

# EU – Central Asia Strategy for a New Partnership Platform for Environment and Water Cooperation



## Sixth EU – Central Asia High Level Conference on Environment and Water Cooperation

Tashkent, Uzbekistan, 24 – 25 January 2019

### AGENDA

The Conference will take place at Hyatt Hotel (1A Navoi St, Tashkent 100017, Uzbekistan) on 24-25 January 2019.

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### Objectives of the High-Level Conference:

- ⇒ To present the results of the activities of the EU-CA Platform for Environment and Water Cooperation since 2015;
- ⇒ To adopt new Terms of Reference of the Working Group on Environment and Climate Change (WGECC) to introduce the following main changes:
  - 1) to extend its mandate to include water quality issues,
  - 2) to have WGECC co-chaired by EU, Italy (as leading country) and CA countries, and
  - 3) to establish the Steering Committee to ensure continuity of work between the meetings of WGECC
- ⇒ To agree on a reference framework to guide policy dialogues and identify priority areas for further EU-CA cooperation under the Platform, including the promotion of green investments;
- ⇒ To discuss and agree on elements of the Action Plan for the WGECC.

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**Thursday, 24 January 2019**

**10:30 – 11:00** Registration of participants  
Welcome coffee

## SENIOR OFFICIALS' SEGMENT

### Co-chairs:

**Mr Philippe van Amersfoort**, Deputy Head, Central Asia Division, EEAS

**Mr Massimo Cozzone**, Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea

**11:00 – 11:05** Opening remarks

### Session 1. Discussion on priority areas for EU-CA cooperation in the framework of the EU-CA Platform for Environment and Water Cooperation

Results of the activities of the EU-CA Platform for Environment and Water Cooperation since 2015. Interventions by:

**11:05 – 12:15** **Mr Johannes Stenbaek Madsen**, Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation to Kazakhstan

Discussion

**12:15 – 13:30** Lunch

## HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT

### Co-chaired by:

**Mr Peter Burian**, EU Special Representative for Central Asia

**Mr Francesco La Camera**, Director General, Ministry for the Environment Land and Sea of Italy

**Mr Bakhrom Kuchkarov**, Chairman, State Committee for Ecology and Environmental Protection, Republic of Uzbekistan

**13:30 – 14:00** Opening of High-Level Segment

**Chair: Mr Bakhrom Kuchkarov**, Chairman, State Committee for Ecology and Environmental Protection, Republic of Uzbekistan

Welcome remarks:

**Mr Bakhrom Kuchkarov**, Chairman, State Committee for Ecology and Environmental Protection, Republic of Uzbekistan

**Mr Francesco La Camera**, Director General, Ministry for the Environment Land and Sea of Italy

**Mr Peter Burian**, EU Special Representative for Central Asia

**Ms Astrid Schomaker**, Director for Global Sustainable Development, DG ENV

**14:00 – 15:45** Session A: Environment, water and climate change

**Chair: Mr Peter Burian**, EU Special Representative for Central Asia

In this session the delegates will present their developments and results since last High-Level Conference in 2015 and discuss the results of the activities of the EU-CA Platform for Environment and Water Cooperation since 2015.

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Interventions by:

**Ms Astrid Schomaker**, Director for Global Sustainable Development, DG ENV

**Mr Niels Schuster**, Policy Officer, DG CLIMA

**Mr Roman Vassilenko**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan

**Mr Arsen Ryspekov**, Deputy Director, State Agency on Environment Protection and Forestry under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic

**Mr Alimardon Azimzoda**, Deputy Head of Agriculture and Environmental Management Department of the Executive Office of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan

**Mr Magtymguly Bayramurdyev**, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Water Economy, Turkmenistan

**Mr Bakhrom Kuchkarov**, Chairman, State Committee for Ecology and Environmental Protection, Republic of Uzbekistan

**Mr András Rácz**, Minister of State for Environmental Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture, Hungary

**Ms Adriana Petcu**, State Secretary, Ministry of Waters and Forests, Romania

**Mr Richard Müller**, Director-General, Slovak Environment Agency

**Dr Batyr Mammedov**, Head of Secretariat, Interstate Commission for Sustainable Development, International Fund for saving Aral Sea (ICSD IFAS)

**Dr Iskandar Abdullaev**, Director, Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia

**Ms Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa**, Regional Adviser of the Environment Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

**Ms Helena Fraser**, UN Resident Coordinator for the Republic of Uzbekistan

**Mr Matthew Griffiths**, Senior Programme Manager, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

**Mr Ralf Ernst**, Deputy Co-ordinator, Office of the Coordinator of Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Economic and Environmental Activities

**Ms Yasmin Siddiqi**, Principal Water Resources Specialist, Asian Development Bank (ADB)

**Mr Raphael Jozan**, Head of the Representative Office in Tashkent, L'Agence Française de Développement (French Development Agency)

**Mr Neil McKain**, Director, Central Asia, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

**NB: Each intervention is limited to 5 minutes**

Guiding question: What are the main actions undertaken and the challenges faced by countries in implementing the Joint Communiqué adopted at the High-Level Conference on Environment and Water in 2015?

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Discussion

**15:45 – 16:15 Coffee break and group photo**

**16:15 – 17:00 Session B: Adoption and endorsement of the documents**

**Chair: Mr Francesco La Camera**, Director General, Ministry for the Environment Land and Sea of Italy

In this session the delegates will:

- Endorse the Conclusions of the meeting, to be presented by **Mr Johannes Stenbaek Madsen**, Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation to Kazakhstan

**17:00 – 17:15** Closing remarks of the High-Level Segment

**Mr Bakhrom Kuchkarov**, Chairman, State Committee for Ecology and Environmental Protection, Republic of Uzbekistan

**Mr Francesco La Camera**, Director General, Ministry for the Environment Land and Sea of Italy

**Mr Peter Burian**, EU Special Representative for Central Asia

**17:30 – 18:00 Press briefing**

**19:00 – 21:00 Reception, hosted by the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

**Friday, 25 January 2019**

## SENIOR OFFICIALS' SEGMENT

**9:00 – 11:00 Session 2: further development of the EU-CA Platform for Environment and Water Cooperation**

**Co-chairs:**

**Mr Luca Perez**, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Environment, European Commission

**Mr Massimo Cozzone**, Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea

In this session the delegates will:

- identify ways to promote investments in infrastructure to mitigate climate change and reduce pollution
- Identify ways to promote green and circular economy

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Interventions by:

**Ms Ludmila Kiktenko**, Project manager “EU Nexus Dialogue Project in Central Asia”, Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia

**Ms Christina Leb**, Senior Water Resources Management Specialist, Central Asia Energy-Water Development Program, Program Manager, World Bank

**Mr Valts Vilnītis**, Team Leader, WECCOOP

Discussion

**11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break and NEXUS project video**

**11:30 – 13:00 Session 3: Planning of future action**

**Chair: Mr Johannes Stenbaek Madsen**, Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation to Kazakhstan

In this session the delegates will:

- Discuss the new ToR of the Working Group on Environment and Climate Change (WGECC), to be presented by **Mr Massimo Cozzone**, Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea
- Discuss the Rules of Procedure for the Steering Committee;
- Discuss the elements of the Action Plan for WGECC for 2019-2021;
- Discuss the objectives of the next WGECC meeting

**13:00 – 13:30 Summary by the Co-Chairs and closing remarks of the Senior Officials' Segment**

**13:30 – 15:00 Lunch**