

# National team meeting on working with the Green Climate Fund in Central Asia

27 July 2021 | 09:00 - 11:00 (Dushanbe) | Hyatt Hotel, Hall...

Zoom

## General information

Central Asia is a region that is heavily affected by climate change. Aware of this, countries in the region have made significant progress in integrating climate change issues into strategic planning and decision-making over the past decade. There is a growing political and institutional interest in addressing climate change. Climate change issues and related initiatives are increasingly being addressed by high-level officials, including heads of State.

The introduction of innovations and integrated implementation of climate change adaptation measures that will help to counteract the negative effects of climate change requires a lot of funds and resources. Grant programs implemented in the region within the framework of donor development and technical assistance programs help to pilot innovations, but they are not intended to ensure systematic and comprehensive long-term actions.

The United Nations Green Climate Fund (GCF) was established to help developing countries mitigate and adapt to climate change. It offers different support programs, which include: 1) program Readiness (Readiness) c the opportunity to receive annual support up to 1 million USD to create the conditions to receive investment climate and up to 3 million USD for the development of national or sectoral plan and processes for adaptation to climate change, 2) the piloting program unique projects with high potential for spread with a grant of 10 million USD 3) concessional loans, guarantees and investments.

An analysis of the work of Central Asian countries in the region with the GCF in the period 2015-2020 shows the following picture:: 1) The CA project portfolio in the GCF is only 4%, while the portfolio of projects in the Asia-Pacific Region is 31%, Africa is 28%, and Latin America is 18%. 2) Readiness capabilities are 25% utilized. 3) The Central Asian region has not received a single project under the grant budget line "Piloting a small project with high distribution potential", where you can get up to \$ 10 million without having to submit it through accredited bodies.

To make better use of the GCF's capabilities, Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia (CAREC) with the support of national authorized bodies (NUO) Tajikistan and Turkmenistan, propose to create **regional mechanism in Central Asia to work with the GCF**.

**The purpose of the Regional Mechanism** is to assist national authorized bodies in Central Asian countries to exchange experience, study various financial instruments of the GCF and its experience, have a regional voice and prepare joint project proposals of regional significance. The regional mechanism will also help develop the capacity of local institutions for GCF accreditation and lobby for a regional representative to join the GCF Board of Governors to make financial decisions.

**Purpose of the meeting of National Green Climate Fund Teams in Central Asia – to start a consultation on practical steps to create a regional mechanism for working with the GCF**

**Questions for discussion**

1. To hear the CAREC proposal on the Regional Readiness Program Readiness)
2. Get comments and suggestions in the program
3. Agree on an action plan for the next 6 months

**Format:** CDue to the epidemiological situation, the survey is conducted in a hybrid format with physical and online participation of representatives of non-governmental organizations from the Central Asian countries of the region.

**Time and date of the meeting:** 27 June 27 , 09.00-11.00 local time Dushanbe.

**Members**

- National Coordinators for working with the GCF;
- Members of the teams of national coordinators for working with GCF;
- CAREC GCF Team

# MEETING PROGRAM

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Time	Content
<i>Moderator of the meeting:</i>	
<b>OPENING OF THE MEETING</b>	
	<b>Welcome words:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GCF Coordinator in the Republic of Tajikistan</li> <li>• GCF Coordinator in Turkmenistan</li> </ul>
<b>Session 1: Background of the initiative: Why not? How</b>	
30'Zafar	<b>Zafar Makhmudov</b> , Executive Director of CAREC, was progressing FAQ's
<b>Session 2: Offer of CAREC</b>	
60'	<b>Lyudmila Kiktenko</b> , менеджер UOS Program Manager, CAREC – <b>25 min</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project concept "Regional readiness programs"</li> <li>• Experience of other regions</li> </ul> Questions and answers – <b>20 min</b>
<b>Session 3: Decision-making and action plan for the establishment of a regional mechanism</b>	
<i>Moderator: GCF Coordinator in RT</i>	
30'	Solutions to the following issues: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Coordination of the idea of creating a Regional mechanism for working with the GCF</li> <li>2. Obtaining the readiness of each country to participate in the creation and operation of a Regional Mechanism for working with the GCF</li> <li>3. Coordination of the concept of the Regional Readiness Program project</li> </ol>

	4. Approval of CAREC as a partner for the preparation and implementation of the Regional Readiness Program project
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<b>Closing the meeting</b>	
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	GCF Coordinator in the Republic of Turkmenistan Executive Director, CAREC
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