basin (CAMP4ASB): Achievements, Lessons Learned, and Future Directions <i>Moderator: Ms. Irina Bekmirzayeva, CCSE Programme Manager, CAMP4ASB RCU Coordinator, CAREC</i></p> <p>Panel Session 3 aims to encapsulate the achievements, lessons learned, and future pathways. The session will provide a platform for stakeholders to reflect on the project's impacts, discuss sustainable practices, and plan for continued regional cooperation in climate resilience.</p> <p>Session 1: Showcasing Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Irina Bekmirzaeva, CAMP4ASB RCU Coordinator; - Ms. Natalya Agaltseva, National Project Component Coordinator in Uzbekistan, UZHydromet; - Mr. Turakul Murodov, Coordinator NCU in Tajikistan, CEP RT; - CAMP4ASB National Coordination Units. <p>Panel discussion: Lessons Learned and Sustainability</p> <p>Session 2: Integrating Regional Efforts and Forward-Looking Strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dilovarsho Dustzoda, ReCATH Manager <p>Panel Discussion: Ways forward</p>
<p>18:30-20:30</p>	<p>Reception from CAMP4ASB AF</p>

May 29, 2024 (Wednesday)			
Day 3: Climate Resilience in Central Asia: water resources, land degradation and energy			
09:00-11:00	<p>Panel Session 4: Leveraging the water-energy-food-environment (WEFE) nexus to tackle climate challenges in Central Asia</p> <p><i>Moderator: Mr. Daurbek Sakyev, Head of the Hazard Monitoring and Forecasting Department in the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic (tbc)</i></p> <p><i>Panel Session 4, organized with support from the Central Asia Water and Energy Program (CAWEP) and the Central Asia Hydrometeorology Modernization Project II (CAHMP II), will focus on climate resilience in Central Asia, spotlighting the critical issues and inter-dependencies of the water resources, energy and land degradation.</i></p> <p>Preliminary proposed speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WMO/ IPCC WGII Representative (tbc) - CARITAS, Oytur Anarbekov - Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic (tbc) - Panel discussion with representatives from the National Hydrometeorological Services (NHMS) of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan 		
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break		
11:30-13:00	Parallel Session D: Navigating the Nexus: Sustainable Solutions for Water, Land, Energy, and Urban Resilience in Central Asia		
	<p>D.1: Resilient Landscapes for Sustainable Development: Strategies, Innovations, and Partnerships</p> <p><i>The session aims to explore the challenges and opportunities for building climate resilience and promoting sustainable development in Central Asia through effective landscape management and innovative approaches.</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: tbd</i></p> <p><i>Note: The Parallel Session will be followed by the 3rd RESILAND Retreat for invited participants, with lunch provided.</i></p>	<p>D.2: Water-Energy Nexus and Climate Resilience</p> <p><i>This session focuses on the interconnectedness of water and energy resources, as well as the potential impacts of climate change on the energy sector. It also explores various strategies for improving energy and water efficiency, and for integrating the Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystem (WEFE) nexus into the World Bank's Country Climate and Development Reports (CCDRs) for Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan.</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: tbd</i></p>	<p>D.3: Urban Greening and Ecosystem Restoration</p> <p><i>The session will focus on the critical role of urban greening initiatives and ecosystem restoration in building climate resilience in Central Asia. By adopting a WEFE nexus approach, the session aims to highlight the importance of integrated planning and management in achieving sustainable urban development in the region.</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: tbd</i></p>
13:00-14:30	Lunch		
14:30-16:30	<p>Panel Session 5: Regional climate cooperation to create an enabling environment for achieving commitments under the Paris Agreement.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Dr. Alexey Kokorin, Nature and People Foundation, Expert on Climate Issues</i></p> <p><i>Panel Session 5 was organized to foster dialogue, share best practices, and identify concrete areas for Central Asian countries to work together in the coming years to accelerate climate resilience and transition to carbon neutrality in the region, in line with their national priorities and international climate commitments under the Paris Agreement.</i></p> <p>Preliminary proposed speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keynote presentation "Regional collaboration and global climate change Agenda", Dr. Alexey Kokorin, Nature and People Foundation, Expert on Climate Issues 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Climate Resilience within implementation of "The Five Years of Action for the Development of Mountain Regions 2023-2027", Mr. Nurlan Aitmurzaev, Special Envoy of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic for Mountain Agenda (tbc) - "Strengthening Regional Cooperation for Climate Action in Central Asia: The World Bank's Approach", Asferachew Abate, Senior Environmental Specialist, World Bank - "Dushanbe Water Process and The Third High-Level International Conference on the International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development", IFAS Tajikistan (tbc) - "Regional Dialogue of Central Asian Countries on Joint Preparations for the COP28 UNFCCC", Mr.Vladimir Grebnev, Regional Climate Change Specialist, CAREC
16:30-17:30	<p>Conference Closing Plenary. <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Zafar Makhmudov, Executive Director, CAREC <i>The Closing Plenary will feature concluding remarks and speeches delivered by representatives from Central Asia, NGOs and development partners.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Sanjay Srivastava, Practice Manager, Environment, Natural Resources and Blue Economy Global Practice, Europe and Central Asia, World Bank - Dr. Olga Pilifosova, Head of Adaptation Unite, UNFCCC Secretariat; - Mr. Torsten Brezina, Cluster Coordinator Regional Programmes Central Asia, GIZ; - Dr. Svetlana Mogiluk, Central Asian Civil Society Climate Network Regional Coordinator, Chair of Kazakhstan's Eco Forum - Mr. Zafar Makhmudov, Executive Director, CAREC.
18:30-20:30	Reception from CAWEP

Post-Conference and Parallel Events

- 29 May 2024. World Bank 3rd RESILAND CA Technical Retreat (by invitation).
- 29 May 2024. Climate Change and Finance Modelling: Theory and Practice. WB C3A, technical level training (by invitation).
- 30 May 2024. Field visit to Big Almaty Canal (BAC) Rehabilitation Site and Nurgisa solar power plant (100 MW) in Kapshagay (available to all registered participants of CACCC-2024)