



## **Central Asian Readiness Dialogue on Climate Finance through Collaboration and Partnership**

### **Regional Conference**

**April 12-13, 2022 | 10:00-18:00 | Orion Hotel, Karkyra Hall, 21 Erkindik Boulevard, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan**

#### **Background**

The Central Asian Readiness Dialogue on Climate Finance through Collaboration and Partnership is dedicated to discuss the strengthening of the capacity building and dialogue of the Central Asian (CA) countries. The Regional Conference is organized with the support of the Green Climate Fund within the framework of Programme “NDA Strengthening and Country Programming support for Turkmenistan and initiating a Regional Approach to Climate Action”. Within the framework of the conference the ongoing efforts by CA countries and partners, as well as new opportunities for the creation of conditions for strengthening the climate finance flow at the regional level will be considered.

The conference takes place over two days. The first day will be devoted to work with the Green Climate Fund (GCF). The second day - Climate Action Transparency Initiative (ICAT) and the preparation of Central Asia for the participation in the Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which will be organized in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, 2022 (COP-27).

During the first day of the conference the results of the Readiness Project “NDA Strengthening and Country Programming support for Turkmenistan and initiating a Regional Approach to Climate Action” will be presented. The Readiness Project assisted in establishing a systematic and effective interaction of Turkmenistan with the Green Climate Fund and contributed to the creation of key mechanisms for managing and coordinating climate action and financing in the region.

The transparency of climate action is a key condition for the CA countries in obtaining climate finance. The Climate Action Transparency Initiative (ICAT) is supporting the capacity building in this area through the development of the Regional Climate Action Transparency Platform (ReCATH) in Central Asia. This platform will adopt and implement a collaborative approach that will bring together the five states of Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) and support technical experts and expert institutions in the region to build a sustainable and comprehensive monitoring and transparency systems.



Along with the GCF and ReCATH projects, which contribute to the Readiness of Central Asian countries in expansion of the climate finance opportunities, the organization of the Central Asia Pavilion at the 27th Conference of the Parties (COP-27) of the UNFCCC, which will take place from November 7th to 18th, 2022 in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt and will serve as a platform for statements and initiatives of the CA region, will be discussed.

The regional conference will be held in the capitals of Turkmenistan and Kyrgyz Republic, in Ashgabat and Bishkek, with the support of the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan and the Ministry of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision of the Kyrgyz Republic.

### Conference objectives

- To discuss the climate finance opportunities in Central Asia and ongoing efforts in implementing regional Readiness programs (Country Readiness);
- To present the regional project proposals, the implementation of which will help strengthen the regional interaction of the CA countries and the Green Climate Fund;
- To obtain the comments on improving regional engagement with the GCF;
- To exchange of experience and best practices achieved within the framework of the Readiness project in Turkmenistan;
- To introduce an initiative for the establishment of the Regional Climate Action Transparency Platform (ReCATH) in Central Asia;
- To consolidate the efforts in the framework of preparing CA countries for the 27th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC.

### Conference format

Considering limitations due to COVID-19, the Conference will be held in a hybrid format, participants will meet in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan and Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan and will have a possibility to join online.

**12.04.2022**

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**Time and date of the meeting:** 12-13 April, 2022 at:

Place	Local time		Place	Local time
Almaty (Kazakhstan) Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan)	10 am – 6pm		Incheon (South Korea)	7 am – 3 pm
Ashgabat (Turkmenistan) Dushanbe (Tajikistan) Tashkent (Uzbekistan)	9 am – 5 pm		Bonn (Germany)	5 am – 11 am
	7 am – 3 pm		Wellington (New Zealand)	3 pm – 11 pm

### Working language

The working language of the meeting is Russian with simultaneous translation into English.

### Target audience

- Representatives of national bodies from the countries of Central Asia authorized for work with the Green Climate Fund;
- Representatives of national bodies from the countries of Central Asia authorized for the preparation of reports under the UNFCCC;
- Representatives of the Green Climate Fund;
- Representatives of international organizations and development institutions;
- Representatives of diplomatic missions;
- International, regional and/or national experts on interaction with climate funds and conventions.



## Agenda

### Central Asian Readiness Dialogue on Climate Finance through Collaboration and Partnership

#### Day 1: Final Conference on the Green Climate Fund Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme:

#### “NDA Strengthening and Country Programming support for Turkmenistan and initiating a Regional Approach to Climate Action”

12 April, 2022| 10:00-18:00| Orion Hotel, Karkyra Hall, 21 Erkindik Boulevard, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Time	Description
<b>OPENING SESSION</b> <i>Moderator: Zafar Makhmudov, CAREC Executive Director</i>	
10:00-10:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Technical instructions on the conference format;</li><li>• Introduction of participants;</li></ul>
10:10-10:45	<p><b>Welcoming remarks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>On behalf of the host country:</b> Ibraimov Beksultan Melisovich, deputy Minister, NDA Kyrgyzstan, Ministry of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision of the Kyrgyz Republic;</li><li>• <b>On behalf of the project country:</b> Berdi Berdiyev, NDA Turkmenistan, Head of the Department for Coordination of International Environmental Cooperation and Projects of the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan;</li><li>• <b>On behalf of the donor:</b> Salamat Erejepov, Regional Officer, Green Climate Fund, Regional Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Country Programming Unit;</li><li>• <b>On behalf of the executing agency:</b> Zafar Makhmudov, Executive Director of the Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia;</li></ul> <p><b>Group photo</b></p>

Time	Description
<p><b>SESSION 1: CLIMATE FINANCE IN CENTRAL ASIA: OPPORTUNITIES AND NEEDS</b>  <i>Moderator: Zafar Makhmudov, Executive Director, CAREC</i></p>	
<p>10:45 – 11:30</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Presentation of the results of the climate finance review and potential opportunities for the Central Asian countries in the Green Climate Fund, examples of ongoing regional GCF projects in the world - Nicole Pfefferle, Risha Solutions ;</li> <li>● The mechanism of regional interaction - Lyudmila Kiktenko, CAREC</li> </ul>
<p>11:30 – 12:00</p>	<p><b>Coffee break</b></p>
<p><b>SESSION 2: CLIMATE FINANCE: PROJECT PROPOSALS AND INITIATIVES FROM COUNTRIES AND PARTNERS</b>  <i>Moderator: Zafar Makhmudov, Executive Director, CAREC</i></p>	
<p>12:00 - 13:00</p>	<p><i>In this session, representatives of NDA, delivery partners, accredited agencies and the expert community inform about their ongoing efforts to develop country and region Readiness for obtaining climate investment from the GCF and other funds. Collaborations are welcome.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>KYRGYZSTAN: (20 min):</b>   <b>Dastan Abdylidaev</b>, director, the Climate Finance Center of the Ministry of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision of the Kyrgyz Republic   <b>Zhyldyz Uzakbaeva</b>, UNDP Kyrgyzstan</li> <li>● <b>KAZAKHSTAN: (20 min):</b>   <b>Ainur Kopbayeva</b>, Deputy Director of the Department on Climate Policy and Green Technologies of the Ministry of ecology, geology and natural resources of Republic of Kazakhstan   <b>Zhaksylyk Tokayev</b>, Project Management Department Director of the International green technologies and investment projects center</li> <li>● <b>TAJIKISTAN: (20 min):</b>   <b>Turakul Murodov</b>, NDA, Committee for Environmental Protection under Government of the Republic of Tajikistan + support of the Regional Readiness Project</li> </ul>



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	<p><b>Daler Domullodzhanov</b>, The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)</p>
13:00 – 14:30	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>
<p><b>SESSION 2: CONTINUATION</b> <i>Moderator: Zafar Makhmudov, Executive Director, CAREC</i></p>	
14:30 – 15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>TURKMENISTAN: (20 min):</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Berdi Berdiyev</b>, NDA Turkmenistan, Head of the Department for Coordination of International Environmental Cooperation and Projects of the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan;</p> <p><b>Irana Bagirova</b>, the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia</p> <p><b>Maya Ashirova</b>, UNDP Turkmenistan</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>UZBEKISTAN: (20 min):</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Rustamjon Shukurov</b>, Head of the Department for Projects and International Cooperation of the Center of Hydrometeorological Service of the Republic of Uzbekistan;</p> <p>NDA partner of Readiness projects in Uzbekistan</p> <p><b>Discussion 20 minutes</b></p>
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Coffee break</b>
<p><b>SESSION 3: TURKMENISTAN'S EXPERIENCE IN IMPLEMENTING A READINESS PROJECT</b>  <i>Moderator: Lyudmila Kiktenko, manager, CAREC</i></p>	
16:00 – 17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Introducing the Coordination Mechanism system and no-objection process - Pavel Chinchera, International expert;</li> <li>● GCF country program and outlook for 2 years - Berdi Berdiyev, NDA Turkmenistan, the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan;</li> <li>● Best Practices and Opportunities for Working with the GCF - Pavel Chinchera, International expert;</li> <li>● "The concept of a regional project proposal in the GCF "Increased forest plantations to increase adaptive capacity to combat climate change in the Aral Sea Basin (ASBP)" - Marat Narbayev, Executive Director of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea</li> <li>● The FAO vision on the Regional GCF Project - Evetta Zenina, FAO</li> <li>● Presentation of REP4SD, Batyr Mamedov, SIC ICSD</li> <li>● Signing of the Memorandum with SIC ICSD</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A - 20 minutes</b></p>
17:30 – 18:00	<p><b>CONCLUSIONS</b></p> <p><b>Makhmudov Z. - Executive Director of CAREC</b>  <b>Berdiyev B. - Turkmenistan NDA -</b></p>
<p><b>JOINT DINNER</b>  <b>19.30 Orion Hotel Restaurant</b></p>	



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**Day 2 - New Opportunities for Central Asia**

### **FIRST MEETING OF THE PROJECT FOR THE REGIONAL CLIMATE ACTION TRANSPARENCY HUB IN CENTRAL ASIA (RECATH) + COP 27 Promotion Dialogue**

**April 13, 2022| 10:00-16:30| Orion Hotel, Karkyra Hall, Erkindik boulevard 21, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan  
Kyrgyzstan**





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Time	Description
09:50-10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Technical instructions on the conference format.</li></ul>
<b>OPENING SESSION</b> <i>Moderator: Lyudmila Kiktenko, CAREC</i>	
10:00-10:20	<b>Welcoming remarks:</b>  <b>Zafar Makhmudov</b> , Executive Director, Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia  <b>Oleg Bulanyi</b> , Lead Program Manager, Climate Action Transparency Initiative (ICAT, UNOPS)  <b>Group photo</b>



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**SESSION 1: REGIONAL CLIMATE ACTION TRANSPARENCY HUB IN CENTRAL ASIA (RECATH)**

*Moderator: Lyudmila Kiktenko, CAREC*

10:20 – 10:50	<p><b>Raushan Syzdykova</b> - ReCATH project manager (CAREC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• General introduction of the ReCATH project: goals, objectives, partners, roles, work plan;</li></ul> <p><b>Oleg Bulanyi</b> - Lead Program Manager of ICAT (UNOPS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The ICAT methodology. Benefits of implementing climate action transparency practices for participating countries, ICAT support to ReCATH participating countries; ICAT work summary under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement. Collaborative approaches.</li></ul>
10:50 - 11:10	<b>Coffee break</b>

11:10 - 13:00	<p><b>Olia Glade</b> - Director of Measurement, Reporting and Verification Systems (GHGMI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best Available Practices in Transparency for Climate Action;</li> <li>• Targets and potential areas for needs and gaps analysis in Central Asia.</li> </ul> <p><b>Opinions of representatives of Central Asian countries:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kazakhstan (5 min)</b> <b>Gulmira Ismagulova</b>, Head of Monitoring and Project Management, JSC Zhasyl Damu</li> <li>• <b>Kyrgyzstan (5 min)</b> <b>Dastan Abdyl daev</b>, Director, Climate Finance Centre, Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and Technical Supervision of the Kyrgyz Republic</li> <li>• <b>Uzbekistan (5 min)</b> <b>Faizulla Agzamov</b>, Acting Director, NIGMI (Research Hydro-Meteorological Institute), Uzhydromet</li> <li>• <b>Tajikistan (5 min)</b> <b>Dilovarsho Dustzoda</b>, Head of International Liaison and Environmental Conventions Department, CEP RT</li> <li>• <b>Turkmenistan (5 min)</b> <b>Kurban Allaberdiyev</b>, Group leader for the preparation of the 4th national messages on climate change in Turkmenistan</li> </ul> <p><b>Q &amp; A session (30 min)</b></p>
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
<p><b>SESSION 2: Strengthening regional dialogue in preparation for the 27th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC</b>  <i>Moderator: Irina Bekmirzaeva, CAREC, online</i>  <i>Co-Moderator: Azamat Tashev, CAREC</i></p>	

14:00 – 16:30

Welcome speech from CAREC (10 min)

- **Zafar Makhmudov, Executive Director**

Results of the work of the Central Asian Pavilion at COP26, lessons learned and proposals for COP27 UNFCCC

**Speaker: Irina Bekmirzaeva, Program Manager "Climate Change and Sustainable Energy", CAREC (20 min)**

CAREC Efforts to Prepare Central Asian Countries for COP-27 UNFCCC

**Speaker: Azamat Tashev, Climate Change Specialist, Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Program, CAREC (25 min)**

- **Plans of representatives of the Central Asian countries to participate in the COP-27 of the UNFCCC and interest in the joint organization of the CA Pavilion (35 min):**
  - Kazakhstan (5 min)
  - Beksultan Melisovich Ibraimov, Deputy Minister of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision of the Kyrgyz Republic (5 min)
  - Tajikistan (5 min)
  - Berdi Berdiyev, Head of the Department for Coordination of International Environmental Cooperation and Projects of the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan (5 min) ;
  - Karimov Ibratjon Alijanovich, Deputy General Director of Uzhydromet (5 min)
  - Svetlana Mogiluk, Chairman, EcoForum of Kazakhstan
- **Vision of partners in preparation for COP-27 UNFCCC**
  - Lisa Marina Gampp, Regional Water and Climate Change Advisor for Central Asia, SDC
  - Rati Japaridze, Economic and Environmental Officer, OSCE
  - Jakob Schabus, Programme Officer, International Policy Team, SIWI

**Discussion**

**Summing up and setting the date of the next regional meeting in preparation for COP27**



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