



Final Regional Conference on Strategic Environmental Assessment in Central Asia

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Video-Bridge format

organized in the framework of project “Strengthening national and regional capacities and co-operation on strategic environmental assessment (SEA) in Central Asia, including as a response to climate change”

AGENDA

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08:00 – 12:00, Vienna time (CET)

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Moderation: Ms Elena Santer, UNECE

Objectives:

- To increase knowledge on SEA and EIA as tools for greening economies and investments in the region, as well as for achieving relevant SDGs and climate change mitigation and adaptation.
- To increase awareness and competencies of decision-makers and civil society on SEA system and environmental assessment with particular focus on transboundary implications.
- To share experiences and lessons learned related to the national legislative reforms on environmental assessment in line with the Espoo Convention and the Protocol on SEA.
- To present and discuss the outcomes of needs assessment reports, including elements of the action plans.
- To promote the establishment of a regional network of experts and authorities involved in accession, ratification and implementation of the Espoo Convention and the Protocol on SEA.

07:45 – 08:00	Registration of participants to the online system	
08:00 – 08:30	Opening remarks	Ambassador Igli Hasani, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, UNECE Regional Advisor Ms. Barbara Beckert, UBA German Environment Agency
08:30 – 08:40	Introduction and summary to the project “Strengthening national and regional capacities and co-operation on strategic environmental assessment (SEA) in Central Asia, including as a response to climate change”	Mr. Christian Melis, Environmental Governance Officer, OSCE Secretariat



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08:40 – 09:00	Frameworks for the comprehensive integration of environmental and health concerns into development plans, programmes and activities: UNECE Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a transboundary context (Espoo Convention) and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment	Ms. Elena Santer, UNECE
09:00 – 09:10	State of development of national environmental assessment system in Kazakhstan: status quo and future plans	Ms. Madina Ibrasheva, national expert
09:10 – 09:20	State of development of national environmental assessment system in Kyrgyzstan: status quo and future plans	Ms. Nazgul Asanalieva, national expert
09:20 – 09:30	State of development of national environmental assessment system in Tajikistan: status quo and future plans	Mr. Martin Smutny. International consultant to OSCE
09:30 – 09:40	State of development of national environmental assessment system in Turkmenistan: status quo and future plans	Mr. Serdar Mamedniyazov, national expert
09:40 – 09:50	State of development of national environmental assessment system in Uzbekistan: status quo and future plans	Ms. Anastasia Saidmakhmudova, national expert
09:50 – 10:05	Common features of national environmental assessment systems in Central Asian countries and common challenges for establishment of EIA and SEA in line with the Espoo Convention and its Protocol	Ms. Elena Santer, UNECE
10:05 – 10:25	Coffee break	
10:25 – 10:40	Presentation of the National Action Plans on development and implementation of effective strategic environmental assessment system in line with the Protocol on SEA for each country: highlights and specificities	Ms. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku and Mr. Martin Smutny. International consultants to OSCE
10:40 – 11:10	Group work: elaboration of key initial actions in establishing and implementing SEA systems in each country in light of existing OVOS/expertiza and EIA systems	Facilitated by Ms. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku and Mr. Martin Smutny, International consultants to OSCE
11:10 – 11:40	Presentation of the results, discussion on the next steps at the national level and sub-regional level, role of the OSCE and UNECE in facilitating the development and implementation of effective SEA system	Facilitated by Ms. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku and Mr. Martin Smutny, International consultants to OSCE
11:40 – 12:00	Closure of the event	Ms. Elena Santer, UNECE Mr. Christian Melis, Environmental Governance Officer, OSCE Secretariat