



OECD ACTIVITIES FOR SUPPORTING GREEN ECONOMY TRANSITION IN CENTRAL ASIA

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opportunities and perspectives for regional activities and green
investments in Central Asia

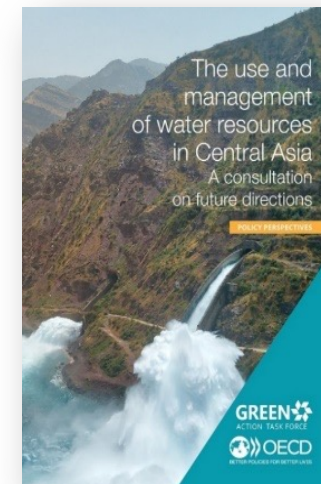
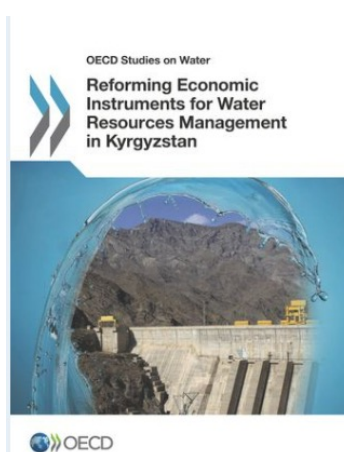
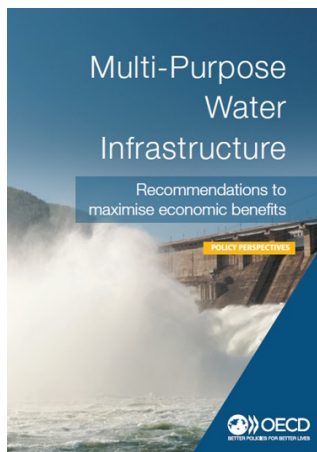
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OECD activities in Central Asia

- Over 20 years work in Central Asia on environment, green growth, green finance and water
- Work steered through GREEN Action Task Force
- Focus on economic, financial and environmental aspects of sustainable infrastructure development and water management
- Policy coherence including water linkages to energy and agriculture plus cross-sectoral linkages (energy, transport, industry)
- Facilitation of multi-stakeholder dialogues on water and sustainable infrastructure development
- Studies, capacity building, publications, practical policy recommendations





Sustainable Infrastructure Programme in Asia (SIPA): Four transformative areas

1. PLANNING

- Long-term strategic infrastructure planning
- Project-level evaluation and prioritisation

2. ENABLING POLICIES IN ENERGY, TRANSPORT, INDUSTRY

- **Decarbonising transport** strategies (national and regional)
- **Clean Energy** Finance and Investment reviews
- Greening energy-intensive **industries**

3. MOBILISING FINANCIERS AND BUSINESSES

- **Sustainable finance** principles
- Due diligence for **responsible business conduct**

4. REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PEER LEARNING

- **Regional Policy Network on Sustainable Infrastructure**
- Regional training programmes through **local knowledge institutions**

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Energy, Water and Land-use Nexus in Central Asia (2023-2028)

Overview



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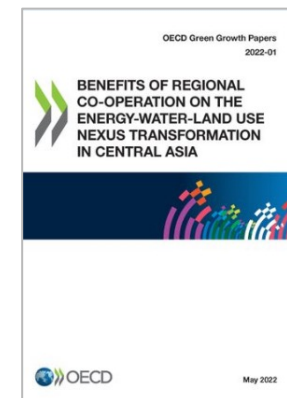
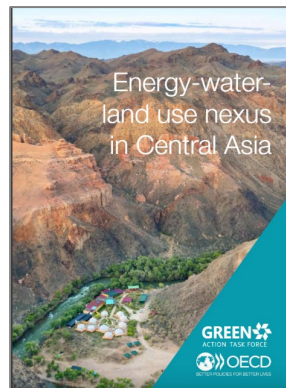
- Other development co-operation partners
- Private sector
- Academia
- Civil society organisations



Calls for action

from country/regional consultations and preparatory analysis (June 2021 – June 2022)

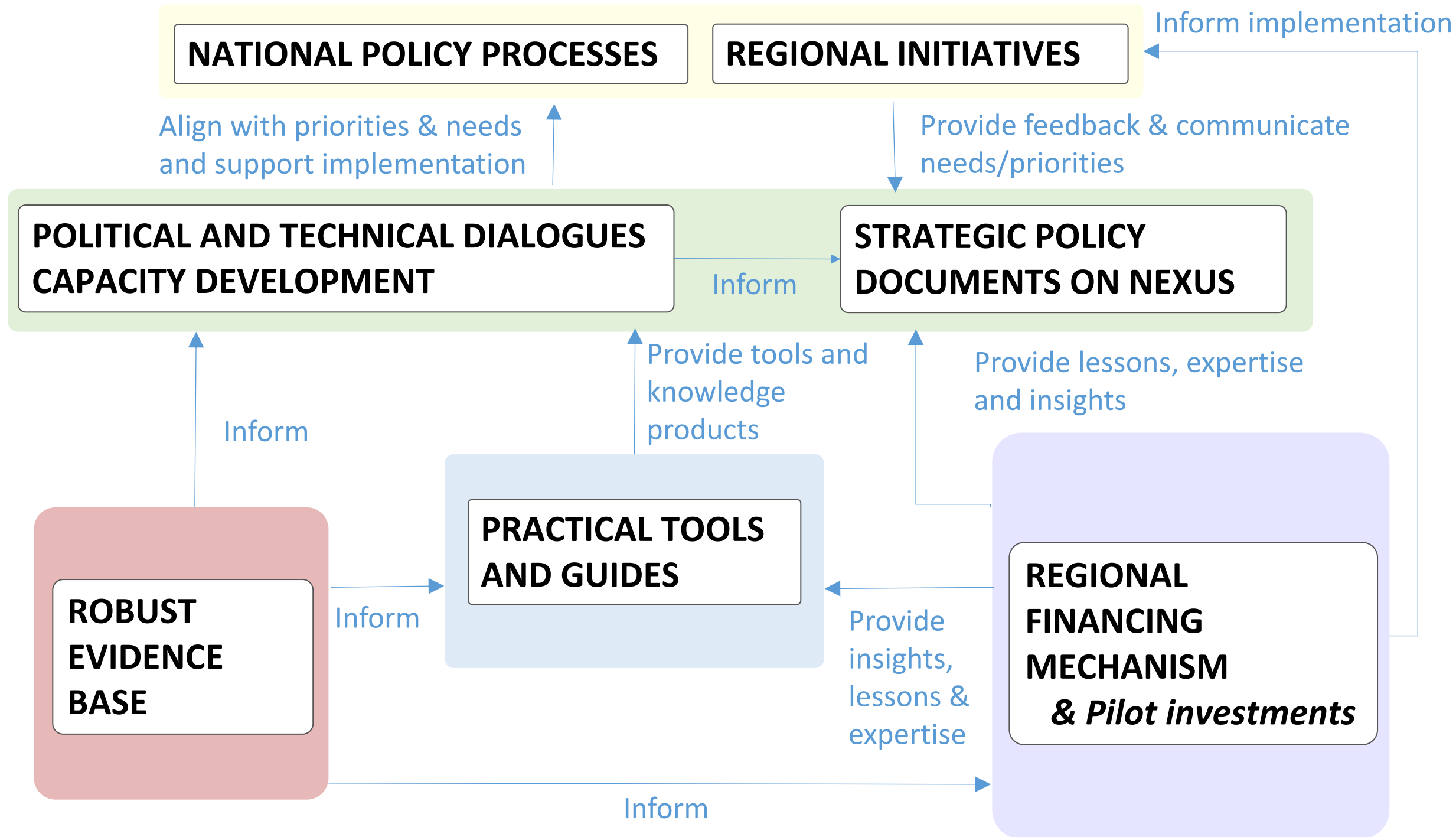
- Need to **see why cooperation is important** and to **understand the “business case” for cooperation** across sectors and between countries.
- Call for **compelling evidence base** to secure political support and inform decision-making to better mainstream the Nexus approach.
- Demand for **more pilot projects** to demonstrate the benefits of cooperation on the Nexus.
- Need to **combine all this with targeted capacity development and political dialogue** to drive the progress.





Overall objectives

1. Expand **evidence base** on benefits of cross-sectoral cooperation between energy, water and land use (or “Nexus”)
2. **Mainstream** the Nexus principles into development planning
3. Design a **financing mechanism** to promote Nexus investments
4. Develop **practical tools and instruments** to support decision makers for enhanced cross-sectoral and transboundary cooperation
5. Organise **regional political and technical dialogue** and facilitate **capacity development**





Linking to national and regional policy processes

(Selected examples)

Water Code and National Water Strategy

Applying Nexus approach to strengthen multi-sector cooperation on water resource management in CA countries

Implementation and update of national-level green economy development strategies

Integrating the Nexus considerations into CA countries' policy reforms towards decarbonisation and climate resilience, and related infrastructure development

National targets for climate action (Nationally Determined Contributions, national adaptation plans, etc.)

Using the Nexus approach to support implementation of actions to achieve CA countries' national climate targets

Regional initiatives

Aligning the activities with Regional Adaptation Plan, ASBP-4, EC IFAS, Joint Statement of the Consultative meeting of the Heads of States of Central Asia, etc

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