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BACKGROUND

Many developing countries in Asia and Central Asia are undergoing a rapid industrial transformation, which is having a significant impact on the environment. Activities of the industrial sector, amongst others the burning of fossil fuels, contribute to an increasing amount of greenhouse gas emissions and waste, affecting climate change and natural disasters. The change of production and consumption patterns, decoupling economic growth from environmental degradation and natural resources depletion is an urgent challenge. For this reason, in 2007 the European Commission launched the SWITCH-Asia - Promoting Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) programme to support the transition towards a low-carbon, resource-efficient and circular economy. The programme promotes mainstreaming sustainable consumption and production in relevant national policies and supports the transition towards a green economy, poverty reduction and climate mitigation. Since its inception, SWITCH-Asia has operated in 19 developing Asian countries with about 110 grant projects in various sectors and a budget of EUR 280 million.

The second phase of SWITCH-Asia was launched in 2018, and in June 2019, the programme was extended to the five Central Asian countries: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. The Central Asian countries have participated in the grants programme in 2019 and the selection process will be completed soon.

The support of the programme in Central Asia is framed around two strategic components:

- A **Grant scheme** supporting EU-Asia/Central Asia partnerships interested in testing and developing new sustainable consumption and production approaches. The last call for proposals was launched in January 2019 for a total budget of EUR 45.7 million. The results of the call will be announced by the end of 2019.
- A **Sustainable Consumption and Production Facility (SCP Facility)** implemented through by a consortium based in Bangkok and composed by GIZ-Leader, Adelphi and the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) (CTR 2017/388-441). The SCP Facility aims at providing capacity building to eligible countries through technical assistance supporting them in the elaboration and implementation of their national policies related to SCP and green economy. Through the analysis of the results of the pilot projects, the Facility provides guidance in improving the access to finance and to private-public investments in order to replicate and/or scale-up SCP approaches in the region. Finally, it aims at creating an internal dialogue between the components of the programme ensuring coherence and synergies of activities.

Through its activities, the Programme is expected to achieve:

1. Implementation of environmentally friendly technologies and practices to business.
2. Behaviour change by consumers to less damaging consumption patterns.
3. A better policy dialogue on SCP at national and regional levels in Asia, a common platform to promote SCP.
4. Active and continuous dialogues on SCP priorities and needs at national, regional and international levels through sharing and learning.
5. Development of effective economic instruments that enhance SCP.

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In Kazakhstan, the Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources, the Ministry of Energy, the Ministry of National Economy, the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Industry and Infrastructure Development are working on issues relevant to SCP. The Concept of transitioning towards a green economy was adopted in 2013 and the national Green Economy Action Plan for the next decade is under development. A series of programmes related to SCP such as the roadmaps "Business 2020", "Agribusiness 2020", "Industrial-innovation Development Program" have also been initiated.

At the institutional level, a Council for Green Economy was created with groups working on priority economic sectors. In addition, Kazakhstan has adopted several policies and standards related to SCP, including: Extended Producer Responsibility in the waste management sector, a Green Public Procurement (GPP) policy that includes criteria on products made with secondary/recycled materials; a policy on Private-Public Partnerships (PPP) focusing on water and waste, as well as a national green buildings standard.

From a desk assessment, the following **challenges** were identified: a lack of understanding of the SCP concept and experience in its implementation; limited inter-ministerial coordination, as well as insufficient expertise for guiding and framing needs for change; limited capacity for project development and relevant budget. Currently, the national Green Economy Action Plan for the next decade is under development, as well as a Low-carbon Development Strategy.

The National SCP Multi-stakeholder Consultation will serve as driver to improve the framing of needs and priorities, provide an opportunity to national stakeholders to set a strategic direction for delivering SCP at the national and local level. It provides a platform to better understand the role/input of SCP to a Green Economy Transition, to discuss main issues, to select national priorities and to find appropriate solutions, to strengthen cooperation among all of stakeholders.

The SCP Facility is going to organise this event at the request of and in close collaboration with the Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources (MEGNR), which is the responsible Ministry for green economy implementation. International/regional organisations such as CAREC and UN Agencies, UNEP, UNDP, UN ESCAP will be consulted and associated in order to optimise and reinforce joint inputs to green economy implementation.

OBJECTIVES

1. Bring the concerned stakeholders together including ministries, business, academia, universities and other key actors at national and sub-national levels and create a productive exchange on needs and priorities;
2. Discuss national SCP needs, priorities, challenges and opportunities for action;
3. Identify support needed from the SCP Facility to address priorities;
4. Define concrete next steps on how to implement the demand that will result from this consultation in further supporting SCP delivery;
5. Establish a consultation platform between key stakeholders including the ministries, business, civil society actors, National SCP Focal point, and the EU Delegation to further mainstream and address SCP related issues in the country.

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DRAFT AGENDA

Moderated by Arab Hoballah and Zulfira Zikrina, SWITCH-Asia SCP Facility

08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:20	<p>Welcome and opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vice Minister of the Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources - Akhmetzhan PRIMKULOV Representative of the EU Delegation to Kazakhstan - Johannes STENBAEK MADSEN
09:20 – 10:10	<p>Introduction session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWITCH-Asia programme and SCP approach as enabler to green economy and sustainable development, SWITCH-Asia SCP Facility Team Leader – Arab HOBALLAH, 20 min Outcomes of the SCP assessment, status, challenges and needs, Key Expert Central Asia, SWITCH-Asia SCP Facility - by Zulfira ZIKRINA, 15min Q & A, 15min
10:10 – 11:00	<p>Environmental policy related to SCP in Kazakhstan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerey BEKBERGEN, National Focal Point, International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources, 15min Aidai KURMANOVA, Head of Central Asia Office, UN Environment Programme Shynar TOILYBAYEVA, CAREC Director in Kazakhstan Q & A, 10min
11:00 – 11:20	Coffee/Tea Break
11:20 – 13:20	<p>Framing SCP needs and actions of the top three selected priorities</p> <p>Circular economy and industry 4.0, SCP action plan, Energy efficiency in construction sector.</p> <p>Mainstreaming, localising, partnering and delivery for each of the top three selected priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Needs, challenges, opportunities for action Identifying action priorities and related partnerships, governance, implementation needs Way forward and recommendations for actions <p>Above issues will structure the discussions around three priorities to be selected from the assessment and discussions; their outcomes will then guide next steps for a suggested programme of activities in support to SCP in the country.</p> <p>Each of the priority issues will be discussed more thoroughly in smaller groups, for about 2 hours, before reporting main outcomes in wrap-up session later</p>
13:20 – 14:00	Wrap-up and Conclusions
14:00	Lunch

SPEAKERS BIO



AKHMETZHAN PRIMKULOV

Vice Minister of the Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources

Mr. Akhmetzhan Primkulov is working as Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources since July 2019. He is responsible for a new Ecocode and the implementation of the Green Economy Concept. Previously, he held the position of Head of the environmental regulation and control Committee. He is also the National Coordinator from the Republic of Kazakhstan at the Global Environment Facility (GEF)



JOHANNES STENBAEK MADSEN

Representative of the EU Delegation to Kazakhstan

Mr. Johannes Stenbæk Madsen is Head of the Cooperation Section at the European Union (EU) Delegation in Astana, Kazakhstan. In this capacity he supervises the management of EU financial assistance to Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan, including regional activities and co-funding of technical advisory and investment projects implemented in cooperation with the EBRD and EIB.



ARAB HOBALLAH

Team Leader SCP Facility, SWITCH-Asia Programme

Mr Arab Hoballah is currently the Team Leader of the Sustainable Consumption and Production Facility (SCP Facility) of the SWITCH-Asia Programme. He has a longstanding experience in this sector as he used to be the Head of the Sustainable Consumption and Production Branch in the Division of Technology, Industry and Economics of the United Nations Environment Programme. Arab launched and supervised various initiatives and partnerships (buildings, tourism, cities). He also coordinated the preparation and supervised the implementation of the 10 Year Framework of Programmes on SCP.



AIDAI KURMANOVA

Head of Central Asia Office, UN Environment

Ms Aidai Kurmanova is the Head of Central Asia Office at UN Environment. Aidai used to serve as State Secretary of the Ministry of Economy at the Kryrgyz Republic. She currently works on climate change, environmental systems management, green economy, as well as project implementation and in expanding the interactions between UN Environment office and the five governments in the region.



ZULFIRA ZIKRINA

Key Expert for Central Asia, SCP Facility SWITCH-Asia Programme

Ms Zulfira Zikrina is the Key Expert for Central Asia at the SCP Facility of the SWITCH-Asia Programme being in charge of the support to SCP policy developments in the five Central Asian countries. She has extensive international experience in the field of sustainable consumption and production and in depth knowledge of cleaner production and circular economy. Zulfira used to be the President of the SCP Centre in Kazakhstan and she participated to several regional consultations for the preparation of the Statement for UNEA (UN Environment Assembly) 3 and UNEA 4 with a link to SCP.



SHYNAR TOILYBAYEVA

Director CAREC in Kazakhstan

Mrs. Shynar Toilybayeva is the Director of the CAREC branch in Kazakhstan, holds a Master's degree in Business Administration of UK's University of Gloucestershire and a second Master's of Economics in Management of the German Integrated Water Resources Management Program of the Kazakh-German University. Shynar coordinates regional projects and initiatives of CAREC, promotes the implementation of the principles of the "green" economy and "green" growth policy. Also, she is a Manager of the UNEP research project "Promoting Development of Clean Transport in Kazakhstan". More than nine years of experience in international organizations in the environment development policy, trade and investment, and management.



KEREY BEKBERGEN

National Focal Point, International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources

Mr. Kerey Bekbergen is currently the focal point for the 10 Years Framework of Programmes (10YFP) on SCP and was recently appointed as National Focal Point for the SWITCH-Asia programme in Kazakhstan. Thanks to his experience, Kerey will coordinate the uptake of SCP-related policies in the country, contributing to both the 10YFP and the SWITCH Asia programme.