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# **6<sup>th</sup> Session of the SPECA PWG on KBD**

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## Activities of the SPECA PWG on KBD since 5<sup>th</sup> session in Baku (4 December 2013)

- Completion of UN Development Account project “Building the capacity of SPECA countries to adopt and apply innovative green technologies for climate change adaptation”
  - Follow-up policy event held in Haifa, Israel: “Policy seminar on promoting the introduction of Green technologies”, 17-19 December 2013.
  - This followed national seminars and stakeholder meetings during 2012-2013 in Ashgabat, Astana and Bishkek, and a final event: “Regional Meeting on Promotion and Financing of Innovative Green Technologies”, Expert Segment, 2013 SPECA Economic Forum “Inclusive and Sustainable Development through Economic Cooperation”, Almaty, 19-20 November 2013.
  - Policy assessments and recommendations for promoting green innovation produced for Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan, available at <http://www.unece.org/greentech.climateadaptation.html>
  - Training materials in English and Russian also available.



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## Innovation Performance Reviews – implementation



### Concept

Demand-driven, participatory policy advisory service (subject to availability of extrabudgetary resources)

### Aims

Recommendations and policy **options**:

- stimulate innovation activity in the country
- enhance innovation capacity
- improve the overall efficiency of the national innovation system

### Methods of work

- International team of experts
- Close collaboration with authorities and wide involvement of local experts



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## **Innovation Performance Reviews - Structure**

- 1. Recent economic and innovation performance**
- 2. National innovation system and innovation governance**
- 3. Framework conditions, innovation policies and instruments**
- 4. Knowledge generation and absorption**
- 5. Industry-science linkages and collaboration in the innovation process**
- 6. Financing innovative entrepreneurs**
- 7. The role of innovation in international economic integration**

**Annex. Prospective innovation-driven investment projects**



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## Innovation Performance Reviews

### Outputs

- Comprehensive assessment of current situation
- Detailed policy recommendations, elaborated in close collaboration with the countries' public institutions
- Recommendations serve as a basis for further capacity-building activities, e.g. UNECE contributed to a seminar on a Methodology for the Development of Regional Innovation Systems in Kazakhstan, Astana, 19 April 2013 and organized a UNECE Policy Workshop on Public Support to Venture Capital, Astana, 28 May 2014
- A number of formal and informal expressions of interest from other countries for reviews in the future, e.g. Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan
- Support expressed by delegates at eighth session of the UNECE Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration, Geneva, 12-14 February 2014.



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## Other programme implementation since the fifth session

Implementation of the UNECE project “PPP Readiness Assessments in Selected Countries of Central Asia”

- Consultations and dialogue on the PPP Readiness Assessment of Kazakhstan were organized by UNECE and the PPP Centre of Kazakhstan in Astana, Kazakhstan, 9 April 2014.
- PPP Readiness Assessments now completed for Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan.
- Reports will be available online in English and Russian.
- Experts from SPECA countries contributed to other UNECE events, e.g. eighth session of the UNECE Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration, Geneva, Switzerland, 12-14 February 2014.



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## Upcoming activities

- Seventh session of the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies (TOS ICP), Geneva, 16-17 October 2014
- Innovation Performance Reviews in selected countries of the SPECA region, subject to:
  - Human resources
  - Extra-budgetary funding
- Sixth session of the Team of Specialists on Public-private partnerships (TOS PPP), Geneva, 23-24 June 2014.
- Substantive segment of the 6<sup>th</sup> session:
  - Developing international standards and best practices in PPPs: the activities of the UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence, its Specialist Centres and the PPP Business Advisory Board



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# Thank you!

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