

Thematic event within the framework of the 28th UN Conference of the Parties on Climate Change

Seminar on Transition Finance

Date: December 4, 2023

Organizers: GIP Secretariat in collaboration with the AIFC GFC

Location: Central Asian Pavilion, COP28.

The event consists of three parts: welcoming speeches, presentation of the GIP report “Transition Finance Framework”, as well as a panel session on transition finance in Central Asia.

Welcome Speech

1. Dr. Ma Jun, Chairman of the Green Finance Committee, China, Co-chair of GIP Steering Committee (*confirmed*)
2. Daniyar Kelbetov, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the AIFC GFC (*confirmed*)

Presentation of the report “Transition Finance Framework”

The presentation of the report will present an analysis of current approaches to financing the transition period, identified obstacles and opportunities to solve them based on the report on the framework approaches to financing the transition period developed by GIP.

Speakers:

1. **Cheng Lin**, Head of GIP Secretariat Beijing Office, Director of International Cooperation Beijing IFS (*confirmed*)
2. **Helga Bridgen**, Global Chair of Sustainable Investments, Mercer (*confirmed*)

Session on Transition Finance in Central Asia

This session will discuss leading practices, challenges, and prospects for transition finance. Emerging markets play a key role in the global transition to net-zero emissions, with enormous potential for opportunities in both the development of low-carbon technologies and the decarbonization of existing enterprises. Transition finance will help these countries achieve their climate ambitions using transition finance and improve economic resilience, especially in the context of development in Central Asia, where the economy is heavily dependent on carbon-intensive industries.

Moderator: Cheng Lin, Head of GIP Secretariat Beijing Office, Director of International Cooperation Beijing IFS (*confirmed*)

Speakers:

1. **John Green**, Chief Commercial Director, Ninety-One (*confirmed*)
2. **Gaukhar Buribayeva**, CEO of Damu Fund (*confirmed*)
3. **Liu Shuang**, Senior Associate at Sustainable Finance Center, WRI (*confirmed*)
4. **Aigul Kussaliyeva**, Director for Sustainable Development of AIFC Authority, GIP Regional office for Central Asia (*confirmed*)
5. **Kamran Khan**, Head of ESG for Asia Pacific, Deutsche Bank (*confirmed*)

During this session it is also planned to sign the GIP declaration