

Innovation for Sustainable Development Review (I4SDR) of Uzbekistan

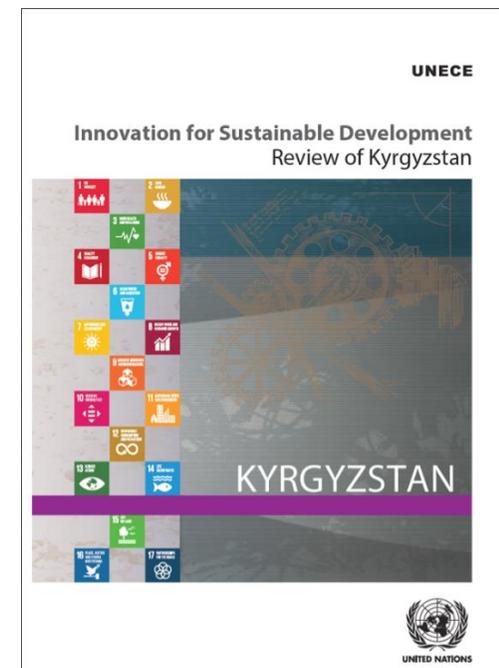


Project Overview and Initial Findings

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- The Innovation for Sustainable Development Review (I4SDR) is one of UNECE's flagship publications;
- The I4SDR reviews innovation policy governance and mechanisms of a country and provides recommendations and policy options to:
 - Stimulate innovation activity in the country;
 - Enhance innovation capacity;
 - Improve the overall efficiency of the national innovation system;
- Methods of work involves:
 - International experts;
 - Collaboration with authorities and wide involvement of local experts;
 - Elective chapters to complement core chapters.



Structure of the I4SDR



Part	Chapter	Content
Part I	Chapter 1 – Economic Overview	Economic overview (indicators and trends)
	Chapter 2 – Innovation Performance Overview	Innovative performance overview
Part II	Chapter 3 – National Innovation System and Innovation Governance	Succinct review of the national innovation system and government policies and institutions with related recommendations
Part III	Chapter 4 – Boosting the Innovation Infrastructure	In-depth chapters on specific issues engaging leading experts in the field, with recommendations
	Chapter 5 – Strengthening Science-Industry Linkages	

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- Significant progress in recent years, Uzbekistan has shown strong political commitment to economic reform, sustainable development and innovation policy.
- Uzbekistan is among the few countries posting positive overall growth in 2020.
- Imperative now, is to keep up this momentum and strengthen economic resilience for long-term sustainable development – to which innovation is key.
- Uzbekistan has significant, but not fully leveraged potential for innovation.
- To ensure the effectiveness of policies in place, reviewing recently introduced initiatives ahead of the new innovation strategy will be important.

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- Making sure as many people try out as many new things as possible, examine what is happening, detect the opportunities and remove constraints.
- This requires maintaining efforts to create a vibrant and resilient private sector, including building absorptive capacity of private sector.
- Ensure efficient innovation policy coordination, allowing for the integration and cooperation between all policies areas that impact innovation.
- Provide effective support and sufficient access to resources and services within the innovation infrastructure to SMEs, entrepreneurs and start-ups across sectors for experimenting with new ideas for creating value.
- Develop public and private capacities and linkages to ensure knowledge transfer and technology upgrading for innovation.

Project timeline



Peer review of chapters in part II and III (**November-December 2021**)

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Thank you!

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