

**Sixth North and Central Asia Multi-Stakeholder Forum on  
Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals**

**“Accelerating the recovery from COVID-19 and the full implementation of  
the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels”**

**6-7 October 2022**

**Provisional Programme**

\* All times are stated in Almaty time (GMT+6).

Day/Time	Session
<b>Thursday, 6 October 2022</b>	
09.00 – 10.00	<u>Registration</u>
10:00 – 10:30	<p><u>Opening Session</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening remarks by <b>Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana</b>, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)</li> <li>• Remarks by <b>Mr. Abzal Abdikarimov</b>, Vice - Minister of National Economy of Kazakhstan</li> <li>• Remarks by <b>Ms. Gwi Yeop Son</b>, Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia, United Nations Development Coordination Office</li> </ul>
10:30 – 12:00	<p><u>Session 1: Accelerating the recovery from COVID-19 and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels</u></p> <p><i>The session will discuss, among other things:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Subregional progress, good practices, and priorities to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SD)</i></li> <li>- <i>Efforts to accelerate inclusive COVID-19 recovery and how they could align with efforts to progress implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.</i></li> <li>- <i>Protecting and investing in people and enhancing resilience, especially among women and vulnerable population groups (SDD-or SDD recommended resource persons).</i></li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Ms. Michaela Friberg-Storey</b> – The United Nations Resident Coordinator in Kazakhstan</p> <p>Presenters/ Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mr. Arman Bidarbakht Nia</b>, Head, Statistical Data Management Unit, Statistics division, UNESCAP, and <b>Ms. Sabine Henning</b>, Chief, Sustainable Demographic Transition Section, Social Development Division of UNESCAP</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Askar Japparkulov</b> - Director of the Macroeconomic Policy Department, Eurasia Economic Commission</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Ms. Alybaeva Zhanyl</b> - Deputy Minister of Labor, Social Security and Migration of Kyrgyzstan</li> <li>- <b>Ms. Kaisha Atakhanova</b> - Regional Programs' Advisor of ARGO a Civil Society Development Association, member of the Public Council under the Ministry of Information and Social Development in Kazakhstan</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Shuvojit Banerjee</b> – Economic Affairs Officer, Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development Division, UNESCAP</li> </ul>
12.00	Group photo
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 – 15:00	<p><u>Session 2: SDG 6 on clean water and sanitation</u>  <i>The session will discuss, among other things:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <i>Status, trends, emerging issues, and interlinkages of implementing SDG 6.</i></li> <li>o <i>Transboundary cooperation for ecologically sound management of freshwater resources and for peaceful regional integration and required capacity development interventions.</i></li> <li>o <i>Means to secure required investments to progress in clean water and sanitation supply in under-served regions.</i></li> <li>o <i>Innovative technologies and technology-based entrepreneurship for efficient water use.</i></li> <li>o <i>Good practices to facilitate inclusivity in access to clean water and sanitation.</i></li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Mr. Talaibek Makeev</b> - Economic Affairs Officer, Environment Division of the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)</p> <p>Presenters/ Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Ms. Solène LE DOZE</b>, Environmental Affairs Officer, Environment and Development Policy Section, Environment and Development Division, UNESCAP and <b>Ms. Soomi Hong</b> - Associate Economic Affairs Officer, Information &amp; Communication Technology and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, UNESCAP</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Serik Bekmaganbetov</b>, Authorized representative from Kazakhstan at International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (IFAS)</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Stuart Crane</b>, Coordinator SDG 6, Freshwater Unit, Ecosystem Division, UN Environment Programme</li> <li>- <b>Ms. Dinara Ziganshina</b>, Deputy Director, Scientific Information Center of Interstate Commission for Water Coordination in Central Asia in Uzbekistan</li> </ul>
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 17:00	<p><u>Session 3: SDG 7 on affordable and clean energy</u>  <i>Co-organizer International Renewable Energy Agency</i>  <i>The session will discuss, among other things:</i></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Status, trends, emerging issues, and interlinkages of implementing SDG.</i></li> <li>- <i>Potential areas for cross-border collaboration and multistakeholder participation for the development of sustainable energy sector.</i></li> <li>- <i>Conditions and frameworks required to facilitate cross border collaboration in sustainable energy development.</i></li> <li>- <i>Options for public and private financing for infrastructure development.</i></li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Mr. Binu Parthan</b> - Head of Regions, Country Engagement and Partnerships Division, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)</p> <p>Presenters/Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mr. Michael Williamson</b>, Chief of Sustainable Energy Development Section, Energy Division, UNESCAP</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Georgy Ermolenko</b>, Head of International Cooperation Department, Electric Power Council of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)</li> <li>- <b>Ms. Tatyana Vedeneva</b>, President Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Development (CREEED) in Kyrgyzstan</li> <li>- <b>Ms. Mariam Darchia</b>, Senior Specialist, Sustainable Development Promotion Division, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Policy and Sustainable Development Department of the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia</li> <li>- <b>Ms. Aleksandra Prodan</b> – Associate Professional in the Country Engagement and Partnerships team of IRENA</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Temirlan Aimagambetov</b> – Deputy director of Department of International Cooperation, KAZENERGY Association.</li> </ul>
<b>Friday, 7 October 2022</b>	
09:00 – 10:30	<p><u>Session 4: SDG 9 on industry, innovation, and infrastructure</u> <i>The session will discuss, among other things:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Status, trends, emerging issues, and interlinkages of implementing SDG 9.</i></li> <li>- <i>Good practices to facilitate more inclusive development of industries through provision of access to emerging technologies, markets, and innovative services.</i></li> <li>- <i>Digital transformation efforts in North and Central Asia and potentials of digitalization to advance inclusive recovery.</i></li> <li>- <i>Investment in Research and Development, and support to technology-based entrepreneurs to foster innovative development.</i></li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Ms. Michiko Enomoto</b>, Deputy Head, Subregional Office for North and Central Asia, UNESCAP</p> <p>Presenters/Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Ms. Azhar Jaimurzina Ducrest</b> – Chief, Transport connectivity and Logistics Section, Transport division, UNESCAP and <b>Ms. Aida Karazhanova</b> – Economic Affairs Officer, ICT for Development Section; ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, UNESCAP</li> </ul>

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10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30	<p><u>Session 5: SDG 11 on sustainable cities and communities</u>  <i>This session will discuss:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Status, trends, emerging issues, and interlinkages of implementing SDG 11 in North and Central Asia within the context of a sustainable urban recovery from multiple connected crises.</i></li> <li>- <i>Best practices to recover and develop sustainable cities and communities in North and Central Asia by accelerating the means of implementation among different actors, including through integrated spatial planning, municipal financing instruments (including public-private partnerships), capacity building, urban data, innovation, and smart city technologies.</i></li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Mr. Bruno Dercon</b>, Acting Regional Director, Asia-Pacific, UN Habitat</p> <p>Presenters/ Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mr. Curt Garrigan</b>, Chief, Sustainable Urban Development Section, Environment and Development Division, UNESCAP</li> <li>- <b>Ms. Aida Darmenova</b>, Head of the Data Management Department of the Digitalization, Department of Almaty, Kazakhstan</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Andrew Bower</b>, Program Officer, UN Disaster Risk Reduction Regional Office for Europe, and Central Asia</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Vakhtang Lomjaria</b> – Head of the Municipal Department of Economic Development, Tbilisi city hall, Georgia</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Kurmanbek Moldokulov</b>, Director of the Agency for Bishkek City Development and Investments City, Kyrgyzstan</li> <li>- <b>Ms. Gulnara Roll</b>, Secretary to the Committee for Housing and Urban Development, UNECE</li> </ul>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break

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14:00 – 15:50	<p><u>Session 6: SDG 17 on partnerships for the goals</u>  <i>The session will discuss, among other things:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Key messages of the <a href="#">2022 Asia-Pacific SDG Partnership Report</a></i></li> <li>- <i>Provide subregional analysis and good practices for partnership to accelerate the recovery from COVID-19 and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.</i></li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Mr. Oliver Paddison</b> - Chief of Section on Countries in Special Situations, UNESCAP</p> <p>Presenters/ Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Ms. Mizuho Okimoto-Kaewtathip</b>, Regional Team Leader - Inclusive Growth and Prosperity Advisor, United Nations Development Programme Bangkok Regional Hub</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Frank Thomas</b>, Consultant, Asia Development Bank</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Binu Parthan</b> – Head of Regions, Country Engagement and Partnerships Division, IRENA</li> <li>- <b>Ms. Barbara Janusz-Pawletta</b> - Vice President for International Cooperation and Sustainability at Kazakh-German University</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Shenggen Fan</b>, Dean of Academy of Global Food Economics and Policy; Senior Chair Professor at the College of Economics and Management; China Agricultural University</li> <li>- <b>Mr. David Morris</b>, Vice Chair of the UNESCAP Sustainable Business Network</li> <li>- <b>Ms. Ani Babayan</b> - Assistant to the Deputy Prime Minister of Armenia</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A</p>
15:50 – 16:00	<p><u>Closing Session</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing remarks by <b>Mr. Nikolay Pomoshchnikov</b>, Head, ESCAP Subregional Office for North and Central Asia.</li> </ul>