



The Regional Environmental Centre  
for Central Asia



# Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Program for Aral Sea Basin (CAMP4ASB)

**Budget:** US\$15 million

**Starting date:** 4 August 2016

**Ending date:** 30 April 2021

**Donors:** International Development Association (IDA)

**Partners:** The World Bank, Executive Committee of the International Fund for saving the Aral Sea (EC IFAS)

## Background

The five Central Asian countries are among the most vulnerable to climate change in Eurasia, and building resilience to climate's mounting impacts is a priority for poverty reduction and shared prosperity in Central Asia. Average annual temperatures across the region have increased since the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century by 0.5°C in the south to 1.6°C in the north and impacts are already being observed, from melting glaciers in upland areas (where glaciers have lost one-third of their volume since the 1900s) to droughts and floods in the lowlands (where weather-related disasters are estimated to cause economic losses from 0.4 to 1.3 percent of Gross Domestic Product per annum for Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Kyrgyz Republic, for instance).

On November 3, 2015, the World Bank Board of Executive Directors approved an allocation of US\$38 million from the International Development Association (IDA) to finance the first phase of the CAMP4ASB regional program. This approved financing includes US\$9 million for Tajikistan, US\$14 million for Uzbekistan, and US\$15 million for regional activities to be implemented by the EC IFAS with support from the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC) for day-to-day regional coordination and implementation of the regional components of the project.



## Project objective

CAMP4ASB aims to enhance regionally coordinated access to improved climate change knowledge services for key stakeholders (e.g., policy makers, communities, and civil society) in participating Central Asian countries as well as to increased investments and capacity building that, combined, will address climate challenges common to these countries.

CAMP4ASB is comprised of regional and national components. CAREC is responsible to implement the Component 1, which aims to strengthen the knowledge and capacity base for climate action and facilitate regional dialogue and multi-stakeholder engagement for an effective climate response at scale, and Subcomponent 3.1, which is to oversight, coordination, and implementation support at the regional level.



## Project components

### **Component 1** **Regional Climate Knowledge Services**

This component will ensure that participating countries are provided with equipment, software, minor civil works, and technical assistance for improved data, information, knowledge, and decision-support tools, laying the ground for a unified, regional analytical platform for climate assessment and decision-making in Central Asia. The component's activities include:

- strengthening the Regional Information Platform;
- targeted upgrading of climate-related monitoring systems;
- developing methodologies, approaches, and tools for decision support;
- developing knowledge products;
- building capacity;
- setting up a Climate Investment Assessment Mechanism;
- outreach and coalition building.

### **Subcomponent 3.1** **Regional Coordination**

CAREC as the Regional Coordination Unit (RCU) will provide general Program oversight, secure implementation of activities implemented at the regional level including:

- liaise regularly with the National Coordination Units (NCUs) to seek inputs and facilitate consensus on proposed regional activities as well as to receive feedback on their implementation;



- provide necessary technical support/guidance to the NCUs;
- review bi-annually a sample of national climate investments to ensure their consistency with guiding investment priorities set by the Regional Steering Committee;
- assess lessons learned from investments, and ensure lessons and results from Program activities are systematically disseminated to support participating country planning processes.

The RCU will also oversee the program's Feedback/Grievance Redress Mechanism at the regional level.

## Beneficiaries/Target groups

Beneficiaries of the project include national counterparts, working in the area of climate resilience and sector-based development as well as the local communities, including farmers, water user associations, pasture management, villagers, private companies and others. This locally-based beneficiaries will particularly benefit from funding opportunities that enable them to implement necessary subprojects that improve their own livelihoods while also demonstrating important climate change mitigation and/or adaptation efforts that can be eventually applied across the region.

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