

Programme & Session Overview:

Expert Group Meeting on the Implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action in North and Central Asia

7-8 June 2023 Almaty, Kazakhstan and Online

Time	Sessions
Day 1, 7th June 2023	
09:00 – 09:15	Opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening Remarks by <i>Ms. Michiko Enomoto, Officer-in-Charge, Subregional Office for North and Central Asia, ESCAP</i>
09:15 – 09:30	Group Photo
09:30 – 10:30	Session 1: “Progress and challenges in implementing the Vienna Programme of Action and emerging risks and priorities” Part I Moderator: <i>Ms. Michiko Enomoto, Officer-in-Charge, Subregional Office for North and Central Asia, ESCAP</i> Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>H.E. Mr. Sohail Khan, Deputy Secretary-General, Shanghai Cooperation Organization</i>• <i>Mr. Arken Arystanov, Chairman of the Executive Board, Kazakhstan Agency for International Development “KazAID”</i>• <i>Ms. Savia Hasanova, Executive Director, “PA The Investment Round Table”</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:00	Part II Moderator: <i>Ms. Asel Turgunbaeva, Senior Specialist of International Cooperation Division, Ministry of Economy and Commerce, Kyrgyzstan</i> Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mr. Dulguun Damdin-Od, Executive Director, International Think Tank for Landlocked Developing Countries (ITLLDC)</i>• <i>Mr. Vladimir Grebnev, Climate Change Specialist, the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia, CAREC</i>• <i>Ms. Asel Turgunbaeva, Senior Specialist, Ministry of Economy and Commerce, Kyrgyzstan</i>

12:00 – 13:30	Networking Lunch
13:30 – 13:50	<p>Presentation of the Report <i>Strengthening Regional Cooperation for Seamless and Sustainable Connectivity</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Oliver Paddison, Chief, Section on Sustainable Development and Countries in Special Situations, Office of the Executive Secretary, ESCAP</i>
14:00 – 15:00	<p>Session 2: “Enhancing transport connectivity for sustainable recovery and green growth in North and Central Asia”</p> <p>Part I</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Ms. Azhar Jaimurzina Ducrest, Chief of Section, Transport Division, ESCAP</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Azhar Jaimurzina Ducrest, Chief of Section, Transport Division, ESCAP</i> • <i>Mr. Alexander Zabojev, Head of Center for Integration Studies, Eurasian Development Bank (EDB)</i> • <i>Mr. Zeinolla Kalymbetov, Program Officer, Directorate for Transport and Communications, Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO)</i>
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 16:30	<p>Part II</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Ms. Michiko Enomoto, Officer-in-Charge, Subregional Office for North and Central Asia, ESCAP</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Tatiana Rey-Bellet, IRU Director, TIR & Transit, International Road Transport Union (IRU)</i> • <i>Mr. Sergey Andreev, Counsellor, Coordinating Council for Trans-Eurasian Transportation (CCTT)</i> • <i>Mr. John Pritchard, Transport Researcher and Analyst, International Transport Forum (ITF)</i>
16:30 - 16:45	Evaluation questionnaires

Day 2, 8th June 2023	
10:00 – 11:05	<p>Session 3: “Strengthening energy connectivity to facilitate the transition to clean, sustainable and renewable energy in North and Central Asia”</p> <p>Part I</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Mr. Zurabi Arveladze, Head of Legal Provision, Division of Energy Projects, Energy policy and investment Projects Department, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, Georgia</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Matthew David Wittenstein, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Energy Division, ESCAP</i> • <i>Mr. Joong Yeop Lee, Programme Officer, Country Engagement and Partnerships, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)</i> • <i>Ms. Amina Kadyrzhanova, Sustainability Specialist, International Hydropower Association (IHA)</i>
11:05 – 11:45	Coffee break
11:45 – 12:45	<p>Part II</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Mr. Zurabi Arveladze, Head of Legal Provision, Georgia</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Zurabi Arveladze, Head of Legal Provision, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, Georgia</i> • <i>Ms. Tatiana Vedeneva, President, Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Development (CREEED), Kyrgyzstan</i> • <i>Mr. Xupeng Chen, General Director of Office of East Europe-Central Asia, Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation Organization (GEIDCO)</i>
12:45 – 14:15	Networking Lunch

14:15 – 15:15	<p>Session 4: “Accelerating trade facilitation and digital connectivity in North and Central Asia”</p> <p>Part I</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Ms. Nazym Shalbayeva, Deputy CEO, Center for Trade and Economic Strategies, Kazakhstan</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Lyaziza Sabyrova, Director, Regional Cooperation and Operations Coordination Division, Central and West Asia Department, and Mr. Roman Mogilevskii, Senior Economist Asian Development Bank (ADB)</i> • <i>Ms. Aida Karazhanova, Economic Affairs Officer, Information and Communications Technology and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, ESCAP</i>
15:15 – 15:45	Coffee break
15:45 – 17:00	<p>Part II</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Ms. Lyaziza Sabyrova, Director, Asian Development Bank</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Nazym Shalbayeva, Deputy CEO, Center for Trade and Economic Strategies, Kazakhstan</i> • <i>Mr. Yann Duval, Chief of Section, Trade, Investment & Innovation Division, ESCAP</i> • <i>Ms. Alina Fetisova, Trade Facilitation Programme Officer, Division of Market Development, International Trade Centre (ITC)</i>
17:00 – 17:15	Evaluation questionnaires
17:15 – 17:30	Closing Remarks