



Environment, Water and Climate Change in Central Asia:

- *EU and other international initiatives in CA*
- *How CA can accelerate green transition*

Central Asia's Environmental Challenges

Central Asia's role is even more critical, not only for its strategic economic position, but also for its crucial natural resources on the one hand, and the acute environmental pressures on the other

- a crossroad of culture, economy, social challenges and great opportunities for international cooperation and sustainable development.
- the place where it is more urgent and challenging to implement concrete actions to tackle climate change with a thorough and holistic approach successfully.



Challenges and needs:

- Still carbon intensive economies
- required actions and policies that put “green” development at the center of development goals
- required substantial political and public will
- a very tight implementation timeline
- demands for investments
- ...

Transition to “green” and climate resilient economic development in Central Asia

- ✓ All CAC have national policies, strategies and programmes of actions targeted sustainable climate resilient development
- ✓ Ongoing key policy reforms
- ✓ Regional initiatives and strategies for activating green economic development
- ✓ ...

Green Investments in CA: challenges and perspectives:

Results of CAREC side events on 22 February 2023:

- Perspectives for attraction more investments from EU and global IFIs
- Country owned project Portfolios (ASBP-4, Nexus, regional action plans, project concepts)
- A need to link two existed opportunities – needs and finances

CAREC for green development in CA

- Supports building of sustainable and comprehensive climate action transparency systems
- Initiates establishment of regional mechanism for working with Green Climate Fund
- Facilitates development of project ideas, concepts and portfolio
- Organizes regional dialogues: CACCC, Env.Forum, CALP,
- Establishment and long term supporting regional working groups: climate change, WEFE Nexus, Water quality, Education, parliamentarians and diplomats...
- Development of regional knowledge hub - CACIP
- Implementation of regional projects to develop capacities, promote and pilot new approaches



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