

International Commission on Sustainable Development (ICSD)

Regional Environmental Programme for Sustainable Development of Central Asia (REPSD CA)

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- Conference of Ministers "Environment for Europe". Batumi, 2016
- ICSD Decision on REPSD CA, Ashkhabad, 2017
- EC IFAS Decision of 30.01.2018, Ashkhabad
- Joint Communique of the Heads of the states-founders of IFAS of 24.08.2018

Presidents of the CA welcommed the development of the new Regional Environmental Programme for Sustainable Development of Central Asia targeted to the implementation of SDGs, green economy principles, and climate change adaptation.





The main objectives of REPSD CA is to **address environmental problems** by the establishment of effective cooperation mechanisms, sustainable socio-economic development, preservation and rational use of nature resources





There were the following working bodies established:

- National Working Groups (to establish national priorities);
- Regional Working Group (members are:

representatives of CA environmental authorised bodies, ICSD, and civil society) to clarify regional priorities.





REPSD CA was adopted in Nukus, Uzbekistan on 24 October, 2019 by the ICSD members – Heads of environmental authorised bodies of the CA states.





The following issues were reflected in REPSD CA

Climate Change

• Regional Strategy for Climate Change Adaptation (taking into consideration vulnerability of CA eco-systems and mitigation of climate related risks;

• Regional climate scenarios which are to include relevant models to reflect impact of climate change on water, eco-systems, and natural disasters.





Environment safety

- Increase efficiency of water quality monitoring in the Aral Sea basin.
- Analysis of the anthropogenic impact on environment to prevent degradation of eco-systems in CA, including water eco-systems.





Droughts, land degradation, desertification

- Development of a Regional Plan for environment rehabilitation, including «green belts» on the dry bottom of the Aral Sea
- Methodology on adaptation of mountain areas to climate change (jointly with CAREC UNEP, GIZ and national experts)





Capacity building

- environment protection, climate change, sustainable development, green economy, integrated water management;
- information exchange, scientific cooperation, lessons learned, BATs, including in agriculture.





Green economy

- Renewable energy sources, waste management, transport
- improve cooperation in legislation development, technologies, lessons learned





We call EC for strengthen cooperation in the framework of REPSD CA!





Thank you for your attention!

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