






CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN TAJIKISTAN

Improving Traceability of Products Along Garment and Footwear Value Chains

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

- **Goal:** support the design and implementation of national policies, programmes, and strategies for promoting a circular economy
- **Source of funding:** United Nations Development Account
- **Implementation period:** 2021 – 2024

NATIONAL PLANNED ACTIVITIES IN TAJIKISTAN

- One gap analysis for the circular economy transition
- Two national workshops to strengthen the capacity of the national stakeholders.
- One national road map or action plan to accelerate the transition to a circular economy in garment and footwear sector through improving traceability of value chains.

LANGUAGES

- English
- Tajik
- Russian

FORMAT

- In person (for national participants)
- Optional to present via zoom

BACKGROUND

In spring 2021, at the 69 Session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the 56 member States of UNECE took important decisions regarding the circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources.

In relation to these decisions, the project “Accelerating the transition towards a Circular Economy and the Sustainable Use of Natural Resources in the UNECE region” was launched in October 2021 to chart the way forward through in-depth discussions on the gaps, potentials and member States’ experiences in the transition to a circular economy.

The Republic of Tajikistan is one of the project’s beneficiary countries.

OBJECTIVES OF THE EVENT



Strengthen the knowledge of government officials and other participating stakeholders of the circular economy definition and its core principles. Raise awareness about the successful circular economy practices, positive economic, environmental, and social implications, as well as requirements for the circular economy transition. Address the applicability of these issues in the national context of the Republic of Tajikistan.



Identify relevant stakeholders in the Republic of Tajikistan from circular economy related ministries, statistical offices, national agencies, research institutes/academia, NGOs, and the private sector.



Take stock of the circular economy-related legislation and regulations that are currently in place in the Republic of Tajikistan. This includes action plans, national strategies, national circular economy-related goals, specific laws or policies or other governmental documents.



Discuss the preliminary findings of the national gap analysis developed by the national consultant to identify policy, regulatory and institutional limitations that hold back the circular economy transition in the Republic of Tajikistan and how this process can be accelerated by putting in place effective traceability system in the garment and footwear sector. Train on how policy recommendations that are derived from the gap analysis can be implemented.

MODERATION: MS. ROKSOLANA SHELEST, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OFFICER, UNECE

8:30-9:00

REGISTRATION

9:00-9:40

OPENING

- Vice Minister, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan (tbc)
- Ms. Sezin Sinanoglu, UN Resident Coordinator in the Republic of Tajikistan
- Ms. Maria Teresa Pisani, Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE (virtual)

9:40-10:20

INTRODUCTION TO THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

- Ms. Roksolana Shelest, Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE
- Ms. Anastasia Pankova, Consultant, UNECE
- Ms. Ella Jamsin, Independent expert on the circular economy (virtual)

10:20-10:50

Coffee break

10:50-12:00

CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

National initiatives on the circular economy

- Mr. Dilshod Sharifi, PhD. Head of the International Economic Department, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan
- Mr. Isfandiyor Shukurov, Head of the Department of Environmental Policy, Monitoring, Hydrometeorology and Cadastre, Committee for Environmental Protection under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan

Implementation of a circular economy with an emphasis on the agro-industrial sector

- Ms. Farzona Tilavova, Expert of the Sustainable Consumption and Production Facility - SWITCH-Asia Programme

Business initiatives on the circular economy

- Ms. Nigina Ikromi, Director General of Gulzar village LLC, representative of the Center for Creative Development of Tajikistan

12:00-12:30

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY TRANSITION

Experience of the European Union

- Mr. Arthur ten Wolde, Coordination Group member of the EU Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform, Executive director of Ecopreneur.eu. (virtual)

Experience of Uzbekistan

- Mr. Shokhzod Islamov, Head of the Unit, Green Economy Development Department, Ministry of Economic Development of Uzbekistan (virtual)

Experience of Finland

- Ms. Satu Lähteenoja, Senior expert on sustainable development, Demos Helsinki (virtual)

12:30-13:30

Lunch break

13:30-15:00

IMPROVING TRACEABILITY OF PRODUCTS ALONG GARMENT AND FOOTWEAR VALUE CHAINS (GAP ANALYSIS)

Enhancing traceability of products along garment and footwear value chains for the circular transition

- Ms. Claudia di Bernardino, Partner at TMSHELL Law Firm, Legal Advisor of the Monitor for Circular Fashion, Advisory Board Member Sustainable Leather Foundation

Sustainable approaches in the garment sector of Tajikistan: business perspective

- Mr. Abdullo Muhammadiev, Head of T&C Department, the Union of Private Sector Development of Tajikistan

Prospects of the transition to a circular economy in Tajikistan

- Mr. Dilshod Sharifi, PhD. Head of the International Economic Department, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan

Work in groups – mapping main challenges

15:00-15:30

Coffee break

15:30-17:00

DEVELOPING RECOMMENDATIONS

Roundtable discussion

- All participants

Closing remarks

- Ms. Roksolana Shelest