

# UZBEKISTAN 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.

SWITCH-Asia is the largest Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) programme supported by the European Union involving 24 countries from Southeast Asia, South Asia, Central Asia, Mongolia and China. In line with the priorities of the European Green Deal, the programme aims to promote sustainable and inclusive growth in Asia decoupling it from environmental degradation and to support Asian countries in their transition towards a low-carbon, resource-efficient and a more circular economy while contributing to poverty reduction. 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.

Through its grants scheme, the programme funds pilot projects helping companies to test and adopt cleaner technologies and more sustainable industrial practices as well as consumers to adopt more sustainable consumption behaviours and lifestyles. The evidence provided by projects is meant to feed into policy and regulatory discussions with national governments supporting them in adopting SCP national plans and regulatory frameworks. SWITCH-Asia will ultimately contribute to help governments in adopting measures to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions, in line with their engagements and targets set within the Paris agreement on climate change.

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 7 projects were selected, to be implemented from 2020.

So far, the EU has invested nearly EUR 280 million towards promoting SCP and funded about 130 projects. Through the grant scheme, the programme successfully reached out to more than 400 Asian and European non-for-profit partners, 100 private sector associates, and 70,000 Asian micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs). The replication and scaling-up effect of projects results, together with access to finance and public-private investments for green products, services and technologies, will be key elements within the programme in the next years in order to achieve a greater impact in the region.

The EU is committed to continue this support in cooperation with government partners and stakeholders in target countries and the joint efforts of the SWITCH-Asia components:



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SWITCH-Asia is currently organised around two strategic components:

- **Sustainable Consumption and Production Facility (SCP Facility)** aims at facilitating the information sharing between the three components and the projects' grantees. It carries out analysis on the outputs of funded projects in order to involve them in discussions on SCP with national governments. The SCP Facility acts as a coordinator of the three components and it provides a single platform for all of the SWITCH-Asia projects to maximize their results, to further promote SCP policies and principles, and fulfil its policy and advocacy support to eligible countries. This component is implemented by a consortium of IGES, adelphi, and GIZ in the lead.
- **Grants Programme** funds pilot projects helping companies to adopt cleaner technologies and more sustainable industrial practices as well as helping consumers to act more responsibly in their daily choices and lifestyles. This Component is managed by the EU Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO).

Through its activities, the Programme is expected to achieve:

1. Implementation of environmentally friendly technologies and practices to business.
2. Behavior 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 Uzbekistan, the national ministries covering SCP related issues are: Ministry of Economy and Industry, Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Water Resources, as well as the Commission on Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy and the Committee for Nature Protection. Existing measures related to SCP include a recently completed Strategy on transition to Green Economy for the period 2019-2030 which was approved on 4th October 2019. A separate Annex to the Strategy includes the establishment of a Green Economy Implementation Council, headed by the Minister of Economy and Industry of the Republic of Uzbekistan. Four **priorities** were identified at the country level, including:

1. Increase energy efficiency in basic sectors of the economy; and diversification of energy consumption and development of the use of renewable energy sources;
2. Adaptation to and mitigation of the effects of climate change;
3. Increasing the efficiency of the use of natural resources and the conservation of natural ecosystems;
4. Development of financial and non-financial mechanisms to support the green economy.

The National Policy on Environmental Protection for the period 2019-2028 was recently adopted, as well as the Waste Management Strategy (2019- 2028), the Law on Renewable Energy (April 2019) and target parameters for further development of renewable energy sources with increasing proportion of renewable energy in total generation to 25% by 2030. Another document related to energy efficiency in industry and social sphere and development of renewable energy was adopted in August 2019 and provides an opportunity to achieve the determined targets.

From a desk assessment, the following **challenges** were identified: low cost of energy resources (gas, electricity) and a lack of awareness among both businesses and consumers on the added value of SCP and energy saving



measures. There is also a need to improve access to international best practices and improve the national legal framework for the promotion of SCP.

The National SCP Multi-stakeholder Consultation (MSC) 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. This will be based on the key sectors and SCP practices that will be tested in the country in the next years by the SWITCH-Asia newly selected grants. The MSC will provide 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 Economy and Industry, which is the responsible ministry for the development and implementation of the green economy. International and regional organisations such as CAREC and UN Agencies (UNEP, UNDP, UN ESCAP), GERES, private sectors and NGOs will be consulted and associated to the event in order to optimise and reinforce joint inputs to green economy implementation.

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## OBJECTIVES

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

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## VENUE

### **Wyndham Tashkent Hotel**

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Languages of the meeting: English and Russian

# AGENDA

## Uzbekistan National Multi-stakeholder Consultation on Sustainable Consumption and Production

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Moderated by Arab HOBALLAH and Zulfira ZIKRINA, SWITCH-Asia SCP Facility

08:30 - 09:00	<b>Registration</b>
09:00 - 09:20	<b>Welcome and opening</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mr. Khurshid Rakhmatullaev, Head of Division, Ministry of Economy and Industry</li><li>Ambassador Eduards STIPRAIS, Head of the EU Delegation to the Republic of Uzbekistan</li></ul>
09:20 - 10:10	<b>Introduction session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>SWITCH-Asia programme and SCP approach as enabler to green economy and sustainable development, importance of the grant projects as pilot demonstration actions – Arab HOBALLAH, SWITCH-Asia SCP Facility Team Leader, (20 min.)</li><li>Outcomes of the SCP assessment, status, challenges and needs, overview of and relation with the new grant projects – Zulfira ZIKRINA, Key Expert Central Asia, SWITCH-Asia SCP Facility, (15min.)</li></ul> Q&A (15min.)
10:10 - 11:10	<b>Economic and Environmental policies related to SCP in Uzbekistan</b> <p><i>Green economy policy in Uzbekistan, main objectives and relation to SCP</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Odilkhon NIMATULLAEV, Head of Department for Development of Green Economy, Ministry of Economy and Industry, National Focal Point, (15min.)</li><li>Nilufar UBAYDULLAEVA, Chief Specialist, State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Ecology and Environment, activities related to SDG 12, (10 min.)</li><li>Igor OGAI, OOO “Solar city Solutions”, (10min.)</li></ul> <p><i>Regional/ international institutions economic and environmental programmes in Uzbekistan and their relation to SCP</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ludmila KIKTENKO, Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC), (10 min.)</li></ul> Q&A, (15 min.)
11:10 - 11:20	<b>Coffee/Tea Break</b>
11:20 - 13:20	<b>Framing SCP needs and actions of the top three selected tools and priorities</b> <p>Improving legislation on SCP, Eco-labelling of goods and services, Energy certification of buildings.</p> <p>Brief introduction of the new grant projects for improved synergy with the national priorities.</p> <p>Mainstreaming, Localising, Partnering and Delivery for each of the top three selected priorities, along the following set of issues:</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. The focus of the recently approved SWITCH-Asia grant projects, tourism, agri-food and textile, will be used as cases for the three selected tools and priorities.</p>
13:20 - 14:00	<b>Wrap-up and Conclusions</b>
14:00	<b>Lunch</b>

## SPEAKERS BIO



### **H.E. MR. EDUARDS STIPRAIS**

**Ambassador, Head of the EU Delegation to the Republic of Uzbekistan**

Mr. Eduards Stiprais has worked for the Latvian Diplomatic Service since 1993. He occupied the posts of the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Latvia to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Director-General of the Bilateral Relations Directorate, Head of the Chancery of the President of Latvia, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary in the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Latvia to the European Union, as well as served as Head of the Secretariat of Latvia's Delegation for Accession Negotiations. In 2013 - 2016 Eduards Stiprais was the Under Secretary of State and Political Director of the Foreign Ministry of Latvia. In July 2016, Federica Mogherini, the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, announced the appointment of Eduards Stiprais as Head of the EU Delegation to Uzbekistan.



### **ODILKHON NIMATULLAEV**

**Head of Department for Development of Green Economy, Ministry of Economy and Industry**

Mr. Odilkhon Nimatullaev is Head of Department for Development of Green Economy at the Ministry of Economy and Industry. He is invested in the coordination of activities from key Ministries and Agencies implementing the Strategy for the transition to green economy (2019-2030) in the Republic of Uzbekistan. Mr. Odilkhon also provides assistance to the Interministerial Council for the promotion and implementation of the green economy, ensuring timely reporting on the phases of implementation. He currently is the SWITCH-Asia National Focal Point.



### **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.



### **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.



## **IGOR OGAI**

ООО "Solar city Solutions"

Mr. Igor Ogai is the owner of ООО "Solar city Solutions", a company engaged in the production of vacuum solar collectors for heating and hot water supply of buildings. The company works on projects to reduce energy intensity in industries and the social sphere. Projects have been successfully implemented for large facilities, private and municipal buildings. Among them, Archazor recreation area, the Almalyk mining and metallurgical plant, Uzmetkombinat, among others. Solar water heaters are saving 80% of hot water and up to 60 % of heating.



## **NILUFAR UBAYDULLAEVA**

Chief Specialist, State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Ecology and Environment

Ms. Nilufar coordinates the implementation of the State Environmental Committee's national sustainable development goals and targets for the period up to 2030. She participated in the preparation of the voluntary national review of the achievement of the sustainable development goals, and is responsible for monitoring the implementation of targeted programmes on environmental protection.



## **LUDMILLA KIKTENKO**

Project Manager, Resource Efficiency in Agri-food Production and Processing (REAP), CAREC

Ludmilla Kiktenko has been working for CAREC since 2008 where she is currently Manager of the Environmental Management Programme and EU funded projects: Nexus Dialogue in Central Asia and SWITCH-Asia Resource Efficiency in Agri-food Production and Processing (REAP).