

AGENDA



OECD Eurasia Week 2023: Working Together in Challenging Times

Plenary IV: Low Carbon Transitions in Eurasia

14 December 2023

OECD Conference Centre
2 rue André Pascal, Paris

Thursday, 14 December 2023

11.30-13.00



Plenary IV: Low Carbon Transitions in Eurasia: Strategic Frameworks for Sustainable Infrastructure

Policy-makers today face conflicting and competing needs for accelerated climate action at the same time as they must respond to social and economic crises, upended global markets and value chains, geopolitical tensions, and a slow economic recovery. In Eurasia, a region greatly affected by climate change, this challenge takes particular forms, as the energy intensity of production and reliance on fossil fuels remain high. On the other hand, the low carbon transition offers a range of opportunities for economic diversification and attraction of new investments, including through the development and promotion of sustainable infrastructure projects. Against the backdrop of the OECD-led Sustainable Infrastructure Programme in Asia (SIPA), this session will consider available policies and tools for co-ordinated and integrated economic development and low carbon transition planning in Eurasia, such as Low Emission Development Strategies (LEDS).

Moderator: Kumi Kitamori, Deputy Director, OECD Environment Directorate

11.30-11.45

Setting-the-scene presentations

- Alain de Serres, Deputy Director, OECD Economics Directorate
- Peline Atamer, Head of Programme, OECD Global Relations and Coordination Directorate

11.45-12.55

Panel discussion:

- Rafayel Gevorgyan, Deputy Minister of Economy, Armenia
- Abzal Abdikarimov, Vice-Minister of National Economy, Kazakhstan
- Veronica Arpintin, State Secretary, Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalisation
- Aleksey Sim, Head of Investment Climate Department, Ministry of Investment, Industry and Trade, Uzbekistan
- Mikheil Khidureli, CEO of Enterprise Georgia
- Cyrille Bellier, Head of Department Europe, Middle East, Asia, Agence Française de Développement

Open discussion (20 min.)

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Wrap-up and Conclusion by the Moderator