

## KYRGYZSTAN NATIONAL MULTI-STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION ON SCP

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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.

SWITCH-Asia is currently organised around three 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.

# THE NATIONAL MULTI-STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

In Kyrgyzstan, ministries operating on issues relevant to SCP include: Ministry of Economy, State Agency of Environment, State Committee of Industry, Energy and Subsoil Use, State Agency of Architecture, Building and Housing, and others.

Existing measures related to SCP are: the National Development Strategy of Kyrgyzstan until 2040, the Kyrgyz National Strategy for Sustainable Development, the country's programme on "Unity. Trust. Creation", laws on waste production and management, laws on plastic recycling and energy efficiency in buildings.

Sector initiatives include: the Tourism Development Strategy which places priority on the preservation of eco-systems, and the Mining Industry Development Strategy that focuses on minimisation of environmental impacts and promotes investment into innovative technologies, low-waste and waste-free technologies for environmental management.

From a desk assessment, the following **challenges** were identified in the attempt to move towards a circular economy and adopting SCP practices:

- Poor inter-ministerial coordination and a lack of awareness on SCP with no specific national framework in support of SCP promotion;
- Limited attention to alternative energies, with limited investments and financial resources in support to innovations and low carbon programmes;
- A lack of economic incentives (e.g. differentiation of taxes, subsidies) to integrate SCP models into business planning and operations;
- Little promotion of SPP, EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility), sustainable infrastructure, sustainable business models, production practices, and "greening" supply chains.

Furthermore, the following **needs** were also identified:

- Need to strengthen sectoral focuses, such as safety of building material, efficiency in the construction sector, life cycle approach in the agri-food sector, including soil quality, production and consumption processes, waste re-use and minimization;
- Awareness raising and access to appropriate knowledge needs to be increased for implementing a green economy approach among all stakeholders.

Opportunities reveal as progress was achieved on the implementation of Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP). Currently, 20% of state procurement is provided by using sustainability criteria. The goal is to increase SPP to 30% in 2023, and 50% in 2040. A Sustainable Development Strategy of Industry for 2019-2023 was developed with the support of UNIDO.

The National SCP Multi-Stakeholder Consultation is aimed at improving the framing of needs and priorities and to 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 demand of and in close collaboration with the Ministry of Economy of the Kyrgyz Republic, which is the responsible Ministry for green economy implementation. International and regional organisations such as CAREC and UN Agencies, UNEP, UNDP, UN ESCAP, UNIDO, GGGI will be consulted in order to optimise and reinforce joint input 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.

## **EXPECTED RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATION**

1. In-depth discussion and clear way forward in the development of the detailed concept note regarding the priorities as identified in the country demand received in September 2019;
2. Partnerships with key stakeholders including the ministries, private sector, academia, civil society and other relevant stakeholders;
3. Partnership with UNEP, UN Page, GGGI, UNIDO, CAREC;
4. Concrete actions towards SCP delivery, through joint actions with other concerned actors such as the 10YFP/One Planet Network and others.

## **VENUE**

### **City Hotel**

34/1 Baityk Baatyr str, 720003, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

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## AGENDA

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

<b>08:30 – 09:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>09:00 – 09:20</b>	<p><b>Welcome and opening</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ALYBAEV Avtandil - Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economy, Republic of Kyrgyzstan</li> <li>• Eduard AUER, Head of the EU Delegation to the Kyrgyz Republic</li> </ul>
<b>09:20 – 10:10</b>	<p><b>Introduction session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SWITCH Asia programme and SCP approach as enabler to green economy and sustainable development, SWITCH-Asia SCP Facility Team Leader - Arab HOBALLAH, 20min</li> <li>• Outcomes of the SCP assessment, status, challenges and needs, Key Expert Central Asia, SWITCH-Asia SCP Facility - by Zulfira ZIKRINA, 15min</li> <li>• Q &amp; A, 15min</li> </ul>
<b>10:10 – 11:00</b>	<p><b>Environmental policy related to SCP in Kyrgyzstan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KADYROV Aibek, National Focal Point, Department of Regional Development Policy, Ministry of Economy, 15min</li> <li>• Asad NAQVI, Head of Secretariat, UN Page</li> <li>• Meder SEITKASYMOV, CAREC Representative in Kyrgyzstan</li> <li>• Q &amp; A, 10min</li> </ul>
<b>11:00 – 11:20</b>	<b>Coffee/Tea Break</b>
<b>11:20 – 13:20</b>	<p><b>Framing SCP needs and actions of the top three selected priorities</b></p> <p>Circular economy in agri-food sector, green/low carbon transport, energy efficiency in buildings</p> <p>Mainstreaming, localising, partnering and delivery for each of the top three selected priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Needs, challenges, opportunities for action</li> <li>• Identifying action priorities and related partnerships, governance, implementation needs</li> <li>• Way forward and recommendations for actions</li> </ul> <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>
<b>13:20 – 14:00</b>	<b>Wrap-up and Conclusions</b>
<b>14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>

## BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS AND PANELLISTS



### ALYBAEV AVTANDIL

Deputy Minister

Mr Alybayev Avtandil is Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Economy at the Republic of Kyrgyzstan.

His Ministry is responsible for the development and implementation of state policy in the field of macroeconomic, investment, foreign trade, policies in the field of public-private partnerships, state material reserves, economic and regional development as well as in the field of development of halal industry, trade, development of entrepreneurship and optimization of the regulatory framework of business regulation, development of free economic zones.



### EDUARD AUER

Head of the EU Delegation to the Kyrgyz Republic

Eduard Auer is Head of the EU Delegation to Kyrgyzstan. From 2014 until summer 2018 he worked as Head of the Western Balkans Division in the EEAS. Before Eduard Auer headed the EU Delegation in Tajikistan (2010-2014). He was also posted abroad as the Head of Political Affairs, Trade and Public Relations Sector at the EU Delegation to Afghanistan (2004–2007). Before joining the European Commission Eduard Auer worked in the Austrian Public Administration (Federal Chancellery), where he followed the negotiations for Austria's accession to the EU, and in commercial banks in Vienna.



### KADYROV AIBEK

Ministry of Economy/ Department of Regional Development Policy, Head of Department

Mr Aibek Kadyrov is currently Head of Department of Strategic Planning and Development of the Regions of the Ministry of Economy of the Kyrgyz Republic. Aibek is in charge of the development of Green Economy strategies in his country and he was recently appointed also as National Focal Point for the SWITCH-Asia programme.



## 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.



## ASAD NAQVI

Head, Secretariat of the Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE)

Asad Naqvi is currently Head of the PAGE Secretariat. The Secretariat serves the five partner UN agencies (UNEP, ILO, UNDP, UNIDO and UNITAR) to jointly support PAGE partner countries in their efforts for a just, fast and fair transition to an economy that is low carbon, resource efficient, and equitable – that is, an inclusive green economy. Over the 23 years of professional career, Asad has provided advisory services to over 35 countries for developing and implementing policies, strategies and projects that demonstrate the potential of economic policy and instruments for achieving environmental and social development goals. Asad, a Pakistani national, holds a Master's degree in Environment, Development and Policy from University of Sussex, UK and an MSc. in International Relations from Quaid-I-Azam University, Pakistan.



## 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.



## MEDER SEITKASYMOV

Director, CAREC Branch in Kyrgyzstan