



Innovation for Sustainable Development Review (I4SDR) of Uzbekistan

Project Overview and Initial Findings

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.
- Effective public health response to COVID 19 and the deployment of a set of policy measures, resulted in Uzbekistan being 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.
- This requires maintaining efforts to create a vibrant and resilient private sector, including building absorptive capacity of private sector.
- Try out new sectors that add more value or create employment and skills.
- Making sure as many people try out as many new things as possible, examine what is happening, detect the opportunities and remove constraints.



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- Uzbekistan has significant potential for innovation, which is not yet fully leveraged.
- To ensure the effectiveness of policies in place, reviewing recently introduced initiatives ahead of the new innovation strategy will be important.
- 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 technology upgrading and knowledge transfer for innovation.



Thank you!