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### **THE CONCEPT (VERSION AS OF APRIL 19, 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, played a crucial role in fostering regional unity and action on climate issues.

Building upon this momentum, the 6<sup>th</sup> Central Asia Climate Change Conference (CACCC-2024) is poised to be a significant milestone in the ongoing regional climate discourse. CAREC, in collaboration with the Central Asia Water and Energy Program (CAWEP)<sup>1</sup>, “Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Program in the Aral Sea Basin AF” (CAMP4ASB AF)<sup>2</sup>, and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH<sup>3</sup>, in partnership with the 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 programs and 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.

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 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

<sup>1</sup> [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

<sup>2</sup> CAREC implements CAMP4ASB AF jointly with EC IFAS under the financial support of the World Bank and the Green Climate Fund

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

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. Overall, the CACCC-2024 will be an essential step forward in addressing climate change in Central Asia through enhanced dialogue and knowledge sharing on the development and implementation of concrete measures and policies aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions, adapting to climate change and ensuring a sustainable future for the region and its people.

## **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.

## **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:

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

CACCC-2024 Contact point: [cc\\_specialist@carececo.org](mailto: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

#### May 27, 2024 (Monday)

##### Day 1: Regional and National Climate Change Ambitions and Solutions

08:30-09:00	<b>Registration</b> <i>Demonstration of intro videos</i> <i>Organizational announcements</i>
09:00-09:30	<b>Opening Session</b> <i>Preliminary proposed speakers: UNFCCC, GCF, IFAS, World Bank, GIZ, CAREC</i>
09:30-10:15	<b>Opening Plenary: Climate change commitments and achievements in Central Asia</b> <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> <i>Preliminary proposed speakers: WB, GIZ, NDC Partnership, EU-Switch Asia</i>
10:15-11:00	<b>Group Photo</b> <b>Coffee Break</b>
11:00-12:30	<b>Panel Session 1: Regional and National policies for climate adaptation and mitigation</b> <i>During Panel Session 1, the presentations of the Central Asian countries on 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> - Mr. _____, Vice-Minister 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 Mavlodod, 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 (tbr); - Representative of the Republic of Uzbekistan; - Development Partners Representatives.
12:30-14:00	<b>Lunch</b>

	IWRP exhibition			
14:00-16:00	<b>Parallel Session A: Translate climate change ambitions into regional and national actions in line with the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience</b>			
	<p><b>A.1: Building Resilience: Responding to Climate-driven Disasters</b>  <i>The session, organized 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><b>A.2: Adaptation Framework in Central Asia: From Planning to Actions</b>  <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><b>A.3: Climate Change, Security and Migration: Challenges and Solutions</b>  <i>The session will be conducted in collaboration with the IOM and focused on the intersection of Climate Change issues with multifaceted security challenges and navigate the complex landscape of climate-induced migration, seeking pathways toward resilience and sustainable outcomes for communities in Central Asia.</i></p>	<p><b>A.4: Best Available Techniques and Circular Economy for Climate Change</b>  <i>The session will be conducted in collaboration with the IGIP Center and EU SWITCH-Asia, dedicated to an innovative approach for Central Asia in promoting best available techniques and circular economy to enhance climate change activities.</i></p>
16:00-16:30	Coffee Break			
16:30-18:00	<b>Parallel Session B: Multi-sectoral Cooperation to Address Climate Challenges</b>			
	<p><b>B.1: Central Asia’s Readiness in Developing First Biennial Transparency Reports (BTR) under Enhanced Transparency Frameworks of the Paris Agreement</b>  <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>B.2: Civil Society and Youth: Climate Actions</b>  <i>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.</i></p>	<p><b>B.3: Science for Climate Change and Health Solutions: Bridging Science and Action</b>  <i>DKU and IFRC will facilitate the session focusing 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.</i></p>	<p><b>B.4: Collaborative Innovations: Advancing Energy Transition and Carbon Neutrality in Central Asia</b>  <i>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.</i></p>

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

<b>09:00-11:00</b>	<p><b>Panel Session 2: <i>Climate capacity, innovation and financing: needs and opportunities</i></b>  <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"> <li>- Overall presentation about Climate Finance from UNFCCC Sec (?)</li> <li>- Mr. Maksim Surkov, Regional Manager, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, GCF (tbrc);</li> <li>- Mr. Warren Evans, Special Senior Advisor (Climate Change), Office of the President, ADB (tbrc)</li> <li>- C3A</li> <li>- Representative of CA MinFin</li> </ul>					
<b>11:00-11:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>					
<b>11:30-13:00</b>	<p><b>Parallel Session C: <i>Climate Change: The Financial, Macro-Fiscal and Innovation Landscape</i></b></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>C.1 NDC 3.0: The Way Forward</b>  <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> </td> <td style="width: 33%; vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>C.2: Green innovation and pathways to carbon neutrality</b>  <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> </td> <td style="width: 33%; vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>C.3: Climate-related Fiscal and Financial Risks</b>  <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> </td> </tr> </table>			<p><b>C.1 NDC 3.0: The Way Forward</b>  <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><b>C.2: Green innovation and pathways to carbon neutrality</b>  <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><b>C.3: Climate-related Fiscal and Financial Risks</b>  <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>
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<b>Lunch</b>	<p><b>Lunch</b>  Simulation of WEFE Nexus approach (Nexus Game)</p>					
<b>14:30-17:00</b>	<p><b>Panel Session 3: <i>Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Program in the Aral Sea Basin</i></b>  Panel Session 3 will centre on presenting activities, providing a comprehensive summary, and drawing conclusions from the Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Program in the Aral Sea Basin</p>					
<b>17:00-17:30</b>	<p><b>Mid-Conference Wrap-up Session</b>  <i>This session will include interactive discussions, retrospectives, and open dialogue. Participants will have the opportunity to unpack their learnings, share reflections, and articulate actionable insights to carry forward into their respective domains.</i></p>					
<b>18:30-20:30</b>	<b>Conference Reception from CAMP4ASB AF</b>					



<b>May 29, 2024 (Wednesday)</b>			
<b>Day 3: Climate Resilience in Central Asia: water resources, land degradation and energy</b>			
<b>09:00-11:00</b>	<b>Panel Session 4: Leveraging the water-energy nexus to tackle climate challenges in Central Asia</b> <i>Panel Session 4 will be organized with support from the Central Asia Water and Energy Program (CAWEP). The Session will focus on Climate Resilience in Central Asia, spotlighting the critical issues of water resources, energy and land degradation NEXUS approach. Through expert presentations, discussions and case studies, we'll explore collaborative approaches, technological advancements, and policy interventions to protect Central Asia's ecosystems and water-energy balance to ensure the region's green, resilient, and inclusive development.</i>		
<b>11:00-11:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
<b>11:30-13:00</b>	<b>Parallel Session D: Promotion WEF<sup>4</sup> nexus approach</b>		
	<b>D.1: Energy security (land degradation?)</b> <i>The session, organized with CAWEP support, will promote and study high-value energy investments, focusing on energy security, energy efficiency, trade, infrastructure planning, accountability, and institutional development.</i>	<b>D.2: Energy-water linkages</b> <i>The session will be organized with CAWEP support. It is devoted to enhancing the productive and efficient use of water in agriculture and energy sectors through capacity strengthening, institutional strengthening, and investment planning</i>	<b>D.3: Water security</b> <i>The session, organized with CAWEP support targeted an improvement of understanding of linkages between energy, water and the environment at the national and regional levels through dialogue, energy-water modelling, regional hydrometeorology investments and exploring the future impacts of climate change</i>
<b>13:00-14:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		
<b>14:30-16:30</b>	<b>Panel Session 5: Regional cooperation to create an enabling environment for achieving national and regional energy and water security.</b> <i>Panel Session 5, organized with support from the CAWEP</i>		
<b>16:30-17:30</b>	<b>Conference Closing Plenary</b> <i>The Closing Plenary will feature concluding remarks and speeches delivered by representatives from Central Asia, NGOs and development partners.</i>		
<b>18:30-20:30</b>	<b>Reception from CAWEP</b>		

<b>Post-Conference and Parallel Events</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 29 May 2024. WB RESILAND CA+ Program session (by invitation)</li> <li>- 29 May 2024. Climate Change and Finance Modelling: Theory and Practice. WB C3A, technical level training (by invitation)</li> <li>- 30 May 2024. Field visit (by invitation)</li> </ul>

<sup>4</sup> WEF<sup>4</sup> - water, energy, food, and environmental sustainability