

KEY CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR UZBEKISTAN TO ACCELERATE THE GREEN TRANSITION AND ACHIEVE THE SDGs





Challenges:

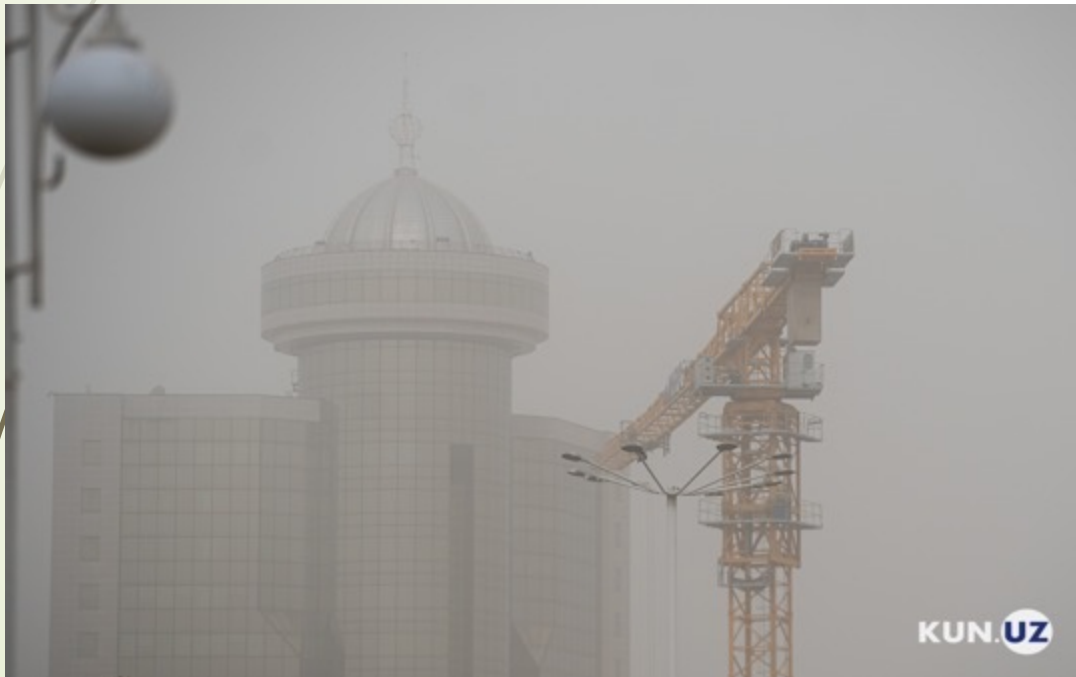
- Exacerbation of the local **climate change** situation;
- Central Asian populations are increasingly at risk of the negative impacts of **extreme temperatures, drought, floods, crop losses**, etc.
- Uncontrolled **destruction of the "green fund"**
- **Low level of environmental awareness** and environmental education
- Acute **shortage of specialists**

Lack of expertise in this area can create problems in target setting and programme implementation



Challenge: air pollution

Among the 20 major cities in the world, where polluted air most strongly affects health, the capital of Uzbekistan took 16th place (ranked between Jakarta and Almaty).





What needs to be done for the "green" transition?

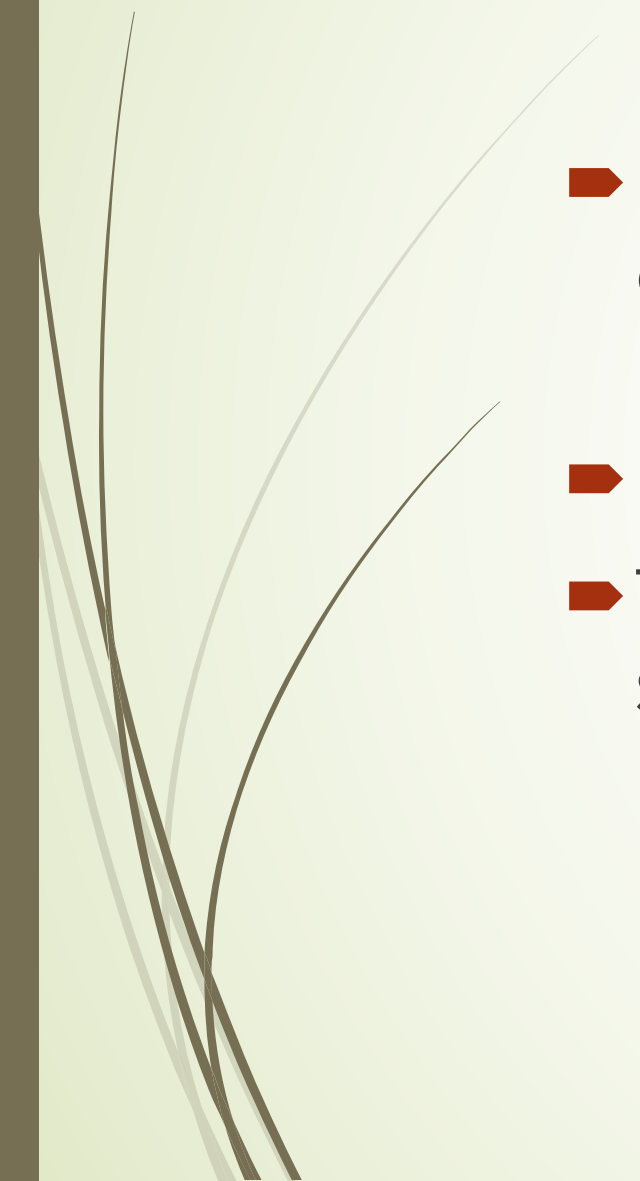
There is a need for **systematic programs** based on objective information.

In Central Asia, there is a great lack of **objective information** on many indicators. Lack of objective information makes it very difficult to develop effective state programmes.

Based on objective information, systematic programmes should be developed that assess in detail risks, and available and required capacities and resources.



MAIN OPPORTUNITIES

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- Uzbekistan, being at the initial level of "green" development, can introduce the most pragmatic projects and methods already existing in the world.
 - IT potential
 - Transition to renewable energy sources can significantly improve the competitiveness of the Uzbek economy.



WHAT IS ALREADY BEING IMPLEMENTED IN THE COUNTRY?



“Yashil makon”

The Yashil Makon (Green Space) initiative, launched by the President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev in November 2021, was highly appreciated by many international organizations and supported by the entire population of Uzbekistan. **1000,000,000** trees and shrubs seedlings over the next **5 years**.



Issuance of "green" loans

22:40 37%

 **SQB** Онлайн-банк RU

Green product

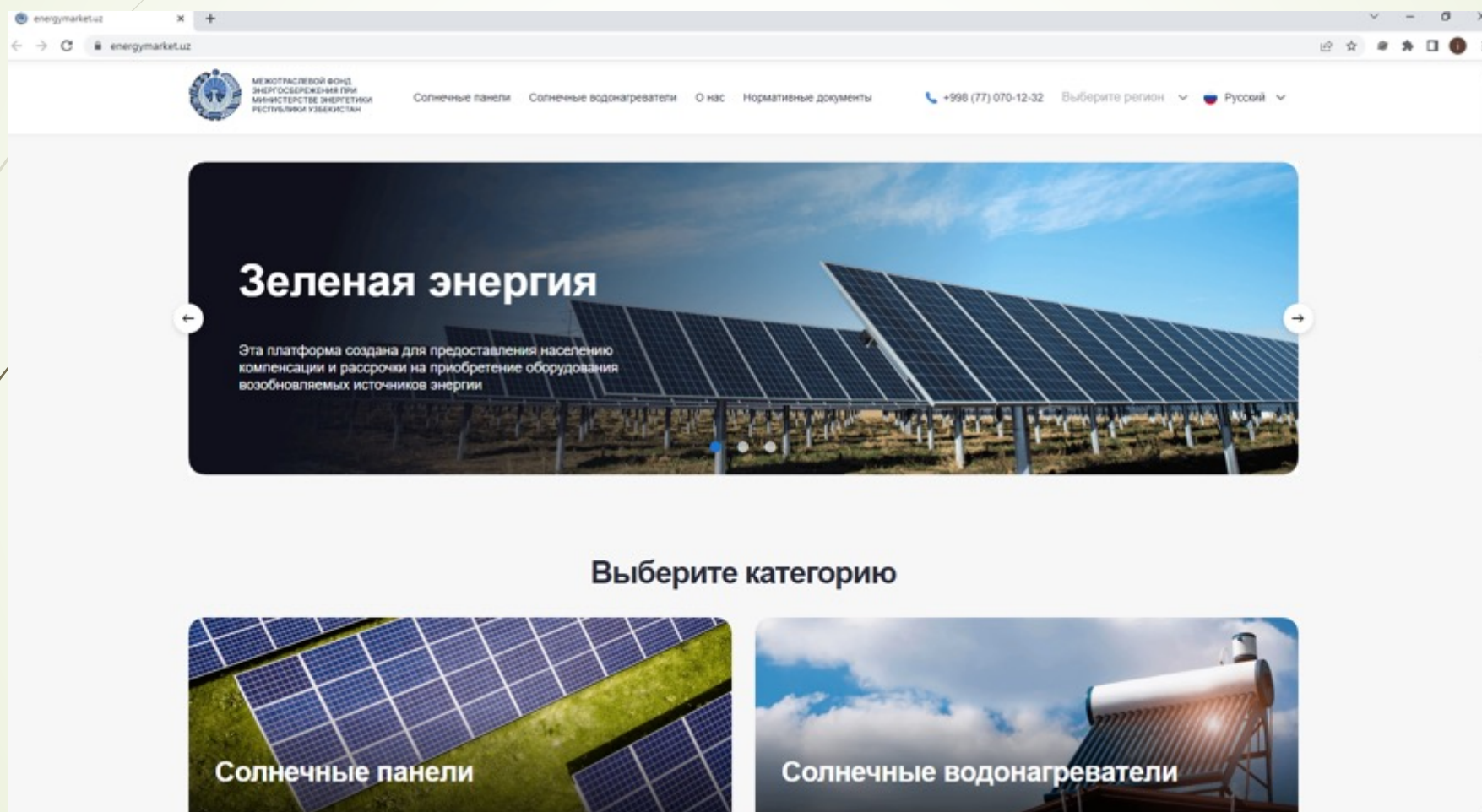


до 50 млн. сумов
Сумма кредита

15 %
Кредитная ставка


До 5 лет
На погашение кредита

<https://energymarket.uz/>





Suggestions made by experts

- Continue providing **soft loans and grants** for entrepreneurs who introduce green technologies.
 - Ratify UN EC **Aarhus Convention** "On Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters".
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Involving civil society and strengthening public control

- Strengthen parliamentary and public **control over the implementation** of environmental legislation and the state decisions in the field of environmental protection
- **Support projects** of civil society institutions aimed at environmental public scrutiny, social orders on environmental topics
- **Public monitoring** of the implementation of legislation in the field of environmental protection and public health with the participation of civil society institutions
- **Information campaigns on the introduction and use of alternative energy sources**
- Raising **environmental awareness** and conscious consumption among the population

What does our organization do?

In 2019, the Yuksalish nationwide movement initiated the annual nationwide campaign "**Bir million darakht**" ("**Million trees**"). From 2019 to 2023, about 4,000,000 seedlings were planted throughout the country.







2019 йил



**2022 йил
1200 туп беҳи дарахтлари**



Ecological forum and trainings

- Yuksalish initiated the ecological forum held in the country on June 15, 2022. The event brought together more than 100 environmental experts, specialists and representatives of environmental non-governmental organizations
 - Recommendations were developed by experts. Recommendations were published on the organization's website
 - Effective Decarbonisation and Resource Conservation trainings are held all over the country
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**We call on all civil society
actors to actively
participate in the green
transition process!**



Thank you for attention!

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