81st session of ESCAP Commission

ESCAP-SCO Side Event:
Advancing a Just Energy Transition in SCO Member States

Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Member States all face the interlinked challenges of climate change, energy security and energy access. As many SCO Member States are undergoing rapid urban expansion, these issues are also playing out against a backdrop of cities. Together these challenges are encapsulated in the concept of the "just energy transition". However, given the diversity of SCO countries there is no one size fits all solution to these challenges.
The purpose of this side event is to explore the possible pathways for the just energy transition across the SCO Member States. This dialogue will offer strong complementarity with the discussions undertaken at the 81st Commission Session.
The key questions that will be addressed include:

- What are successful approaches to just energy transition that SCO members have taken that could be replicated?
- What are the particular opportunities for just energy transition principles to be implemented as part of urban development?
- How is the "just" element of the energy transition realized through government policies?
- How can cooperation between countries develop to support the acceleration of the just energy transition?

Through these deliberations, the side event will help delineate the challenges and identify specific solutions that can be considered by SCO Member States as well as point to some ways in which countries can cooperate to realize the just energy transition.

Format

The event will be opened by remarks from senior-level speakers which will underscore the significance of the theme for the region and in some of its countries. This will be followed by a presentation of expert that will illustrate pertinent approaches and technologies. The closing session will reflect on how such solutions can be upscaled in the region through multilateral cooperation.

The event will advance the understanding of policymakers and practitioners working in the areas of Just energy transition. It will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok, Thailand, during the 81st session of the Commission and will be open to online participation. The event will be conducted in English.

Organizers

• United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
• Secretariat of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

23 April 2025, 11:15-12:30

United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok (UNCC) , Room CR-4

Moderator: Mr. Nikolay Pomoshchnikov, Head, SONCA, ESCAP (TBC)

Introductory Remarks

11:15 – 11:20 Opening remarks by Deputy Executive Secretary, ESCAP (TBC)

11:20 – 11:25 Opening remarks by Mr. Sohail Khan, Deputy Secretary General, SCO

11:25 – 11:30 Statement by Ministerial-level representative from China (TBC)

Expert Session

11:30 – 11:40 Presentation on Just Energy Transition by ESCAP Expert (TBC)

Statements by the SCO Member States

11:40-12:16 Interventions from the Delegations (maximum 4 minutes per intervention)

Representative of Republic of Belarus (to be confirmed)
Representative of the Republic of India (to be confirmed)
Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (to be confirmed)
Representative of the of the Republic of Kazakhstan (to be confirmed)
Representative of the Kyrgyz Republic (to be confirmed)
Representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan (to be confirmed)
Representative of the Russian Federation (to be confirmed)
Representative of the Republic of Tajikistan (to be confirmed)
Representative of the Republic of Uzbekistan (to be confirmed)

12:16-12:25 Brief Q&A (if time permits)

Concluding Remarks

12:25-12:30 Mr. Sohail Khan, Deputy Secretary General, SCO