

# 7<sup>th</sup> North and Central Asia Multi-Stakeholder Forum on the Implementation of SDGs

## Session 6:

## Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development

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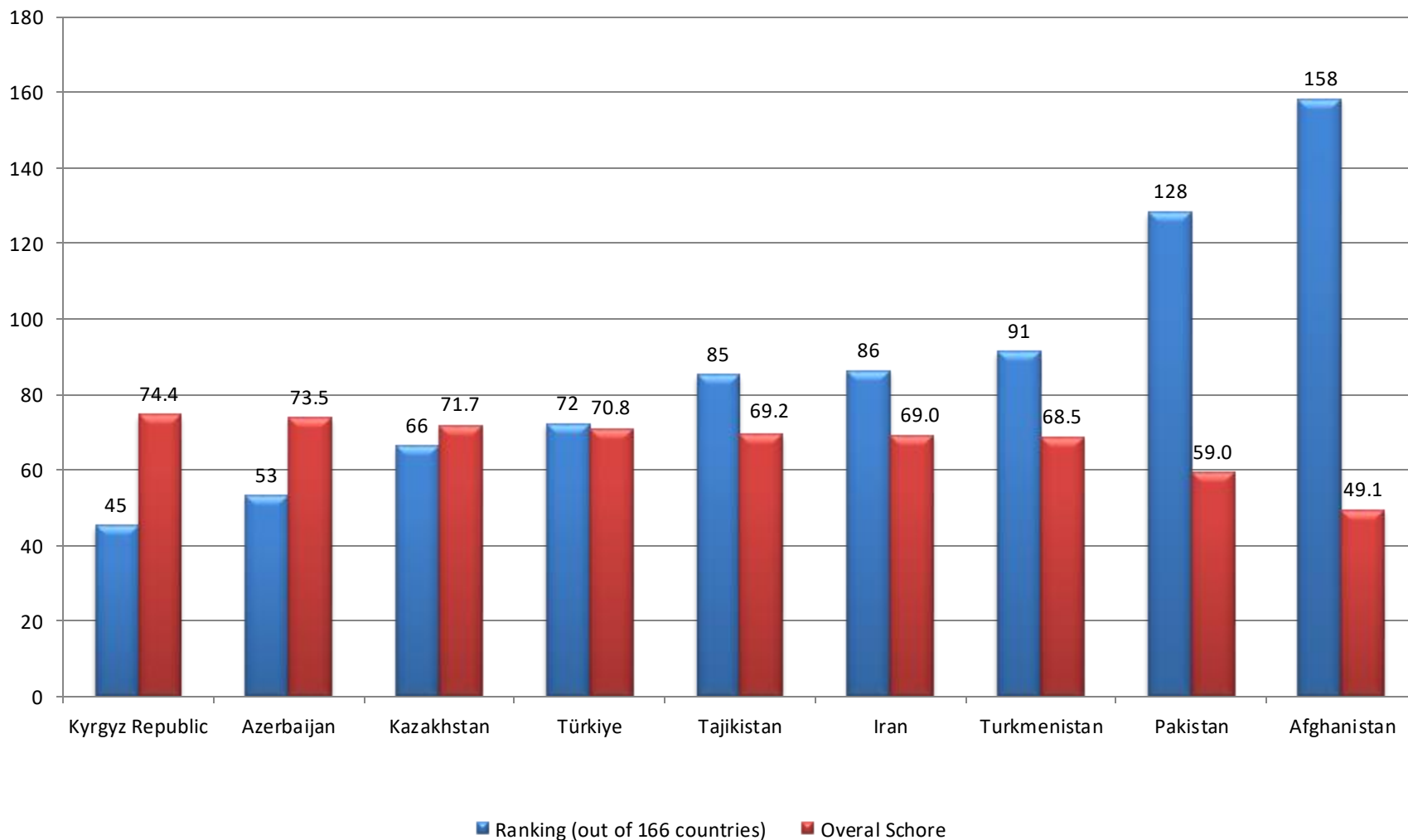


# ECO and ECO Region



- **ECO** is an **inter-governmental regional organization**
  - Established in 1964
  - Founding members:
    - Iran, Pakistan and Türkiye
  - Enlargement in 1992
    - Joining of Former Soviet Union Countries and Afghanistan
  - **8 million** square km
  - **500 million** inhabitants
  - **10 Member States**: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kirghizstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Türkiye, Uzbekistan.

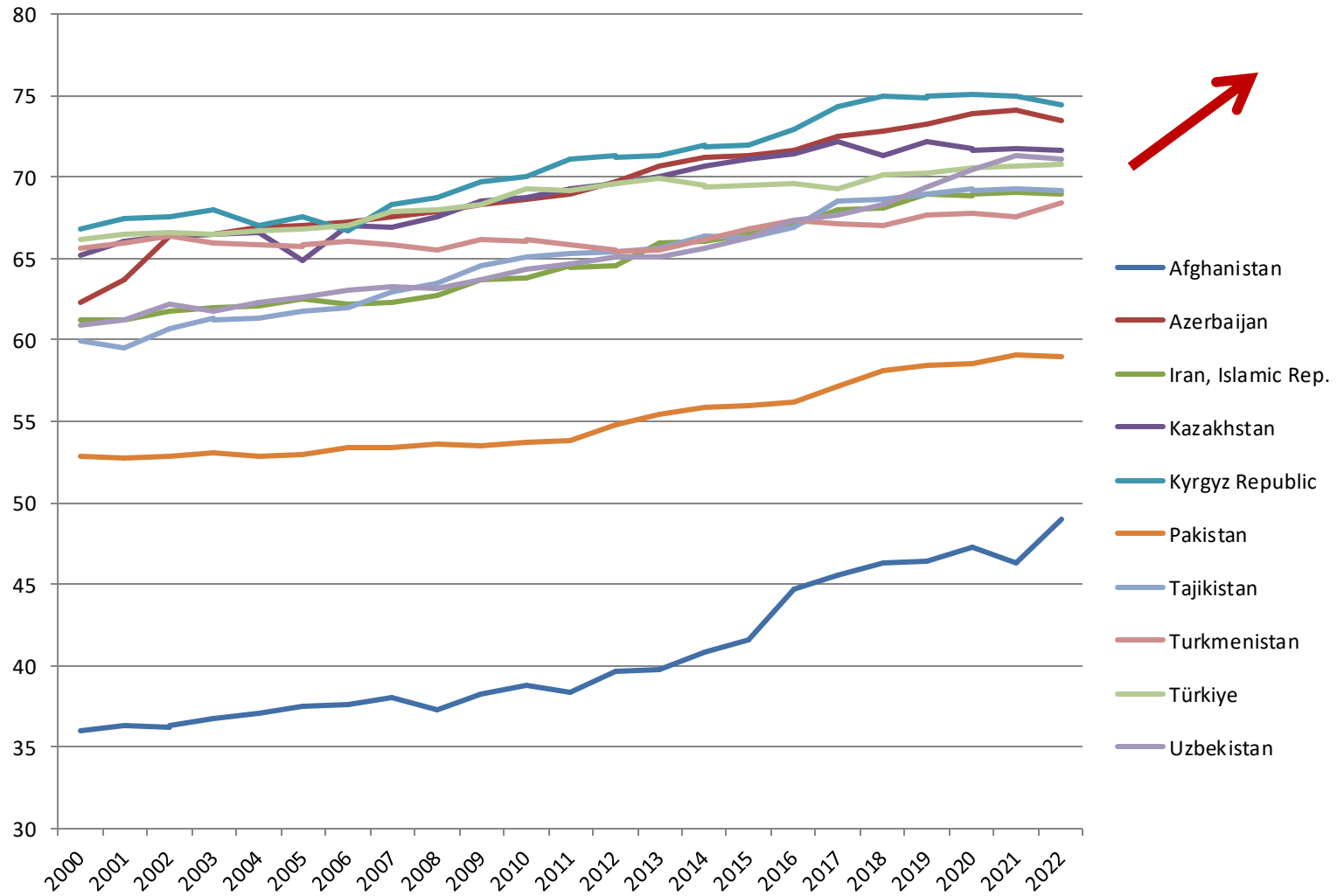
# Overall SDGs Scores and Ranking of ECO Countries, 2023



Source: UN, 2023

\* The ranking shows the rank of the respective country among 166 countries.

# Progress in SDGs of the ECO Countries



# ECO Vision 2025 and SDGs

- ECO Vision 2025 shares the targets of SDGs
- “Sustainability” is one of core principles of ECO Vision 2025
- HRSD Directorate established in 2006
  - In charge of issues covered under “Social Welfare and Environment” of the ECO Vision 2025
  - Sustainable Development is one of four priority areas



# Main ECO Activities on SDGs

- Preparation of Action Plan for Policy Coherence
- Constituting High Level Working Group
- 1th Sustainable Development Forum
- SDGs Performance Index for the region
- ECO have been involved numerous activities, projects and meetings to contribute the realization of SDGs in the region.

# Concluding Remarks

- Despite progress in some areas, there is still many challenges remaining for the region to achieve SDGs
- **For Regional cooperation in achieving SDGs**
  - Giving much more priority to SDGs
  - Sharing good practices and experiences through regional and international platforms
  - Action Plan for enhancing Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development (PCSD) in the region
  - ECO may play a significant role in creating synergies and improving cooperation and coordination between member countries to realize the SDGs.
- **Some Challenges in achieving SDGs in the Region**
  - ✓ Lack of data
  - ✓ Lack of sufficient financial sources
  - ✓ Migration, poverty, climate change...
  - ✓ Despite of rich natural resources lack of human capital





Economic Cooperation  
Organization

Thank you...

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