



Inception workshop and training on the development of the National State of the Environment Report (NSoER) in Turkmenistan

25 April 2024, Hotel Archabil

Simultaneous interpretation in English and Russian will be provided

The Ministry of Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan in collaboration with UNECE and UNEP, is developing a methodology for a National State of the Environment Report (NSoER). To initiate the process for developing NSoER, UNECE and UNEP together with the Ministry has successfully organized an introductory workshop on 26 March 2024 with the objective of proposing international methodologies and approaches for the development of NSoERs. As an outcome of this workshop, participants have agreed on the preliminary structure of the NSoER of Turkmenistan and suggested the organization of a follow-up workshop on 25 April 2024 in Ashgabat to discuss key foci, types of development challenges, data sources and concrete steps and timelines for the development of NSoER.

Beyond providing data on the environment, the new edition of the NSoER for Turkmenistan aims to improve public accessibility of environmental data and raise awareness about the state of the environment in the country. By making the data on the environment available, the NSoER will also foster public participation in environmental decision-making and set up the practice of regular reporting on the status of the environment in the future.

The new NSoER aims to:

- encourage public and experts' participation and contributions;
- provide high-quality assessment of the state of and impact trends for the environment; and
- instigate environmental decision-making by demonstrating the contributions of current policy efforts, gaps and potential solutions to address environmental challenges and related impacts on human well-being.

It is expected as well that once finalized, the new NSoER and information therein will be useful references to inform national planning and investment processes promoted by the Government and by development partners (including the UN System).

Agenda

| Time | Agenda items |
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| 9:00 - 9:30 | Registration of participants |
| 9:30 - 9:50 | Welcoming remarks and Introductions <i>Moderator: Durikov Mukhammet Khudayberdyevich Durikov, Director of SIC ICSD IFAS</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Allanazar Kajarov, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Turkmenistan |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to the workshop and training on the National State of the Environment Report (NSoER) for Turkmenistan, Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, Regional Adviser, UNECE |
| 9:50 - 10:30 | <p>Approach to the development of the National State of the Environment Report (NSoER)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International experience and practice of developing NSoERs, Livia Bizikova, International Consultant, International Institute for Sustainable Development - Introduction of the Driver-Pressure-State-Impact-Response (DPSIR) approach with examples <p>Questions and answers session</p> |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | <p>Presentations by national experts on the current situation and trends <i>Moderator: Mergen Kepbanov, Director of CAREC Project Office in Turkmenistan</i></p> <p>State and trends of the environment in Turkmenistan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Land Resources Management, Sultan Veysov, Magtymguly Turkmen State University named after Magtymguly - Problems of desertification and its impact on the environment, Muhammet Durikov, SIC ICSD IFAS - State and quality of atmospheric air, Victoria Akopova, UNDP project |
| 11:00 - 11:30 | Coffee break |
| 11:30 - 13:00 | <p>Presentations by national experts on the current situation and trends - continued <i>Moderator: Mergen Kepbanov, Director of CAREC Project Office in Turkmenistan</i></p> <p>State and trends of the environment in Turkmenistan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water Resources Management, Gurbanmurad Ovezmuradov, Aarhus Centre in Turkmenistan - Biodiversity and Protected Areas, Juma Saparmuradov, National Institute of Deserts, Flora and Fauna - Waste Management, Yolbars Kepbanov, Aarhus Centre in Turkmenistan - State of the Caspian Sea Environment, Gozel Orazdurdyeva, Tehran Convention Coordinator in Turkmenistan - State of Forests and Prospects for Forest Sector Development, Akmurad Atamuradov, independent forestry expert <p>Questions and answers session</p> |
| 13:00 - 14:30 | Lunch |
| 14:30 - 15:15 | <p>Presentations by national experts on environmental conditions and trends, current situation and trends (continued) <i>Moderator: Gurbanmurad Ovezmuradov, Aarhus Centre in Turkmenistan</i></p> <p>Energy sector and transport: development trends</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Energy Sector and Environment, Akhmed Pendjiev, Turkmen Polytechnic Institute - Environmental impact of transport, Dovlet Dzhumakuliev, independent expert |

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| | <p>Agriculture - development trends</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agriculture and its impact on the environment, land and water resources, Ovezdurdy Jumadurdyev, Turkmen Energy Institute <p>Questions and answers session</p> |
| 15:15 - 16:00 | <p>Group work</p> <p>Groups: Water, Air, Land and Biodiversity</p> <p>Discuss and identify key factors and pressures on specific environmental components and possible responses</p> |
| 16:00 – 16:20 | Coffee break |
| 16:20 – 16:50 | Presentations of the results of group work |
| 16:50 – 17:15 | <p>Next steps and concluding remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussing and agreeing on next steps - Concluding remarks, Ministry of Environmental Protection |