



## The Central Asia Climate Change Conference: “Bridging Climate Goals with Action: Making Ambitions a Reality”

27-29 May 2024 | Almaty, Kazakhstan

### THE CONCEPT

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 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, within the “Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Program in the Aral Sea Basin AF” (CAMP4ASB AF)<sup>1</sup>, Central Asia Water and Energy Program (CAWEP)<sup>2</sup>, and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH<sup>3</sup>, 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), [Green Academy](#) 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.

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

<sup>2</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>3</sup> Within the [GIZ Climate Risk Management in Central Asia](#) Regional Program

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 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. The Zoom Conference System is utilized to ensure participation in the conference with the following modes:

- For Panel Sessions - Web seminar mode;
- For Parallel Sessions, Web conference mode.

For your convenience, further below are local start times of the Conference for online connection:

<b>Participant’s location</b>	<b>Start of the Conference (online)</b>
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 info:**

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

CACCC-2024 Contact point: [cc\\_specialist@carececo.org](mailto:cc_specialist@carececo.org), Vladimir Grebnev, CAREC Regional Climate Change Specialist



	<p>Plenary speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Dmitry Petrin, Senior Operations Office, World Bank</li> <li>- Mr. Johannes Baur, Head of Cooperation, European Union Delegation in Kazakhstan</li> <li>- Dr. Caroline Milow, Green Central Asia Programme Manager, GIZ;</li> <li>- Ms. Amanda McKee, Director for Knowledge and Learning, NDC Partnership;</li> <li>- Dr. Lyaziza Sabyrova, Regional Head, Regional Cooperation and Integration, Central and West Asia Department, ADB;</li> <li>- Dr. Zinaida Fadeeva, Policy Support Component Team Leader, EU SWITCH-Asia.</li> </ul>
<b>10:15-11:00</b>	<p><b>Group Photo</b> <b>Coffee Break</b></p>
<b>11:00-13:00</b>	<p><b>Panel Session 1: Regional and National policies for climate adaptation and mitigation.</b> <i>Venue: Grand ballroom</i></p> <p><b>11.00-12.00. 1) Session 1.1. Panel presentations</b> <i>Moderator: Ms. Irina Bekmirzayeva, CCSE Programme Manager, CAMP4ASB RCU Coordinator, CAREC</i></p> <p>Panel speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Ladislaus Chang'a, IPCC Vice-Chair (online);</li> <li>- Ms. Saule Sabieva, Director Climate Change Department, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan;</li> <li>- Ms. Asel Raimkulova, Deputy Minister of natural resources, ecology and technical supervision of the Kyrgyz Republic;</li> <li>- Mr. Mavlodod Abdulqodir, Deputy Chairman of the Committee for Environmental Protection under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan;</li> <li>- Mr. Zhymashov Nury, Deputy Minister of Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan (tbc);</li> <li>- Ms. Suna Park, Adviser to Minister, Director of the National Center for Green Transformation and Adaptation to Climate Change under the Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change of the Republic of Uzbekistan.</li> </ul> <p><b>12.00-13.00. 2) Session 1.2. Panel discussion on uniting region to overcome climate change issues</b> <i>Moderator: Mr. Alexandr Nikolayenko, Senior Regional Adviser, GIZ</i></p> <p>Panel discussion speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- Ms. Saule Sabieva, Director Climate Change Department, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan;</li> <li>- Ms. Aizada Barieva, Head of the Climate Change Policy Department, Ministry of natural resources, ecology and technical supervision of the Kyrgyz Republic;</li> <li>- Mr. Mavlodod Abdulqodir, Deputy Chairman of the Committee for Environmental Protection under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan (tbc);</li> <li>- Mr. Magtymguly Akmuradov, Advisor on Environmental, Climate Change and Water Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan;</li> <li>- Mr Boriy Alikhanov, Senator, Chairman of the Committee on Aral Sea Region Development and Ecology, Senat Oliy Majlis (Parliament) of the Republic of Uzbekistan;</li> <li>- Dr. Olga Pilifosova, Manager, Adaptation subdivision, UNFCCC Secretariat;</li> <li>- Dr. Alexey Kokorin, Nature and People Foundation, Expert on Climate Issues.</li> </ul>

13:00-14:00	<b>Lunch</b> Photo 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>  Venue: Grand ballroom  Moderator: Ms Paula Haro, IFRC; and Mr Ari Weiss, IMPACT Initiatives  <i>The session, organised in collaboration with the IFRC, GIZ and ACTED, and centre on risk management and mitigating climate-related disasters at the regional, national, and local levels. The session will close with a brief signing ceremony of a collaboration MoU between CESDRR and CAREC. All participants are welcome to attend.</i></p> <p>Online connection:  <a href="#">Zoom link</a>  Meeting ID: 867 6622 2540  Passcode: 655224</p>	<p><b>A.2: Adaptation Framework in Central Asia: From Planning to Actions.</b>  Venue: VIP Meeting Hall  Moderator: Mr. Alexandr Nikolayenko, Senior Regional Adviser GIZ.  <i>The session organized in collaboration with the GIZ “Green Central Asian” Initiative. It host the first working group meeting on implementing the Regional Climate Change Adaptation Strategy in Central Asia.</i></p> <p>Online connection:  <a href="#">Zoom link</a>  Meeting ID: 821 5697 4340  Passcode: 308707</p>	<p><b>A.3: Climate change and security: decarbonization and adaptation policies in Central Asia.</b>  Venue: Board room 2  Moderator: Dr.Bakhyt Yessekina, Green Academy.  <i>The session conducted in collaboration with the Green Academy and focus on the intersection of Climate Change issues with multifaceted security challenges.</i></p> <p>Online connection:  <a href="#">Zoom link</a>  Meeting ID: 897 6408 6084  Passcode: 168061</p>	<p><b>A.4: Climate and Circular Economy Nexus: Approaches for the Central Asia</b>  Venue: Board room 3  Moderator: Mr. Ranga Pallawala, EU SWITCH-Asia.  <i>The session conducted in collaboration with 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> <p>Online connection:  <a href="#">Zoom link</a>  Meeting ID: 899 4565 1879  Passcode: 368134</p>
16:00-16:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>			
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>  Venue: Grand ballroom  Moderator: Mr. Dilovarsho Dustzoda, manager ReCATH, CAREC.  <i>In collaboration with the Regional Climate Action Transparency Hub for</i></p>	<p><b>B.2: Civil Society and Youth: Climate Actions.</b>  Venue: VIP Meeting Hall  Moderator: Dr. Svetlana Mogiluk, CSCN CA Regional coordinator, Chair of the Kazakhstan’s Eco Forum.  <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</i></p>	<p><b>B.3: Science for Climate Change and Health Solutions: Bridging Science and Action.</b>  Venue: Board room 2  Moderators: Mr. Alexey Kobzev, Head of Green Energy and Climate Change Lab, DKU  Dr. Oyungerel Amgaa, Regional Health &amp; Care Manager, IFRC.  <i>DKU and IFRC will facilitate the session, focusing on enhancing the efficiency and</i></p>	<p><b>B.4: Collaborative Innovations: Advancing Energy Transition and Carbon Neutrality in Central Asia.</b>  Venue: Board room 3  Moderators: Dr. Dina Azhgaliyeva, Senior Researcher, ADBI  <i>The session will be organized in collaboration with the ADBI, ADB and dedicated to an innovative approach to energy collaboration, energy</i></p>

	<p><i>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>Online connection:  <a href="#">Zoom link</a>  Meeting ID: 890 2184 4765  Passcode: 227551</p>	<p><i>in planning/ implementing climate actions. This session will include the announcement of the winner of the famous Tereshkevich Youth Environmental Award in 2024.</i></p> <p>Online connection:  <a href="#">Zoom link</a>  Meeting ID: 823 6550 5939  Passcode: 166380</p>	<p><i>effectiveness of climate change actions through scientific support and research endeavours, including the interconnection of climate change, health and gender issues.</i></p> <p>Online connection:  <a href="#">Zoom link</a>  Meeting ID: 819 1327 4672  Passcode: 704626</p>	<p><i>efficiency and carbon neutrality in Central Asian countries.</i></p> <p>Online connection:  <a href="#">Zoom link</a>  Meeting ID: 867 4892 1530  Passcode: 650450</p>
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**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>  Venue: Grand ballroom  Moderator: Dr. William Hynes, Senior Climate Change Economist and Co-Director of C3A, WB  <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> <p>Opening Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Madybaeva Asel, Deputy Director of the Climate Finance Center under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic;</li> <li>- Dr. Etienne Espagne, Senior Climate Economist and Director of C3A, World Bank</li> <li>- Mr. Zafar Makhmudov, Executive Director, CAREC</li> </ul> <p>Panel Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “Climate Capacity Building in Finance Ministries”, Dr. Etienne Espagne, Senior Climate Economist and Director of C3A, World Bank;</li> <li>- “Climate finance and innovation under the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement”, Mr. Andrea Camponogara, RCC Global Lead, UNFCCC Secretariat;</li> <li>- “GCF Strategic Plan for 2024–2027 and Opportunities for Central Asia”. Ms. Lee Cando, Programme and Technical Advisor EECA DCP, GCF (online);</li> <li>- “CAREC Climate Change Vision”, Dr. Altynay Arapova, Senior Economist, ADB;</li> <li>- “Financing the next generation of NDCs”, Ms. Amanda McKee, Director for Knowledge and Learning, NDC Partnership;</li> <li>- “Carbon Pricing: Introduction“, Dr. Joseph Dixon Callisto Pryor, Senior Climate Change Specialist, World Bank (online);</li> <li>- “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;</li> <li>- “Carbon financing for climate adaptation”, Dr. Rieks Bosch, Climate Adaptation Advisor, Dutch Green Business.</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A</p> <p>Online connection: <a href="#">Zoom link</a> Passcode: 796317</p>			
<b>11:00-11:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>			
<b>11:30-13:00</b>	<b>Parallel Session C: <i>Climate Change: The Financial, Macro-Fiscal and Innovation Landscape</i></b>			
	<p><b>C.1 Central Asia and NDC 3.0: A Roadmap for Climate Action.</b>  Venue: Grand ballroom  Moderator: Mr. Deo Gabinete, Regional Manager, Eastern Europe, Asia, and the Pacific, NDCP.  <i>The session conducted in collaboration with NDC</i></p>	<p><b>C.2: Green Innovation and Pathways to Carbon Neutrality.</b>  Venue: VIP Meeting Hall  Moderator: Dr. William Hynes, Senior Climate Change Economist and Co-Director of C3A, WB  <i>The session, conducted in collaboration with the World Bank/C3A, is</i></p>	<p><b>C.3: Climate-related Fiscal and Financial Risks.</b>  Venue: Board room 2  Moderator: Dr. David Knight, Lead Economist for Central Asia, World Bank.  <i>The session conducted in collaboration with the World Bank/C3A. It will</i></p>	<p><b>C.4: Mainstreaming Human Mobility in the NAP Process.</b>  Venue: Board room 3  Moderator: Ms. Dana Oraz, IOM.  <i>The session is organized in collaboration with the IOM and will focus on pivotal role of human mobility in climate</i></p>

	<p><i>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>Online connection: <a href="#">Zoom link</a> Meeting ID: 831 0222 7856 Passcode: 493581</p>	<p><i>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>Online connection: <a href="#">Zoom link</a> Meeting ID: 860 9783 8635 Passcode: 268743</p>	<p><i>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>Online connection: <a href="#">Zoom link</a> Meeting ID: 842 8200 8424 Passcode: 716468</p>	<p><i>change adaptation during this session. Delve into COP 24's endorsement of recommendations from the Task Force on Displacement and their ongoing efforts to develop a Technical Guide for integrating human mobility into national planning, in line with the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage. It will also explore the complex existing gaps in incorporating human mobility into NAPs and will discuss how adaptation planning can better acknowledge the diverse dimensions of human mobility and cater to the needs of vulnerable communities.</i></p> <p>Online connection: <a href="#">Zoom link</a> Meeting ID: 960 3931 8232</p>
<p><b>Lunch</b> Simulation of WEF Nexus approach (Nexus Game). Venue: Ballroom hall</p>				
<p><b>14:30-18:00</b></p>	<p><b><i>Panel Session 3: The Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Program for Aral Sea Basin (CAMP4ASB): Achievements, Lessons Learned, and Future Directions</i></b> <i>Venue: Grand ballroom</i> <i>Moderator: Irina Bekmirzaeva, CAMP4ASB RCU Coordinator</i> <i>Co-Moderators: Saltanat Zhakenova, WB Consultant and Co-Moderator: Dilovarsho Dustzoda, ReCATH Manager, CAREC</i></p> <p><b>14:30-14:55 Opening Session. Welcome remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Serik Bekmaganbetov, Member of Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (EC IFAS);</li> <li>• Dr. Asferachew Abate Abebe, Senior Environmental Specialist, World Bank;</li> <li>• Mr. Salamat Erejepov, Regional Officer EECA DCP, GCF (online);</li> <li>• Dr. Abdalah Mokssit, IPCC Secretary (online);</li> <li>• Mr. Zafar Makhmudov, Executive Director, CAREC.</li> </ul> <p>Video about CAMP4ASB project</p> <p><b>15:10-16:15 Session 1: Showcasing Results and Achievements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keynote Presentation: Summary of key achievements across all project components, Ms. Irina Bekmirzaeva, CAMP4ASB RCU Coordinator;</li> </ul>			

- Mr. Francis Hurst, International Consultant on Final Evaluation of the CAMP4ASB project;
- Mr. Turakul Murodov, Coordinator, CAMP4ASB National Coordination Unit, Tajikistan;
- Mr. Bozor Rakhmonov, M&E Specialist, CAMP4ASB National Coordination Unit, Tajikistan;
- Ms. Natalya Agaltseva, Head of the CAMP4ASB Coordination Group, Uzhydromet;
- Mr. Tuychiev Khurshid Ali, Coordinator, CAMP4ASB National Coordination Unit, Uzbekistan;
- The Central Asia Climate Information Platform (CACIP): A Comprehensive Tool for Climate Data, Knowledge, and Decision Support, Mr. Azamat Kauazov, CAREC.

**16:15-16:30 Q&A**

**16:30-17:10 Panel Discussion: Lessons Learned and Sustainability**

- Dr. Olga Pilifosova, Manager, Adaptation subdivision, UNFCCC Secretariat
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Parliament member (tbc)
- Dr. Barbara Janusz-Pawletta, Vice-Rector for International and Sustainable Development, UNESCO Chair Holder in Water Management in Central Asia, Kazakh-German University (DKU)
- Dr. Iulii Didovets, Project Lead, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIC) (online)
- Dr. Mogilyuk Svetlana, Chairman, Regional Climate Network of Civil Society organizations
- Dr. Yessekin Bulat, International Consultant

**17:10-17:40 Session 2: Integrating Regional Efforts and Forward-Looking Strategies**

*Co-Moderator: Dilovarsho Dustzoda, ReCATH Manager, CAREC*

- CAMP4ASB post-project sustainability plan, Mr. Dilovarsho Dustzoda, ReCATH Manager, CAREC
- Unlocking Climatic Insights: The Central Asia Information Portal in the Age of AI, Mr. Panagiotis Zervas, Chief Operations Officer and Mr. Sotirios Konstantinidis, Chief Technology Officer, SCiO

**17:40 - 17:55 Q&A**

**17:55 - 18:00 Closing Session**

Q&A

Online connection: [Zoom link](#) Passcode: 923991

**18:30-20:30**

**Reception from CAMP4ASB AF**

May 29, 2024 (Wednesday)

Day 3: Climate Resilience in Central Asia: water resources, land degradation and energy

<p>09:00-11:00</p>	<p><b>Panel Session 4: Leveraging the water-energy-food-environment (WEFE) nexus to tackle climate challenges in Central Asia</b> <i>Venue: Grand ballroom</i> <i>Moderator: Ms. Shattyk Tastemirova, Head of the Climate Change Adaptation Directorate of the Department of Climate Policy and Green Technologies, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Kazakhstan</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Opening Remarks;</li><li>- Main findings from the IPCC Report “Climate Change 2022: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability”: implications for Central Asia, Dr. Alisher Mirzabaev, former Working Group II Lead Author, IPCC;</li><li>- Assessing Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Strategies for Water, Agriculture, and Pastures in Kazakhstan, Dr. Andrea Liverani, Lead Specialist, World Bank;</li><li>- Identifying Landscape Restoration Hotspots in Uzbekistan to Meet Adaptation Challenges, Dr. Paola Agostini, Lead Natural Resources Management Specialist, World Bank;</li><li>- Mitigating Climate Change Threats to the Energy Sector, Emomali Mirzoev, Assistant Project Officer, OSCE Vienna Office Energy Security Team;</li><li>- Promotion of Weather and Climate Services for leveraging WEFE nexus, approach taken within the Zarafshan River Basin (ZRB)<sup>4</sup> Project in Uzbekistan, Mr. Oytur Anarbekov, Mr. Aziz Rasulov, CARITAS Switzerland.</li></ul> <p>Panel discussion with representatives from the National Hydrometeorological Services (NHMS) of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Republican State Enterprise “Kazhydromet”, Ms. Loenko Nonna, Director of Agrometeorology Monitoring and Forecasting Department;</li><li>- Hydrometeorological Service under the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic - Kyrgyzhydromet, Ms. Zholomanova Aksana, Lead Specialist;</li><li>- Agency for Hydrometeorology of the Committee for Environmental Protection under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, Mr. Sattor Saidov, Head of the Center for the Study of Climate Change and the Ozone Layer;</li><li>- Hydrometeorology Service of the Ministry of Environmental Protection of the Turkmenistan, Mr. Yusup Saparmyradov;</li><li>- Hydrometeorological Service Agency under the Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Ms. Natalya Agaltseva, Department of International Relations.</li><li>- Khusrav Sharifov, Chief Technical Advisor, Climate Change &amp; Disaster Cluster, UNDP (online).</li></ul> <p>Q&amp;A and Closing Remarks Online connection: <a href="#">Zoom link</a> Passcode: 68190</p>
<p>11:00-11:30</p>	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>

<sup>4</sup> ZRB – Climate Resilient Integrated Water Resources Management in the Zarafshan River Basin (ZRB) project funded by Swiss Government implemented by the Consortium Caritas-Switzerland (lead), CAREC, Hydrosolutions and MeteoSwiss.

<b>11:30-13:00</b>	<b>Parallel Session D: Navigating the Nexus: Sustainable Solutions for Water, Land, Energy, and Urban Resilience in Central Asia</b>		
	<p><b>D.1: Resilient Landscapes for Sustainable Development: Strategies, Innovations, and Partnerships</b>  <i>Venue: Grand ballroom</i>  <i>The session explores integrated approaches to combat land degradation in Central Asia, linking sustainable development, climate action, and migration management, with insights from national and international partners.</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: Dr. Paola Agostini, Lead Natural Resources Management Specialist, World Bank</i>  <i>Note: The Parallel Session will be followed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> RESILAND Retreat for invited participants, with lunch provided.</i></p> <p>Online connection:  <a href="#">Zoom link</a>  Meeting ID: 844 0019 0958  Passcode: 023253</p>	<p><b>D.2: Water-Energy Nexus and Climate Resilience</b>  <i>Venue: VIP Meeting Hall</i>  <i>The session explores the water-energy nexus in Central Asia from irrigation and hydropower perspectives, cross-sectoral coordination, systems modeling and regional collaboration for financing nexus solutions.</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: Dr. Urvashi Narain, Lead Economist; Environment, Natural Resources, and Blue Economy, World Bank</i></p> <p>Online connection:  <a href="#">Zoom link</a>  Meeting ID: 858 0230 3365  Passcode: 628136</p>	<p><b>D.3: Urban Greening and Ecosystem Restoration</b>  <i>Venue: Board room 2</i>  <i>The session explores the Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystem nexus approach for urban greening and ecosystem restoration in Central Asia, showcasing projects, tools, and insights from diverse stakeholders to build climate resilience.</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: Ms. Saltanat Zhakenova, Consultant on Environment&amp;Climate Change, World Bank</i></p> <p>Online connection:  <a href="#">Zoom link</a>  Meeting ID: 867 7164 1540  Passcode: 153686</p>
<b>13:00-14:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		
<b>14:30-16:30</b>	<p><b>Panel Session 5: Central Asian Initiatives for Strengthening Regional Climate Cooperation.</b>  <i>Venue: Grand ballroom</i>  <i>Moderator: Mr. Vladimir Grebnev, Regional Climate Change Specialist, CAREC.</i>  <i>Panel Session 4 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.</i></p> <p>Panel speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Keynote presentation “Regional Dialogue of Central Asian Countries on Joint Preparations for the COP UNFCCC and global climate change Agenda”, Mr. Vladimir Grebnev, Regional Climate Change Specialist, CAREC;</li> <li>- “Dushanbe Water Process and The Third High-Level International Conference on the International Decade for Action “Water for Sustainable Development”, Ms. Sherova Dilangez Kodirjonovna, Attaché of the Department of Foreign Economic Cooperation, MFA Tajikistan;</li> <li>- “Climate Resilience within implementation of "The Five Years of Action for the Development of Mountain Regions 2023-2027", Mr. Uran Ahmetov, Office of the Special Envoy of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic for Mountain Agenda;</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “Central Asia Water and Energy Program (CAWEP) Overview”, Mr. Dmitry Petrin, Senior Operations Office, World Bank;</li> <li>- “Regional Approach on Climate Risks Management”, Dr. Sergey Makarov, Regional Manager of CA CRM Programme, GIZ;</li> <li>- “UNDP Climate Promise: Helping countries reach their climate goals”, Mr. Nuri Ozbagdatli, Climate Change Portfolio Manager, UNDP IRH (online).</li> <li>- “Media as a partner in regional co-operation of Central Asian countries to overcome climate change problems”, Mr Shuddin Saidov, journalist, Otyrar TV Company, Kazakhstan.</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A</p> <p>Online connection: <a href="#">Zoom link</a> Passcode: 376197</p>
<b>16:30-17:30</b>	<p><b>Conference Closing Plenary.</b>  <i>Venue:</i> Grand ballroom  <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Zafar Makhmudov, Executive Director, CAREC</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Paola Agostini, Lead Natural Resources Management Specialist, World Bank;</li> <li>- Mr. Torsten Brezina, Cluster Coordinator Regional Programmes Central Asia, GIZ;</li> <li>- Dr. Svetlana Mogiluk, Central Asian Civil Society Climate Network Regional Coordinator, Chair of Kazakhstan’s Eco Forum;</li> <li>- Mr. Zafar Makhmudov, Executive Director, CAREC.</li> </ul>
<b>18:30-20:30</b>	<b>Reception from CAWEP</b>

#### Parallel and Post-Conference Events

- **29 May 2024. 9.00-12.30. Climate Change and Finance Modelling: Theory and Practice.** WB C3A, technical level training. Venue: Boardroom 1.  
*This practical training aims to build government and their partners understanding of the macroeconomic implications of climate impacts and the low-carbon transition, and requires knowledge of new climate macro models and scenario frameworks to support decision-making and policy development. This Coalition for Capacity on Climate Action (C3A)/CAREC training will explore three broad categories of climate-related policies and supporting modeling tools - technological innovation and diffusion, financing the transition, and adaptation and resilience. It will provide an overview of both traditional and emerging models, and examine results relevant to Central Asia.*
- **29 May 2024. 13:00-16.00. World Bank 3rd RESILAND CA Technical Retreat** (by invitation). Venue: Boardroom 1
- **30 May 2024. 2 Field visits (available to all registered participants of CACCC-2024):**
  - **Filed visit 1** to the Big Almaty Canal (BAC) Rehabilitation Site-*a section of the BAC where rehabilitation and modernization works are being carried out under the World Bank Second Irrigation and Drainage Improvement Project. The project aims to rehabilitate and modernize irrigation and drainage systems, develop sustainable management practices, improve water use efficiency, reduce environmental degradation, and increase the overall productivity of irrigated agriculture;*
  - **Filed visit 2** to the [Nurgisa solar power plant](#) and Kapshagay Hydroelectric Power Plant