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“Strengthening energy policies of Countries with Special Needs to build back
better from COVID-19”
National Stakeholder Consultation Workshop
Tashkent, Uzbekistan**

**Frankfort Hotel, Nemat St., 4, Tashkent
31 January 2023, 9:00-11:00 (Tashkent time)**

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) are implementing jointly the UNDA project “Strengthening energy policies of Countries with Special Needs to build back better from COVID-19” (January 2022-June 2025) for eight beneficiary countries.

UNECE is responsible for activities in three of them: Armenia, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan. The project is aimed at supporting national Armenian obligations in the framework of the SDGs implementation. The main goal of the project is to develop a roadmap to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG7) “Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy sources for all.”

The National Stakeholder Consultation Workshop on the Development of an SDG 7 Roadmap for Uzbekistan will present the National Expert SDG Tool for Energy Planning (NEXSTEP), which is an integrated and innovative approach to policy decision-making that combines technical, economic, and socio-environmental analysis under a methodology that has been peer-reviewed by a panel of external experts. The tool supports the development of national SDG 7 roadmaps to provide policymakers with scenarios that estimate the share of different energy resources and identify the technological interventions required; economic analyses to provide insights into feasible interventions; and policy analyses to guide the development of balanced national policies.

The NEXSTEP methodology has now been demonstrated through [implementation in 11 countries](#). In the UNECE region, Georgia’s SDG 7 roadmap was completed in 2020 and that for Kyrgyzstan was finalized in 2022. The tool continues to be developed in an ongoing process of refinement and improvement. In the future, NEXSTEP will be made available as an online tool, providing easy access for policymakers to further refine their national roadmaps.

Draft Agenda

8:30-9:00	Registration and Coffee	
9:00-9:20	Welcoming Remarks	<p>Mr. Azim Akhmedkhadjayev, Deputy Minister of Energy of the Republic of Uzbekistan</p> <p>Mr. Simon Hacker, Head, UN Resident Coordinator Office in Uzbekistan</p> <p>Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, Regional Adviser, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE</p> <p>Mr. Michael Williamson, Chief of Section, Energy Division, ESCAP</p>
9:20-9:30	Introduction and Overview of the Project	Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, Regional Adviser, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE
9:30-9:45	Overview of the energy sector of the Republic of Uzbekistan	Mr. Bakhrombek Umarbekov, Deputy Director of the Project Office Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Uzbekistan
9:45-10:10	Overview of NEXSTEP tool and SDG7 Roadmap	<p>Mr. Anis Zaman, Consultant, ESCAP</p> <p>Mr. Vitaly Bekker, Consultant, UNECE</p>
10:10-10:20	Implementation of the Project in Uzbekistan	Mr. Rakhimjan Babakhodjaev, Consultant, UNECE
10:20-10:30	Experience of developing and implementing the National SDG7 Roadmap of Kyrgyzstan	Ms. Tatiana Vedeneva, National Consultant, Kyrgyzstan
10:30-10:45	Inventory and preparation of SDG indicators	Mr. Elyor Babakhanov, Head of Energy Statistics Sector, Agency on Statistics under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan
10:45-10:55	Q&A and Discussion	Moderated by Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, Regional Adviser, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE
10:55-11:00	Wrap-up and closing remarks	Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, Regional Adviser, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE
11:00-11:30	Networking and Coffee	