**STRENGTHENING THE MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION AND REVITALIZING THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR** SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

NOVEMBER 2, 2023

AIGUL KUSSALIYEVA

**DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AT AIFC AUTHORITY ADVISOR AT AIFC GREEN FINANCE CENTRE** SECRETARIAT OF REGIONAL OFFICE OF GIP IN CENTRAL ASIA





AIFC is strategically positioned to service the growing market of CIS countries, which encompass a region with a combined GDP of \$2.3 tn and a population of 240 mln people

# **AIFC Advantages**



English common law jurisdiction



World class regulation standards



Emerging capital market



Independent judicial system



Special tax and currency regime





# Internationally familiar legal framework

- Employment
- Corporate Regulation
- AML & FATF

- Contracts
- Data Protection
- Insolvency •



## **Flexibility of corporate regulation**

## Variety of legal forms

- Private/Public companies •
- Investment companies
- **Trusts and Foundations**
- Partnerships
- SPCs
- Non-profit org. etc.



AIFC Court's exclusive jurisdiction over disputes



# NON-CONVENTIONAL FINANCE

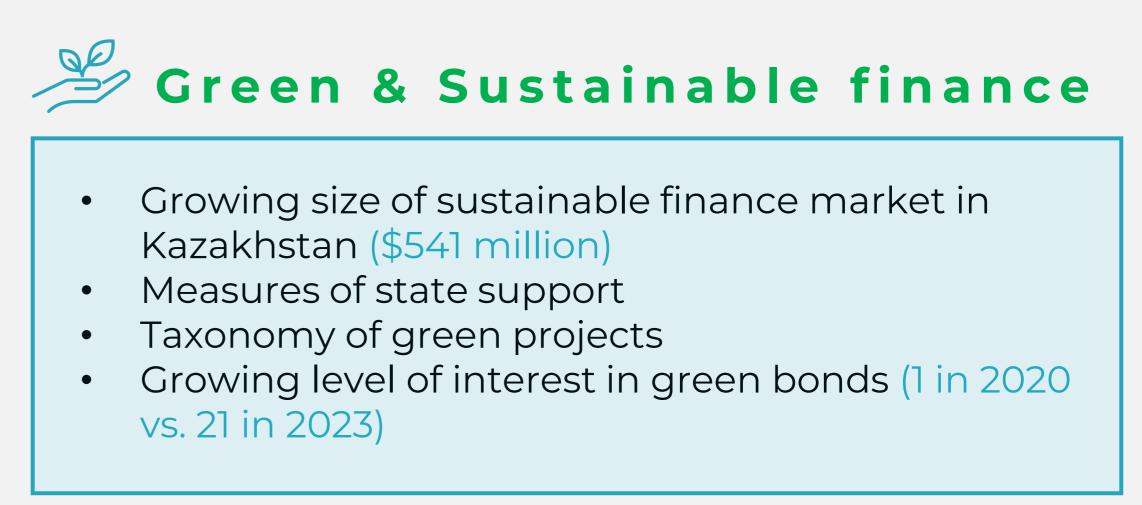
# ) Islamic finance

- Access to significant Muslim consumer market in Central Asia and CIS (~ 80 mln people in 2023, projected population growth to 100 mln in 2030)
- Cross-listed Sukuk (~ \$5bn)
- Authorised Islamic banks, finance companies, rating agency and Fintech companies
- Developed network of Shari'ah consultants



- Cryptocurrency trading opportunities
- The first start-up sandbox in the region
- Separate well-developed regulation tailored to fintech companies
- Opportunities for crowdfunding





AIFC provides a one-of-a-kind advanced framework for alternative innovative finance that is unparalleled in the region

## **AIFC GREEN FINANCE CENTRE**

66%

green bonds and **Ioans in Kazakhstan** externally reviewed by GFC

# AIFC is **Founding** member of





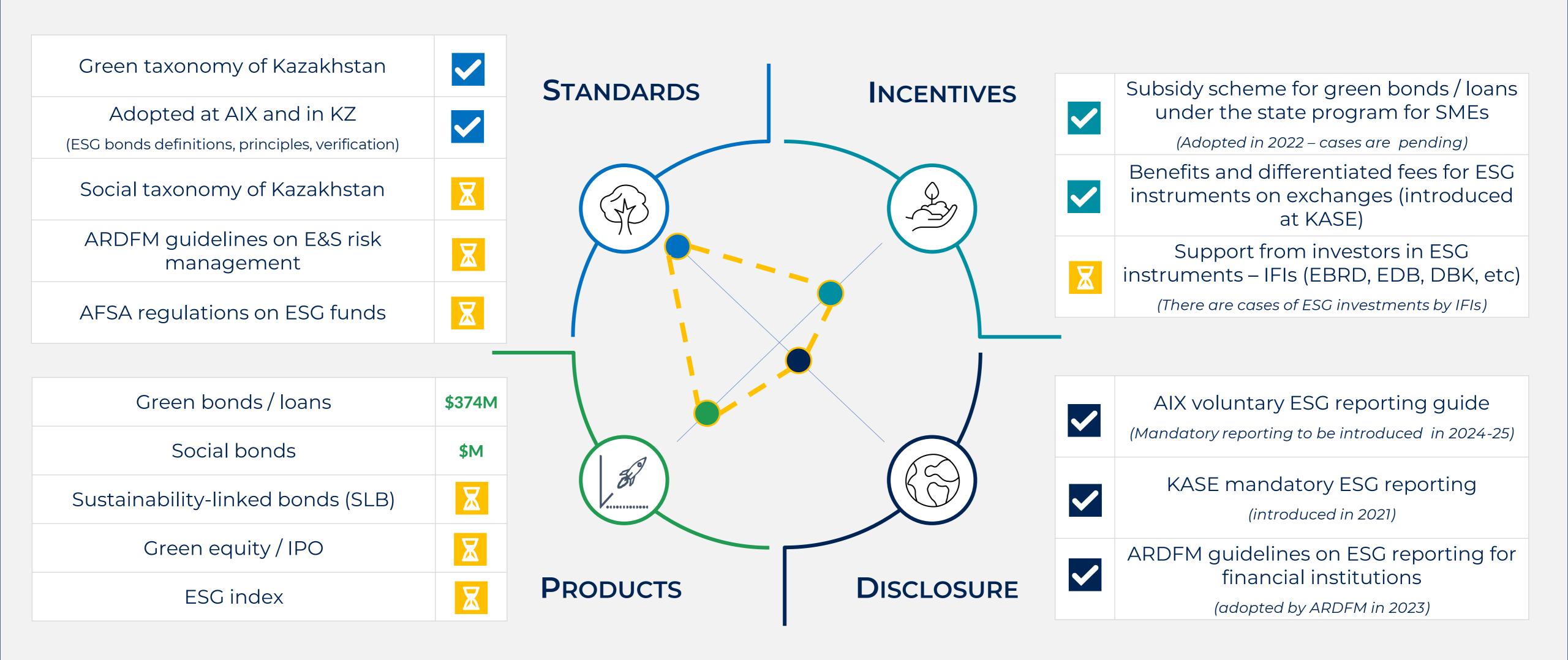
# The only **COMPANY** in Central Asia approved by Climate Bonds **Initiative and ICMA as verifier of** sustainable bonds



in Eastern Europe and **Central Asia (as per Global Green Finance** Index)



# **KAZAKHSTAN FRAMEWORK FOR SUSTAINABLE FINANCE**



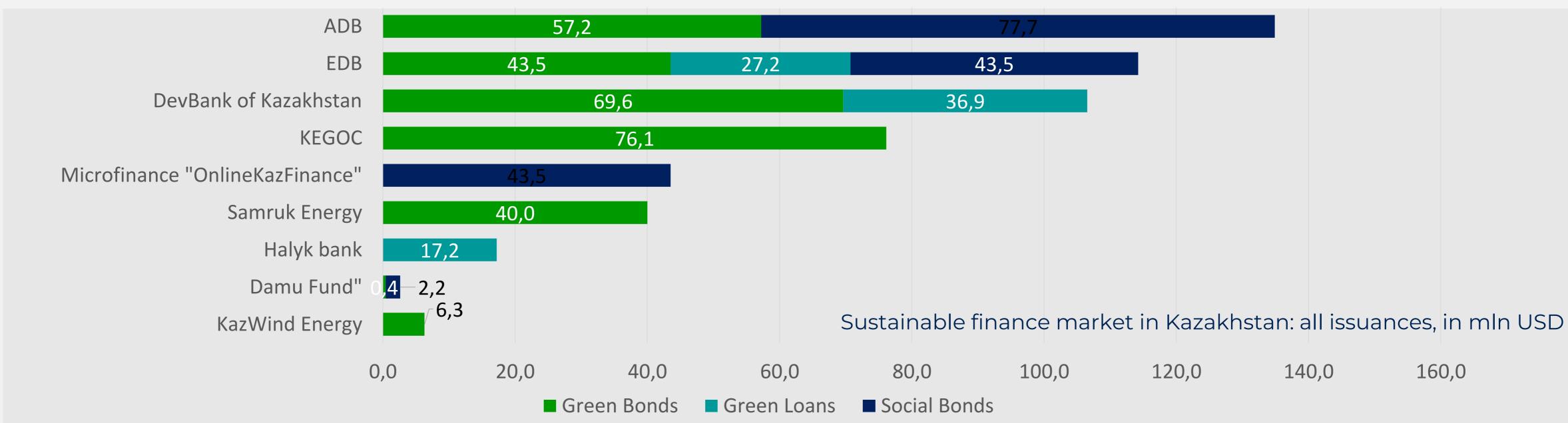




(Q3 2023, +70% from \$320M in 2022)

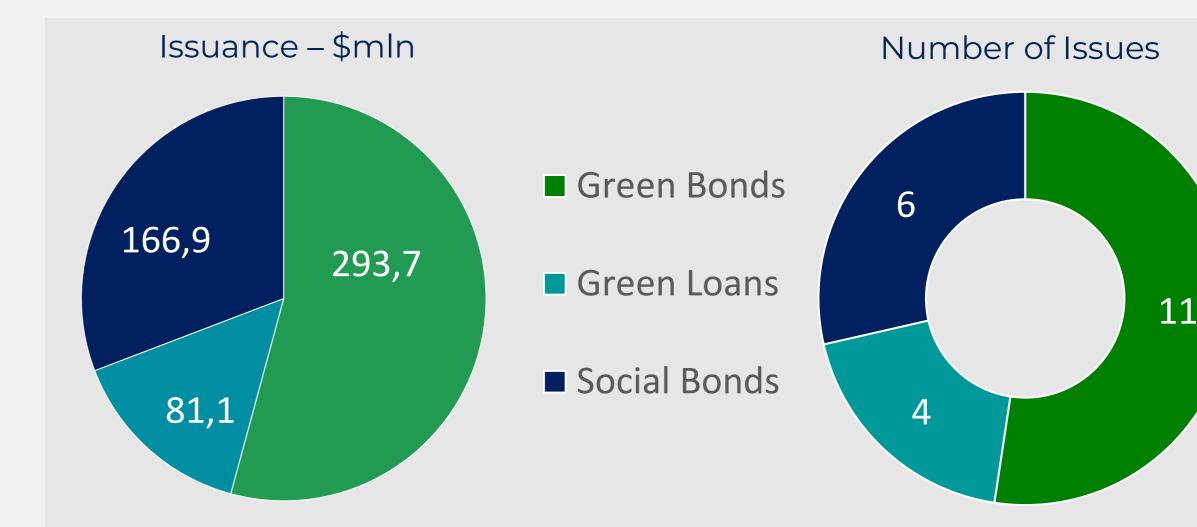
### Sustainable finance market in Kazakhstan

<sup>2</sup> As of 01.09.2023, NBK official rate, 459.69 KZT



Classification: Restricted





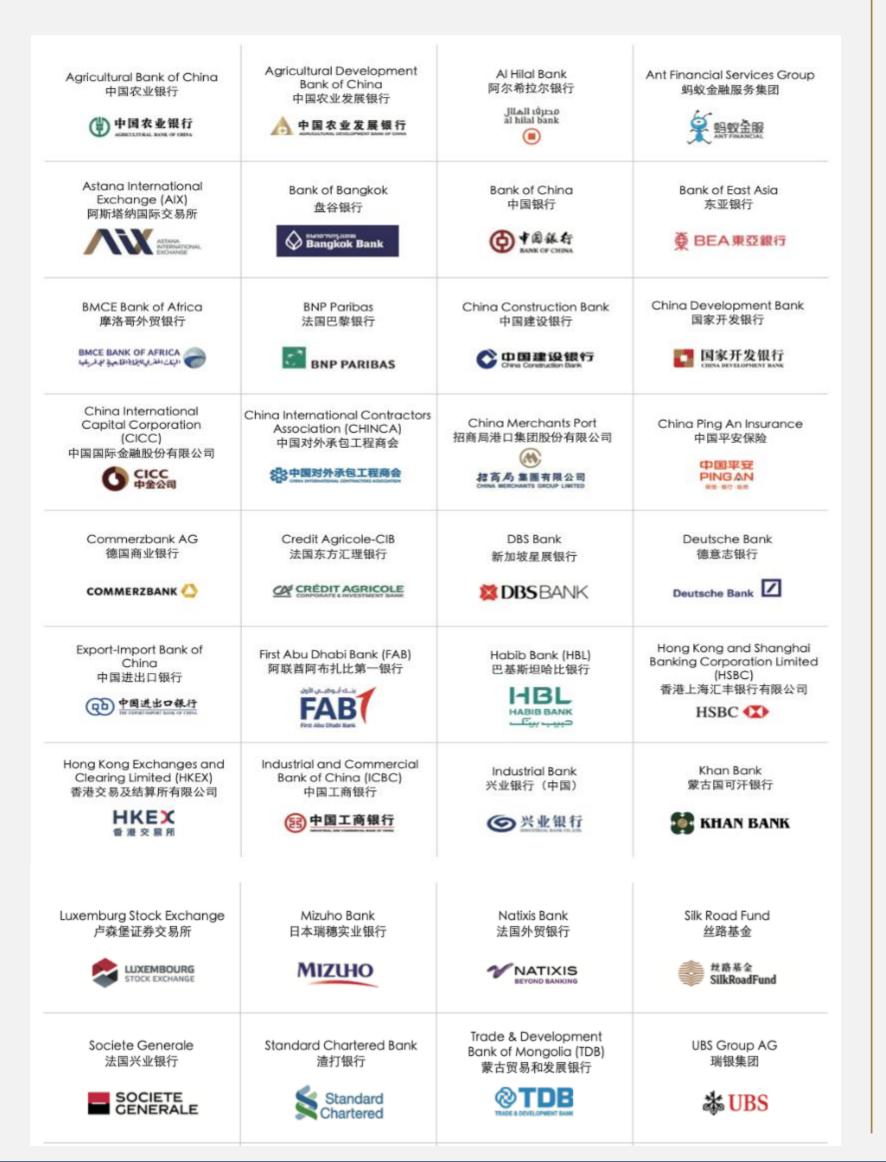






# **REGIONAL CHAPTER OF GREEN INVESTMENT PRINCIPLES (GIP)** FOR BRI IN CENTRAL ASIA

### **GREEN INVESTMENT PRINCIPLES SIGNATORIES**



### **OFFICE OBJECTIVES:**

- implementation
- project database

### SIGNATORIES FROM CENTRAL ASIA

### **OBSERVERS FROM CENTRAL ASIA**

In June 2021 AIFC Green Finance Centre became the regional office of GIP in Central Asia

Assisting banks of Central Asia in greening their activities and issuing green bonds through GIP

Program of activities to increase the capacity of banks in the region

Providing access to international capital markets for regional green projects through the GIP

Dissemination of the GIP Working Group research results in the region





Евразийский Банк Развития

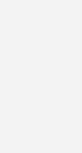
### **GIP SIGNATORIES:**

- Position as financial institutions with a strong ESG orientation
- Report on their GIP implementation progress
- Get access to:
  - Networking with global GIP member financial institutions leading the ESG agenda and sharing experiences
  - Capacity building program in the field of transition climate risk management, ESG practices, climate reporting, etc.
  - GIP database of green projects







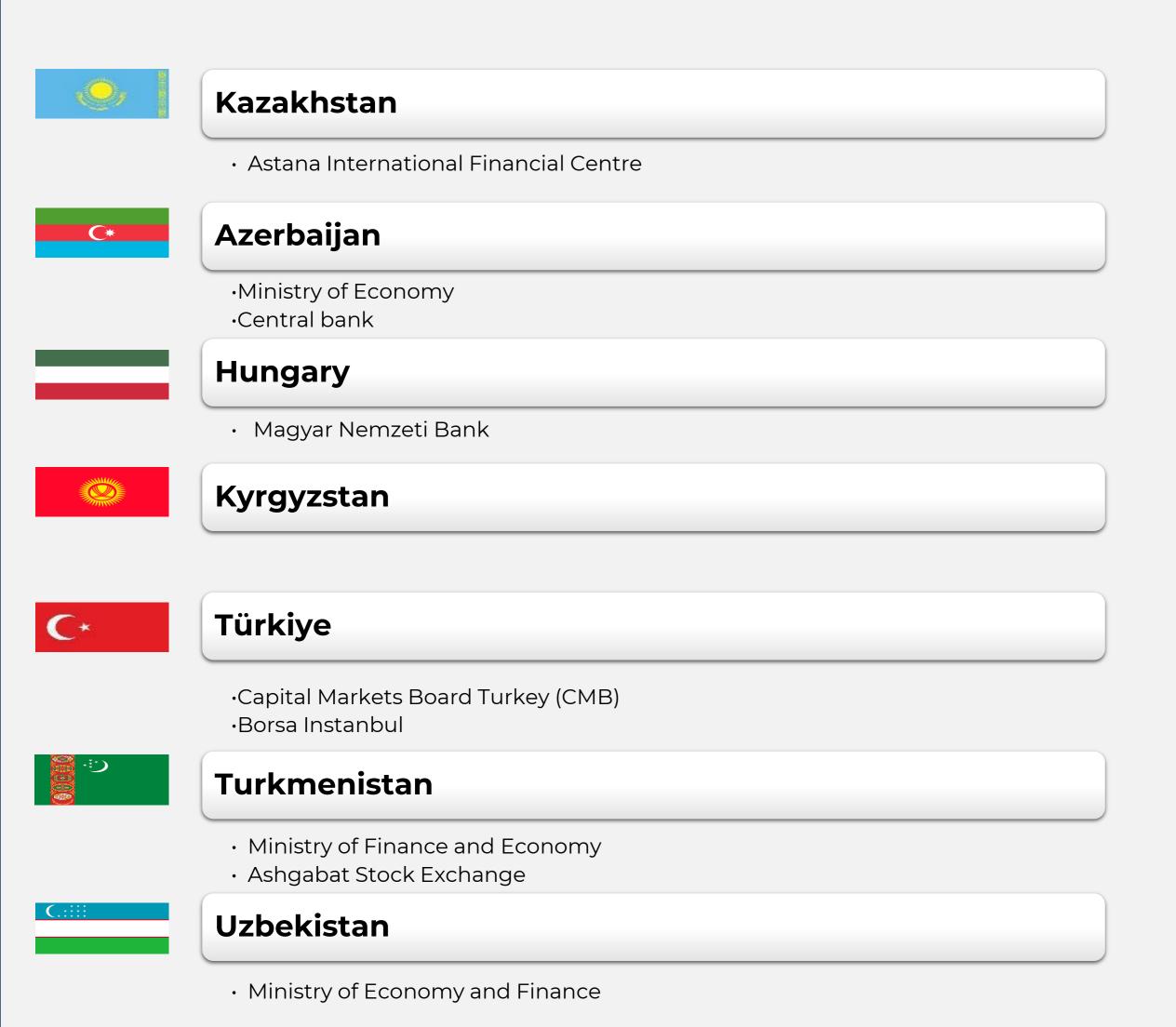








# MEMBERS OF THE PROPOSED GREEN FINANCE COUNCIL UNDER TURCIC COUNCIL

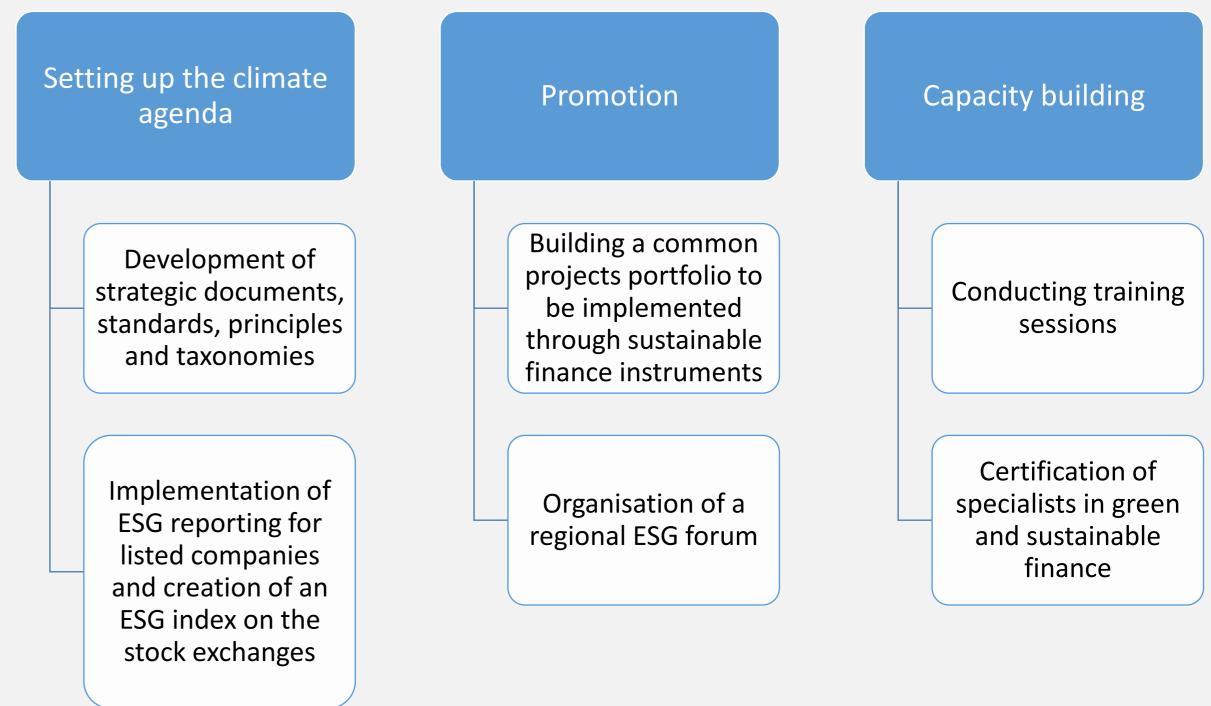




"To expand the capital market in this industry, I propose creating a Turkic Green Finance Council, which can be established on the basis of AIFC Green Finance Centre."

## PRESIDENT OF KAZAKHSTAN K. TOKAYEV

at 9th Summit of the Turkic Council









# **THANK YOU**

