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**Joint National Seminar and Stakeholder Meeting
on Promoting and Financing of Innovative Green Technologies**
Bishkek, 7-9 November 2012

Information notice

Note by the secretariat

I. Introduction

1. The increased application of green technologies is an essential part of Central Asia's climate action. To succeed, the right enabling conditions and policy capacity to support the take-up and diffusion of these technologies need to be in place. Regional cooperation also can play an essential role in this process.
2. The United Nations Development Account (UNDA) project "Building the capacity of SPECA countries to adopt and apply innovative green technologies for climate change adaptation" aims to build capacity of the 6 SPECA member countries (Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) of the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA) to adopt and apply innovative green technologies for climate change adaptation and sustainable knowledge-driven growth.
3. This project, which will be implemented in 2012-2013, seeks to strengthen national policymakers' capacity to design effective innovation policy for green technology take-up and diffusion that mainstream climate change considerations into the policy mix; and to understand the different financial mechanisms to facilitate the adoption of such technologies, including through the Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) model. Project implementation will be led by UNECE, in collaboration with United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) within the framework of SPECA.
4. A number of participatory learning, knowledge exchange and network-building activities are planned within the framework of this project. These activities are tailored to the specific situation of the participating countries, on the basis of national assessments carried out prior to these capacity-building activities.

5. This Information notice provides details on the Joint National Seminar and Stakeholder Meeting to be held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan from 7 to 9 November 2012. This first set of field activities targets participants from two SPECA member countries, namely Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. It is organized in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy and Antimonopoly Policy of the Kyrgyz Republic and with the support of the ESCAP Subregional Office for North and Central Asia.

6. Two other joint national seminars and stakeholder meetings, each targeting two SPECA member countries at a time, will take place within this project in the course of 2013. Upon completion of these capacity-building activities with a national focus, a regional meeting will take place to improve exchange of national experiences and strengthen regional dialogue and networking at the end of the project in 2013.

II. Objectives and scope

7. The Joint National Seminar will cover two substantive aspects of the project, namely: innovation policy for climate change adaptation and financing aspects for green technology through the PPP model. The aim of this Seminar is to increase the skills and knowledge of policymakers to enable them to better:

(a) Design and develop effective innovation policies that mainstream climate change considerations into the relevant sectoral and cross-sectoral policy mixes to stimulate and develop countries' scientific potential, encourage innovative entrepreneurship, and increase demand for green technology innovation through market and public policy instruments; and

(b) Access new types of financing through PPPs for the take-up and diffusion of green technologies tailored to the circumstances of each country to enhance their climate change adaptation response.

8. The Joint National Seminar will target policymakers, including senior representatives of institutions, and academia. The Joint National Seminar will be followed by a Stakeholder Meeting which will invite a broader range of representatives from public and private organizations.

9. The aim of the Stakeholder Meeting is to facilitate networking of participants working on the two substantive aspects of the project. It will enhance dialogue between policymakers and other stakeholders, develop further linkages and strengthen contacts. This will improve their capacity to design and implement effective innovation policies for climate change adaptation and the access to financing for green technology projects through PPPs.

III. Organization

10. The Joint National Seminar will take place on 7 and 8 November 2012. It will be followed by the Stakeholder Meeting on 9 November. The two events will take place at the same venue, which will be communicated at a later stage. Annex I provides a tentative schedule for these events.

IV. Participation

11. The Joint National Seminar targets mainly policymakers and other stakeholders from Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. Participants of the Joint National Seminar are requested to participate in the Stakeholder Meeting.

12. In addition to the participants of the Joint National Seminar, the Stakeholder Meeting will invite a broader range of stakeholders from public and private organizations, including representatives from the financial community, academia and NGOs.

13. Participation is also open to other interested parties from UNECE member countries, in particular, the SPECA member countries, representatives of United Nations specialized agencies and other international organizations.

V. Participation fee

14. No fee is charged to participate in the Joint National Seminar and the Stakeholder Meeting. Financial support for travel and accommodation expenses is available for a limited number of participants from Tajikistan.

VI. Passports and visas

15. All participants should be in possession of a valid passport, with an entry visa to Kyrgyzstan (if required). It is advisable to make such visa applications well in advance of the date required.

VII. Preliminary registration

16. Interested parties are invited to fill in the attached Registration Form (Annex I) and return it by 30 September 2012 at the latest.

IX. Interpretation and visual aids

18. Simultaneous interpretation into English and Russian, slide projector, as well as computer facilities for computer-aided presentations (e.g. Power Point) will be provided.

XII. Further information

19. Further information on the Joint National Seminar and Stakeholder Meeting can be obtained from:

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Annex I Registration form

This form should be filled in and returned **by e-mail** as soon as possible but **not later than 30 September 2012** to:

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Annex II

Tentative programme

Time

**Joint National Seminar on
Promotion and Financing of
Innovative Green Technologies**

Wednesday, 7 November 2012

9.00 – 9.30	Registration
9.30 – 10.00	Welcoming statements
10.00 – 17.00	Substantive segment on innovation policy in support of innovative green technologies

Thursday, 8 November 2012

9.30 – 10.00	Registration
10.00 – 17.00	Substantive segment on financing innovative green technology projects through PPPs

**Stakeholder Meeting on
Promotion and Financing of
Innovative Green Technologies**

Friday, 9 November 2012

9.30 – 10.00	Registration
10.00 – 16.30	Stakeholder meeting
16.30 – 17.00	Concluding statements
