



“Monitoring Uzbekistan’s Progress towards Green Growth using the OECD Green Growth Indicators framework.”

Launch event

(Hybrid format)

16 February 2023

14:30-16:45 Tashkent time, 10:30 – 12:45 Paris time

Venue: Westminster International University in Tashkent (IB 110)

Connection link for virtual participation:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82502680280?pwd=RkpyZ09weExnSld4bCtCVnlCNEl0QT09>

Introduction

The Government of Uzbekistan is committed to green growth and transformation towards a green economy. The Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated October 4, 2019, No. PD-4477, approved the strategy for the transition of the Republic of Uzbekistan to a green economy for the period 2019-2030¹. The body tasked with promotion and implementation of the green economy strategy is the Ministry of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction.

At the 26th session of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP26), held in November 2021, under the Paris Agreement, the Republic of Uzbekistan announced the adoption of additional obligations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions per unit of gross domestic product by 2030 by 35 percent compared to 2010 levels. Also, the Republic of Uzbekistan joined the global initiative (Global Methan Pledge) to achieve by countries a collective goal of reducing methane emissions by at least 30 percent by 2030 compared to 2020. More so, the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated December 2, 2022, No. PP-436 approved the Program and Action plan for the transition to a "green" economy and ensuring "green" growth in the Republic of Uzbekistan. The Decree approved eight main monitoring indicators, and targets towards green economy by 2030.

Launching the OECD GGI framework provides an opportunity for Uzbekistan to monitor progress towards green growth, including its potential for decarbonisation, energy efficiency in major sectors of the economy and sustainable livelihoods. The OECD green growth indicators (GGIs) enable the monitoring of progress towards four objectives: i) establishing a low-carbon, resource-efficient economy; ii) maintaining the natural asset base; iii) improving people’s quality of life; and iv) implementing appropriate policy to realise the economic opportunities of green growth.

¹ Ministry of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction (2020), Analysis of global indicators of the green economy <https://mineconomy.uz/en/news/view/4481>

The event objectives

The meeting aims to launch the work in Uzbekistan with support of the DONOR to improve monitoring progress towards green economy using the green growth indicators framework. It will discuss:

- benefits of the green growth indicators framework;
- proposed set of GGIs for Uzbekistan (based on Excel table);
- availability of data for Uzbekistan needed to apply each green growth indicator; and any identified substitutes for GGIs.
- special Chapter on the monitoring of the national "green" economic transition program until 2030 (8 selected indicators).

Participants

The meeting will gather the representatives of the Ministry of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction, as key national partner, and beneficiary of the project, as well as other line Ministries, State Committee on Statistics, civil society, and other national stakeholders. The representatives of the OECD and other international organisations, working in Uzbekistan, are also invited join the meeting.

Supporting Documents

- Agenda;
- Meeting webpage with meeting documents
- PowerPoint presentation.
- Excel file with proposed indicators and identified substitutes (based on initial review).

Practical Information

- Virtual platform: Zoom, with English & Uzbek interpretation.

About the donor

This work is financially supported by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, and implemented under the GREEN Action Task Force hosted by the OECD.

AGENDA

Tashkent time	Session
14.30 – 14:45	<p>Item 1. Opening and introduction to the Project on “Monitoring Uzbekistan’s Progress towards Green Economy using OECD Green Growth Indicators (GGIs) framework”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome notes by Bakhrom Mirkasimov, Rector of Westminster International University in Tashkent • Welcome by Utkir Kholbadalov, Head of Green Economy Development Department Ministry of Economy and Finance • Brief presentation of the Project background, GGIs framework and its relevance for Uzbekistan by Krzysztof Michalak, Senior Programme Manager and Head of Green Growth and Global Relations Division, OECD Environment Directorate <p>Moderator: <i>Etenesh Asfaw, Senior Research Fellow, Center for Policy Research & Outreach, Westminster International University in Tashkent</i></p>
14:45 – 15:05	<p>Item 2. Core green growth indicators for Uzbekistan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First insights on the proposed set of indicators (based on initial review, presented in the Excel table) Presentation by Etenesh Asfaw • Monitoring green growth in Uzbekistan [presentation by the representative of Agency of statistics under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan] TBC
15:05 – 15:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion and reactions from the project team and participants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ questions for clarification ○ selection/prioritization of indicators [links to country-specific issues to be prioritized] ○ missing elements and possible challenges
15:25 – 15:45	<p>Item 3. Set of 8 indicators set for the national "green" economic transition program until 2030</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief Introduction to the national GG programme Indicators & targets by Shokhzod Islamov, Head of Department for Coordinating the Implementation of the Strategy and Programs for the Development of the Green Economy, Ministry of Economy and Finance
15:45-16:15	<p>Item 4. Next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main deliverables and timeline of the project– by Kamilla Sultanova, Project Coordinator and Etenesh Asfaw • Wrap up: Etenesh Asfaw, Westminster International University in Tashkent
16:15 – 16:45	<p>Closing Remarks [TBC], Group photo and Coffee Break</p>