The objective of this event is to foster the inclusion of the Principles of Sustainable Trade of the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA) in the national sustainable development programmes and action plans. The Government of Tajikistan is willing to take steps in that direction, and the meeting will further support the national endeavors. It also aims to strengthen knowledge and capacities of national experts in sustainable trade and circular economy and their link to sustainable development plans.

This event will cover several topics including the international trading system and sustainable trade; instruments for trade and sustainable development in SPECA; business process analysis for sustainable trade; efficient management of food security in the SPECA region; production and trade in agricultural products and sustainable development; and the circular economy.

The target audience includes specialists on trade development and facilitation, sustainable trade, environment, food security, green and circular economy, representatives of authorities related to agricultural production and exports in Tajikistan. The event will be at the beginning of the year when Tajikistan will be chairing the UN Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA).

PROGRAMME

9:30 – 10:20  SESSION I: OPENING

Mr. Ahliddin Nuriddinzoda, Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan

Ms. Parvathy Ramaswami, UN Resident Coordinator in Tajikistan

Mr. Mario Apostolov, Regional Adviser, Economic Cooperation and Trade Division, UNECE (on the structure and objectives of the seminar)

Please find the SPECA Principles of Sustainable Trade at:
10:20 – 11:30  **SESSION II: THE PRINCIPLES OF SUSTAINABLE TRADE IN THE SPECA REGION**

The SPECA Principles of Sustainable Trade. Trade as an engine for sustainable and inclusive growth in the SPECA region  
Mr. Mario Apostolov, Regional Adviser, UNECE

Contributions to sustainable development in Central Asia: The trade, water management and food security nexus  
Mr. Jon Marco Church, International consultant

Presentation of the findings of the business process analyses of exports of sustainable-trade-friendly agricultural exports  
Ms. Yelena Vassilevskaya, consultant, UNECE

**Discussion**

11:30 – 11:45  **Coffee Break**

11:45 – 12:45  **SESSION II (continuation)**

Traceability in supply chains for sustainable trade and the circular economy in Tajikistan  
Mr. Dilshod Sharifi, Head of the International Economic Department, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan

Green economic transformation and the structural change of the economy  
Mr Owais Parray, Economist, Resident Coordinator’s Office in Tajikistan

Harnessing the power of trade and economic cooperation for the circular transition  
Ms. Nozigul Khushvakhtova, consultant

National circular economy practices and policy measures in Tajikistan  
Speaker from the business community, t.b.c.  
**Discussion**

12:45 – 14:00  **Lunch break**

14:00 – 16:00  **SESSION III: INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INSTRUMENTS FOR SUSTAINABLE TRADE; SPECA PRINCIPLES OF SUSTAINABLE TRADE (definitions and explanation)**

Policies, indicators and benchmarking: how can progress on sustainable trade be implemented and measured
Mr. Mario Apostolov, UNECE and others

Findings of the UNECE paper Promoting Sustainable Trade and Circular Economy in SPECA Countries: State of Play and Way Forward; a focus on Tajikistan
Ms. Nozigul Khushvakhtova, consultant

Discussion

16:00 - 16:15 Coffee Break

16:15 – 17:15 GENERAL DISCUSSION: ELEMENTS OF ROADMAP TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SPECA PRINCIPLES OF SUSTAINABLE TRADE (PANEL DISCUSSION)
Moderator: Mr. Mario Apostolov, Regional Adviser, UNECE,

Brief introduction to the policy recommendations
Ms. Yelena Vassilevskaya, UNECE consultant

Intersectorial coordination
Mr. Jon Marco Church, international consultant

Discussion on opportunities for Tajikistan (work in groups)
Questions for the discussion:
1. How to measure progress on sustainable trade?
2. Please list, each of you, four policy measures/activities that can enter a roadmap for the implementation of the SPECA Principles of Sustainable Trade.
3. What practical steps for the implementation of the SPECA Principles of Sustainable Trade in Tajikistan you can identify?
4. What are the possible (political and practical) steps to take to facilitate the export of sustainably produced agricultural products and high-value crops such as citrus fruit and vegetables?

17:15 – 17:45 Opportunities for support – international programmes in the region

17:45 – 18:00 CONCLUDING REMARKS
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