



Expert Workshop on International Climate Finance for the Countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia

11 July 2016, Paris

MEETING AGENDA

The meeting will be held at:

OECD Headquarters
Le Château de la Muette, Room E

2 rue André Pascal, 75116 Paris

Starting at 9.30 a.m. on 11 July 2016



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Background

The historic climate agreement was adopted in Paris at the 21st session of the Conference of the Parties (COP21) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Achieving the goals under the Paris Agreement hinges on the implementation of the countries' nationally determined contributions and various mechanisms under the Convention. Such implementation requires investment, and a drastic shift in finance flows from "brown" to "green" will be essential both at the global and national levels. Most of the countries in the Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) region¹ communicated their intended nationally determined contributions (INDCs) in time for COP21, with quantitative targets for mitigation of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Some of the INDCs also include sections on adaptation and support.

The project that is being implemented by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) focuses on climate finance readiness of the countries in the EECCA region to access and effectively use climate finance from various international sources. The initial phase of the project is preparing an analytical report to provide an overview of climate-related development finance flows at the regional and the country levels, and enabling policy frameworks and institutional arrangements within each EECCA country. The project will also explore gaps and opportunities in accessing scaled-up climate finance for low-carbon and climate-resilient development during the implementation period of the countries' INDCs and beyond.

Objectives of the meeting

A significant amount of international climate-related development finance was committed to the 11 countries in the EECCA region over the analysed period (2013–2014). At the same time, the amount of finance committed to each country significantly varies among those countries, and this is so even within the group of countries with similar levels of GDP per capita. Nevertheless, scaled-up finance from various sources is needed for all those countries to accelerate their climate actions to achieve their national and international climate goals.

This workshop aims at:

- Sharing and discussing information on the current state of play on climate-related development finance flows to the EECCA countries;
- Exchanging views on challenges and opportunities for accessing further climate finance from various sources; and
- Discussing how the OECD could contribute to the countries and their partners in strengthening their institutional capacities and policy frameworks to better access and use climate finance over time.

The workshop will also discuss possible next steps of the OECD project on climate finance readiness of the EECCA countries.

¹ The scope of this project is 11 EECCA countries that are eligible for recipients of official development assistance (ODA) based on the classification by the OECD Development Assistance Committee, namely Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

AGENDA

Monday 11 July 2016

Registration, coffee and tea starting at [09.00](#)

Session 1	Opening remarks and tour de table
9.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome address<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Jürgen Keinhorst, Head of Cooperation with Europe and MENA, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany• Objectives of the meeting and adoption of the agenda<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms Kumi Kitamori, Head, Green Growth and Global Relations Division, Environment Directorate, OECD• Round of introductions
Session 2	Evolving landscape of climate finance in the EECCA countries
10.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of the state of play on climate-related development finance in the EECCA countries<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Takayoshi Kato, Policy Analyst, OECD <p><u>Questions for discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Has your country accessed sufficient information on various financial sources for climate change actions within the country?• If not, what are the priorities in information needs and what actors in the country should be involved to strengthen and manage such knowledge base?• Any comments on the background document prepared by the OECD <p><u>Background document</u></p> <p>- <i>“Climate-related development finance in EECCA” (Parts I and II)</i></p>
11.00	Coffee break
Session 3	Opportunities for and challenges to financing priority climate actions
11.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EECCA countries and their development co-operation partners to discuss what would be the challenges and opportunities in financing climate actions using international and domestic sources.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Niels Schuster, DG Climate Action, the European Commission• Ms Veronica Lopotenco, Ministry of Environment, Moldova• Mr Denys Bashlyk, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Ukraine• Mr Martin Hullin, REN21 Secretariat, Project manager of UNECE Renewable Energy Status Report

Questions for discussion

- What roles have international and domestic financial sources been playing in investing in climate actions in the EECCA countries, and where are the priority areas for further investment?
- What are the challenges and opportunities for your country in mobilising further domestic financial resources and private sector investments in climate-related actions?
- How can policy documents* better help EECCA countries identify and communicate financial needs and priorities to mobilise funding from various international and domestic sources (*e.g. *National Communications, Nationally Determined Contributions, Technology Needs Assessment reports, Low Emission Development Strategies, NAMAs, NAPs, etc.*)

Background document

- “Climate-related development finance in EECCA” (Parts I, II, IV and V)

13.15 Lunch

Session 4 Readiness to access climate finance

14.20

- Sharing experience with existing readiness programmes on accessing climate finance with a focus on the EECCA region
- Sharing experience with participating in readiness programmes
 - (i) discussion on frameworks and approaches under the existing readiness programmes
 - (ii) current status of ongoing readiness programmes;
 - (iii) current or future activities in EECCA; and
 - (iv) challenges being faced and ways forward.
 - Ms Dorit Lehr, the Climate Finance Readiness Programme, GIZ
 - Mr Zafar Mahmudov, Committee for Environment Protection, Tajikistan
 - Ms Nino Lazashvili, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development & Ms Tamar Aladashvili, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection, Georgia [Joint presentation]
 - Mr Marko Berglund, Finance Unit, UNEP
 - Dr. Bakhyt Yessekina, Special Advisor to the Ministry of Energy of Kazakhstan on Climate Change/Green Academy

Questions for discussion:

- In terms of governments' capacity to access climate finance sources, what are the challenges, opportunities, suggestions, best practices and/or ideas to be put forward in the EECCA countries?
- How different institutions in your country cooperate to access and effectively use international climate finance, and what are the main capacity building needs by ministries, sub-national governments, financial institutions, industry, and Non-state actors?

Background document

- “Climate-related development finance in EECCA” (Part III)

Session 5 Next steps

16.00

- Open discussion on future direction of OECD work in the EECCA region
- Next steps to finalise the background report
- Other business

17.00 Cocktail