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## **6<sup>th</sup> SWITCH-Asia Annual Meeting**

**PART I: Programme Steering Committee**

**PART II: Internal Meetings with EU Delegations**

**PART III: Meeting of the SWITCH-Asia Grant Projects**

**PART IV: Annual Conference**

***20th – 21st May 2024***

***Venue : Hotel Royal Tulip Almaty, Kazakhstan***

## **AGENDA**

## BRIEF PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

<b>Monday, 20 May</b>		
<b>Morning</b>	<b>Part I</b> SWITCH-Asia Programme Steering Committee	<b>Part III</b> Meeting of SWITCH-Asia Grant Projects
	<b>Part II</b> Internal Meeting of the EU Delegations	
<b>Afternoon</b>	<b>Part IV</b> Opening of the Annual Conference	
	<b>Session 1: SCP Technical Advisories in Action</b>  Plenary Session Parallel Breakout Sessions (1-4) Parallel Breakout Sessions (5-8)	
<b>Evening</b>	Welcome Reception	
<b>Tuesday, 21 May</b>		
<b>Morning</b>	Recap from Day 1 and introduction of the agenda.	
	<b>Session 2: Regional Priorities</b> Parallel Breakout Sessions (1-4)	
	Report from Breakout Sessions	
<b>Afternoon</b>	<b>Session 3: Thematic Priorities</b>	
	Parallel Roundtable discussions (1-3)	
	Report from Roundtables	
<b>Final Reflections and Concluding Remarks</b>		

## PART I: SWITCH-Asia PROGRAMME STEERING COMMITTEE

**Date:** 20 May 2024 (Morning)

**Format:** Hybrid meeting

**Invited participants:** INTPA HQ, EU Delegations, SWITCH-Asia Policy Support Component (PSC), National Focal Points (representatives of governments). EU Minister Counsellor for Environment, line DGs.

**Observers:** Climate Change and Energy, SWITCH To Green, SWITCH To Circular, NDC Facility, NDC Hub, EU-ASEAN Green Initiative, Circular Economy Initiative led by Denmark, partners from SWITCH-Asia technical advisories, including CAREC, ICIMOD, GGGI, EIB, ASEAN CSR Network.

### **Objectives of the meeting:**

- To present the overall framework of SWITCH-Asia operations and its current stage of implementation, including through ongoing technical advisories (TAs).
- Discuss synergies and value added, relevance of the Programme to policy dialogues in the region (both nationally and across borders) and to priorities under the European Green Deal.

## AGENDA

Time	Content
8:00 – 8:45	<b>Registration</b>
8:45 – 9:00	<p><b>Opening:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greetings from Guy JANAWAY (DG INTPA) and Zinaida FADEEVA (SWITCH-Asia Policy Support Component)</li> <li>• Welcome from H.E. Mr Kestutis JANKAUSKAS, Ambassador of the European Union to the Republic of Kazakhstan</li> <li>• Introductions</li> </ul> <p><b>Photo Session</b></p>
9:00 – 9:30	<p><b>SESSION 1 – SWITCH-Asia Programme: Policy Support and Grants Implementation: Impacts and Synergies</b> (moderated by SWITCH-Asia Policy Support Component)</p> <p><b>Presentation of the SWITCH-Asia Framework</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>State of implementation of the Policy Support Component (PSC) with a focus on results, key sectors and thematic priorities</i></li> <li>• <i>Progress in communication activities</i></li> </ul>
9:30 – 10:15	<b>Open discussion</b> reflecting on effects and impacts of the Programme with EU Delegations, National Focal Points and SCP Policy Support Component
10:15 – 10:30	<b>Conclusions and wrap up</b>
10:30 – 10:45	<b>Coffee break</b>

Supporting documents accessible here: <https://t.ly/LXvep>

## PART II: INTERNAL MEETING OF THE EU DELEGATIONS

*Date: 20 May 2024 (Morning)*

**Format:** One-hour hybrid meeting

**Participants:** INTPA HQ (moderator), EU Delegations.

**Objectives of the meeting:**

- Coordination of the SWITCH-Asia Programme, its synergies with Multiannual Indicative Programmes and the Mid-Term Review.

### AGENDA

Time	Content
10:45 – 11:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Feedback/stocktaking on phase III (policy support component and grants)</li><li>• Discuss synergies with Multiannual Indicative Programmes in eligible countries and the Mid-Term Review</li></ul>
	<b>Wrap-up and agreement on the next steps</b>
11:45 – 12:10	<b>Joining SWITCH-Asia grants for the reporting session</b>
12:10	<b>Lunch</b>

## PART III: MEETING OF THE SWITCH-Asia GRANT PROJECTS

### Learning from Grant Projects to Inspire and Inform Regional Circular Economy Transitions

(Session is held in parallel with the internal meeting of the EU Delegations)

*Date: 20 May 2024 (Morning)*

**Format:** Half day meeting with in-person participation.

**Invited participants:** SWITCH-Asia Policy Support Component (PSC), representatives of the technical advisory projects, partners of the Programme.

**Facilitators:** Arab HOBALLAH, Rene van BERKEL, Hannes MAC NULTY, SWITCH-Asia and Green Growth Knowledge Platform (GGKP) experts

**Objectives of the meeting:**

- To discuss strategies that make impact of the SWITCH-Asia Grant Projects more profound and lasting.
- To explore potential avenues of connecting knowledge of grants and policy making processes, including through linkages with PSC technical advisories.

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Time	Content
8:00 – 8:30	<b>Registration</b>
8:30 – 8:45	<b>Introduction and Welcome</b> Guy JANAWAY (DG INTPA) and Zinaida FADEEVA (SWITCH-Asia Policy Support Component)
8:45 – 9:00	<b>Context setting (1) – From SCP to Circular Economy: Connecting the dots</b>
9:00 – 10:00	<b>Part 1: Identification and curation of circular economy relevant project knowledge</b> Experience sharing from and among grant projects
10:00 – 10:20	<b>Feedback session</b>
10:20 – 10:35	<b>Coffee break</b>
10:35-10:45	<b>Context setting (2) – From SCP to Circular Economy: Putting knowledge to use</b>
10:45 – 11:45	<b>Part 2: Synergizing and utilizing circular economy relevant project knowledge</b> Experience sharing from and among grant projects
11.45 – 12:00	<b>Feedback session</b> <i>(Grants will be joined by the members of the SWITCH-Asia Steering Committee)</i>
12:00 – 12:05	<b>Reflections from SWITCH-Asia PSC team</b>
12:05 – 12:10	<b>Wrap up and vote of thanks</b>

## PART IV: ANNUAL CONFERENCE

*Date: 20 – 21 May 2024*

**Format:** One and a half day in-person meeting; panel discussions will be available virtually

### **Objectives:**

- Exchange ideas and share insights on developing and mainstreaming SCP and circular economy practices, including through existing regional knowledge hubs, targeted communication efforts, and engagement of key stakeholders.
- To promote the co-creation of innovative SCP solutions and to strengthen mutual learning between grant projects and policy advisory projects, optimising the overall efficacy, reach, and sustainability of SCP initiatives under the PSC umbrella.
- To offer the stakeholders of the Programme an opportunity to discuss, plan and innovate together towards joint multi-country SCP initiatives in the framework of the PSC.
- To facilitate development of ideas for future technical assistance of the SWITCH-Asia Policy Support Component (PSC).

## DAY 1: 20 May 2024 (Afternoon)

### AGENDA

Time	Content
13:30 – 14:00	<p><b>Opening:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Welcome</b>, H.E. Mr Kestutis JANKAUSKAS, Ambassador of the European Union to the Republic of Kazakhstan</li> <li>• <b>Welcome</b>, Zinaida FADEEVA, Team Leader, SWITCH-Asia Policy Support Component and Guy JANAWAY, Programme Coordinator, European Commission</li> <li>• <b>Update from the SWITCH-Asia Policy Support Component (PSC)</b></li> <li>• <b>Briefing for the next session</b></li> <li>• <b>Photo Session</b></li> </ul>
14:00 – 14:45	<p><b>Session 1: Plenary</b>  <b>SCP Technical Advisories (TAs) in Action: regional engagements and global ambitions</b>                      Panellists: Experts representing the TAs</p>
14:45 – 16:00	<p><b>Parallel breakout sessions focusing on topics highlighted by the TAs</b></p> <p><b>BREAKOUT 1 – Circular Challenges and Opportunities for Plastics</b></p>

	<p><b>Objective:</b> Engage participants in discussion of thinking around work of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution (INC) and enable them to develop deeper understanding of circular material opportunities</p> <p><b>BREAKOUT 2 – Green Public Procurement (GPP)</b> <b>Objective:</b> Identify levers for sustainable markets transformation through GPP</p> <p><b>BREAKOUT 3 – Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) – linked Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC)</b> <b>Objectives:</b> Identify strategies that enable strengthening climate actions through sustainable consumption and production and circular economy – thinking about material and climate change</p> <p><b>BREAKOUT 4 – Learning from Business Experiences to Scale-up Commitment and Action for Circular Economy</b> <b>Objectives:</b> Showcase CE business cases and promote CE policy and practice in the Asia and the Pacific</p>
16:00 – 16:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>
16:15 – 17:30	<p><b>Parallel breakout sessions</b></p> <p><b>BREAKOUT 5 – Circularity in Tourism (with a focus on Food)</b> <b>Objectives:</b> Identify levers for transformation of food sector through circular practices of tourism and tourism sector through sustainable food practices</p> <p><b>BREAKOUT 6 – Circular Economy Knowledge Hubs and Stakeholder Platforms: Advancing Regional Knowledge and Experiences</b> <b>Objective:</b> To improve understanding of CE knowledge and information needs and to highlight opportunities to meet those through improved knowledge platforms – making CE information work within and across the regions</p> <p><b>BREAKOUT 7 – Financing and Market Transformation for SCP, Circular Economy and Climate Resilience</b> <b>Objective:</b> To inform participants about importance of recognising climate finance as opportunity for transformation towards CE and to explore conditions for climate finance to work</p> <p><b>BREAKOUT 8 – Towards Circular Economy in Building and Construction</b> <b>Objective:</b> Explore “systems thinking” and “system actions” about the building and construction sector and CE</p>
17.30 – 18:15	<b>Report from the parallel sessions by facilitators</b>
18:15 – 18:20	<p><b>Concluding Remarks</b> <i>SWITCH-Asia Policy Support Component and EU Representative</i></p>
19:00	<b>Dinner</b>

## DAY 2: 21 May 2024 (Full Day)

### AGENDA

Time	Content
9:00 – 9:15	<b>Recap of the previous day</b>
9:15 – 12:00 (with working coffee break)	<b>Session 2: Regional Priorities – Introduction of the session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation and introduction of SWITCH-Asia activities in each of the region (15 mins)</li> <li>• Introduction to the regional breakout sessions</li> </ul>
	<i><b>BREAKOUT 1 – Central Asia</b></i>
	<i><b>BREAKOUT 2 – South Asia</b></i>
	<i><b>BREAKOUT 3 – Southeast Asia</b></i>
	<i><b>BREAKOUT 4 – The Pacific</b></i>
<b>Groupwork discussion in each of the region focusing on SCP and CE policies and practices and on understanding SCP and CE regional priorities and possible collective actions</b>	
11:30 – 12:00	<b>Report from Breakout Sessions</b>
12:00 – 13:30	<b>Lunch</b>
13:30 – 16:00 (with working coffee break)	<b>Session 3: Thematic Priorities (Parallel Roundtable discussions)</b>
	<b>Roundtable 1 – Sustainable Food Systems</b> – Moderated by Elodie MARIA-SUBE, EU policy development and partnership building Expert, SWITCH-Asia Policy Support Component
	<b>Roundtable 2 – Circular Fashion and Lifestyle</b> – Moderated by Anthony CHIU, International Resources Panel Member and Rene VAN BERKEL, SWITCH-Asia Expert
	<b>Roundtable 3 – Closing the Loop – circularity of (secondary) materials</b> – Moderated by Ranga Pallawala, SCP and Climate Expert
16:00 – 16:30	<b>Recap from the Roundtables</b>
16:30 – 17:30	<b>Final Reflections and Concluding remarks</b>