

# UN Environment's activities in Central Asia

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**In support of Sustainable Development Goals and  
regional cooperation and coordination processes**

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# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



“Investing in the Future We Want”

“Ensuring a Life with Dignity”

“Protecting our Planet”

“No one is left behind”

# UNEP's flagship initiative

## GREEN economy

How PAGE links to the Sustainable Development Goals

Ongoing work in Kyrgyz Republic

Possibly also in other Central Asian states



# Regional support to Green Economy



ОБЗОР ИНКЛЮЗИВНОЙ ЗЕЛЕННОЙ ЭКОНОМИКИ  
В ЦЕНТРАЛЬНОЙ АЗИИ И МОНГОЛИИ:  
СУБРЕГИОНАЛЬНАЯ ПЕРСПЕКТИВА

## Green Economy

- Development of a green economy approach for Central Asia
  - Research capacity-development in Central Asia and Mongolia
  - Central Asia Scoping Study (a study on intra-regional trade, infrastructure and resource management)
  - Green Infrastructure investment (greening Belt&Road initiative, regional inputs to the global Coalition and capacity building)

## Sustainable Consumption and Production

- 10 YFP/SCP proposed at ICSD meeting (May 2016) as a part of REAP revision
- Regional CA workshop (November 2015) and upcoming national roundtable in Kazakhstan (March 2018)
- UNDA project on Enhancing sustainable public procurement for the regional transition to inclusive green economy in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA)

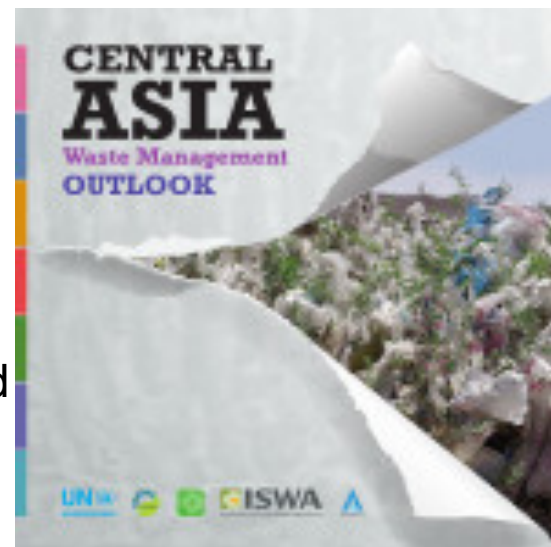
# Chemicals and waste

## Waste management

- Regional Waste Management Outlook for Central Asia in cooperation with the International Environmental Technologies Center (IETC), launched in 2017

<http://web.unep.org/ietc/what-we-do/waste-management-outlooks>

- Development of national and city waste management strategies in cooperation with IETC, in Tajikistan completed and Kyrgyzstan started in late 2017



## Chemicals management

- Ongoing CTF project “Support towards the ratification and implementation of the chemicals and waste Conventions in Central Asia”
- Starting GEF Minamata Initial Assessment and National Action Plan for ASGM in Kyrgyzstan
- Completing GEF Stockholm Convention Update of National Implementation Plan Kyrgyzstan
- Support Central Asia to Eliminate Lead in Paint through the Global Alliance (session at SAICM regional meeting, Feb 2018, Lodz, Poland)
- Development of national and regional projects in Central Asia under GEF-7, subregional consultations meeting in April 2018, Almaty, Kazakhstan)

# Mountains/climate change and SDGs



Make urgent action to combat **climate change** and its impacts



Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of **terrestrial ecosystems**, sustainably manage **forests**, combat **desertification**, and halt and reverse **land** degradation and halt **biodiversity** loss

Participatory assessments (Outlooks) of climate change vulnerabilities, risks and current adaptation options and challenges - '**Outlook on Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) in the Central Asian Mountains**'

- ✓ Participatory governmentally owned approach (ICSD)
- ✓ Synthesis of current state of knowledge and information, identified needs and priority action on climate change feed into sub-regional strategic instruments for adaptation (strategic guidance document)
- ✓ Launched at the Central Asian Environmental Ministerial Forum in Ashgabat (7 June 2017)
- ✓ <https://www.grida.no/publications/351>
- ✓ Starting to develop a **Strategic Guidance on CCA** in Central Asia Mountains based on the Outlook findings&recommendations
- ✓ Presentation of the Roadmap at the **CA Environmental Forum** in Ashgabat (5 - 7 June 2017) and **Central Asia Climate Change Conference** in Almaty (25 January 2018)

## Next steps

- ✓ Regional consultations workshop **on CCA and mountains** in Almaty/or Bishkek in April 2018 (date and venue tbc!) involving different partners
- ✓ Final Strategic Guidance aimed to be presented by the CA countries at the high level segment of **World Mountain Forum** taking place in Kyrgyzstan in October 2018





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# UN Environment support to countries in environmental information and data for implementing MEAs and SDGs

- Establishing a **global coordinated system for monitoring and reporting on the environmental dimension of the SDGs** at the international level (for 26 SDG indicators under UNEP responsibility)
- **New EU-funded project** supporting countries in Central Asian on environmental data sharing and reporting in support of a shared environmental information system (SEIS)
- **New Joint UNEP/UNECE Statistics Division project** supporting interested countries on environmental statistics for the SDGs
- Development of **global database on Internationally agreed Environmental Goals (IaEG) and SDG indicators** (<http://www.uneplive.org/downloader>) and a **SDG-MEA synergies visualization portal** (<https://environmentlive.unep.org/synergies>)
- Running joint SDGs **national training workshops** in Kazakhstan and Tajikistan (2017), planned also for Kyrgyzstan (2018)
- Support to the **Regional Ecoportal** <https://www.mkurca.org/home/> to integrate and share SDG-relevant environmental information and data



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# How to connect the dots?

## Needs in regional coordination and cooperation

### **Regional Conference “Towards a Common Vision for Agenda 2030 in Central Asia”**

November 2016, Almaty, Kazakhstan, UN Environment in cooperation with UNDP and CAREC, **with the resolution** noting the opportunities for regional cooperation in the implementation of SDGs related to:

• *Sustainable energy and energy efficiency; • Improvements in air quality; • Water resources management and transboundary cooperation; • Climate change adaptation and mitigation; • Conservation and restoration of ecosystems; • Sustainable production and consumption; • Health risks management;*  
*including cross-cutting issues on: • Education for sustainable development; • Wide stakeholder's engagement; • Monitoring and reporting on the environmental dimension of the SDGs; • Shared Environmental Information Systems (SEIS).*

**Review of Regional Environmental Action Plan** (or Programme as referred in ICSD's decision) and development of implementation mechanisms to support SDGs, MEAs implementation on the regional level in Central Asia. This regional process is important for defining the regional priorities and identifying areas of joint interests to advance environmental and SD agenda and support regional cooperation.

UN Environment is involved into the process and looking forward to progress joining forces with all interested partners and supporters.

**Institutional support and strengthening** of ICSD, IFAS and other regional structures, bodies and processes on SDGs and priority environmental issues, to advance the regional agenda and support national initiatives.

# Thank you

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