**Determination of regional needs on knowledge and information on climate change adaptation and mitigation in the context of Post-Paris process in Central Asia**

**Regional Technical Workshop**

***17-18 April, 2017***

***Ramada Hotel, Almaty, Kazakhstan***

Program

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| **First day - 17 April, 2017** | |
| 08:30 – 09:00 | **Registration of participants** |
| 09:00 – 09:30 | **Opening session**  ***Moderator***: *Ms. Nailya Mustaeva, CAREC*  ***Speakers*:**   * Welcoming remarks on behalf of the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Kazakhstan: *Ms. Ainur Kopbayeva, Head of the Division for adaptation and climate risks of the Climate change department of Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Kazakhstan* * Welcoming remarks from the World Bank: *Gayane Minasyan*, *Lead Environment Specialist* * Welcoming remarks from USAID: *Mr. Andrew Segars, Senior Development Advisor, Economic Development Office, USAID Mission for Central Asia* * Opening remarks from CAREC and Abt Associates and introduction to the regional workshop agenda: *Ms. Nailya Mustaeva, Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Programme Manager, CAREC, and Glen Anderson, Principal Associate/ Senior Climate Change and Development Economist, Abt Associates* |
| 09:30 – 10:30 | **Session 1: Global and National Priorities and climate change policy in the countries of Central Asia**  The first session aims to inform the participants on the recent updates in the global climate policy and discuss potential implications of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change on the countries of Central Asia and beyond. It is expected that the speakers will touch the base of the 22nd Conference of the Parties and planned interventions of UNFCCC’s meetings that may be of special interest to the countries of Central Asia.  ***Moderator***: *Ms. Svetlana Dolgikh, Climate and Water Research Department of RGP “Kazhydromet”, Republic of Kazakhstan*  ***Speakers*:**   * *Ms. Natalia Alexeeva, Head of Central Asia Office, UNEP* * *Ms. Nailya Mustaeva, Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Programme Manager, CAREC* * *Mr. Michael Yulkin, General Director, Environmental Investment Centre* * Discussion |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | **Coffee break and group photo** |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | **Session 1 (*cont.*): Global and National Priorities and climate change policy in countries of Central Asia**  After the introductory report on global climate processes, representatives of Central Asian countries will make presentations on their national climate policies, including the progress, achieved up to the date in response to UNFCCC commitments (National Communications, Biennial Update Reports and National Contributions). Speakers will also inform about national priorities and plans on adaptation to climate change and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.  ***Moderator***: *Ms. Irina Eserkepova, Head of Department of Greenhouse Gas Inventory, JSC "Zhasyl Damu"*  ***Speakers:***   * **Kazakhstan**: *Ms. Ainur Kopbayeva, Head of the Department for adaptation and climate risks of the Climate change department of the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Kazakhstan* * **Kyrgyzstan:** Mr. Baygabyl Tolongutov, *Director of the Centre of the State Regulation on Environment Protection and Security, State Agency on Environmental Protection and Forestry* * **Tajikistan**: *Mr. Firuz Saidov, Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist, Capacity Development Assistance project, Committee for Environmental Protection under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan* * **Turkmenistan***: Ms. Viktoriya Akopova, Climate Change Expert, Aarhus Centre* * **Uzbekistan***: Ms. Natalia Agaltseva, Head of the Department of Projects Preparation and Monitoring, Uzhydromet* * Discussion |
| 12**:**30 –13:30 | **Lunch** |
| 13:30 –15:30 | **Session 2: International practices and experience in the development of action plans for adaptation and low-carbon development in Central Asia**  This session is dedicated to the best practices and cases on climate resilience in Central Asia. It is expected that speakers from international and regional organizations working in Central Asia, will share their experience on climate adaptation and sustainable development practices, talk about lessons learned in developing national action plans for adaptation and low-carbon strategies in the region.  ***Moderator***: *Mr. Anvar Khomidov, Chief Technical Advisor, Secretariat of the Pilot Program for Climate Resilience in Tajikistan*  ***Speakers:***   * *Ms. Kristine Tovmasyan, Specialist for Natural Sciences, UNESCO* * *Mr. Glen Anderson, Principal Associate/ Senior Climate Change and Development Economist, ABT Associates* * *Ms. Natalia Alexeeva, Head of Central Asia Office, UNEP* * *Ms. Irina Eserkepova, Head of the Department of Greenhouse Gas Inventory, JSC “Zhasyl Damu”* * *Mr. Yuri Skochilov, NGO Youth Ecological Centre, Climate Change Network in Tajikistan* * *Mr. Andre Fabian, Senior Advisor, Regional Programme for Sustainable and Climate Sensitive land use for Economic Development in Central Asia, GIZ* * Discussion |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | **Coffee-break** |
| 16:00 – 17:30 | **Session 2 (cont.): International practices and experience in the development of action plans for adaptation and low-carbon development in Central Asia**  The session will continue with the research aspects of climate resilience. It is expected that the invited speakers will share their experience in design and implementation of the research projects in Central Asia and showcase best examples of linking science to the decision-making process.  ***Moderator***: *Ms. Natalia Agaltseva, Head of the Department of Projects Preparation and Monitoring, Uzhydromet*  ***Speakers****:*   * *Mr. Anvar Khomidov, Chief Technical Advisor, Secretariat of the Pilot Program for Climate Resilience in Tajikistan* * *Mr. Stefanos Xenarios (Phd), Senior Researcher, University Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan* * *Dr. Hasan Boboev, Climate Change Expert, ICBA-CAC* * *Prof. R.C. Sharma, Head, CGIAR program facilitation unit for CA and Caucasus* * *Mr. Sultan Veisov, National coordinator, CACILM-2* * *Ms. Galina Stulina, CIC ICWC* * *Ms. Zhanna Babagaliyeva, Climate change and sustainable energy program specialist, Data management specialist, CAREC* * Discussion |
| 17:30 –18:00 | **Wrap up and closure of the first day** |

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| **Second day – 18 April, 2017** | |
| 09:00 – 11:00 | **Session 3: International practices and experience in the development of action plans for adaptation beyond Central Asia**  During this session, participants will learn about the process of climate policy planning for adaptation and low-carbon development in countries, which go beyond Central Asia and showcase best examples and practices that can be applied and considered in the policy frameworks of the countries of the region.  ***Moderator***: *Mr. Glen Anderson, Abt Associates*  ***Speakers:***   * *Mr. Glen Anderson, Principal Associate/ Senior Climate Change and Development Economist, Abt Associates* * Interactive discussion |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | **Coffee break** |
| 11:30 – 13:00 | **Session 3: (*cont.*): International practices and experience in the development of action plans for adaptation beyond Central Asia**  International and regional speakers will talk about financing and budgeting, monitoring and evaluation – key pillars of the climate policy process, which have been proved by the countries beyond Central Asia the most effective.  ***Moderator***: *Mr. Glen Anderson, Abt Associates*  ***Speakers:***   * *Mr. Joel Smith, Climate Change Expert, Abt Associates* * Interactive Discussion |
| 13**:**00 –14:00 | **Lunch** |
| 14:00 –16:00 | **Session 4: Determination of regional needs on climate knowledge and information on climate change adaptation and mitigation in Central Asia**  During the session, CAMP4ASB Regional Unit will introduce the preliminary findings of the regional assessment on climate knowledge and information on climate change adaptation and mitigation in Central Asia, which has been developed throughout the inception phase of the project. This session will be opened for discussion and feedback from all participants of the seminar.  ***Moderator***: *Ms. Nailya Mustaeva, CAREC*  ***Speakers:***   * *Ms. Susan Legro, Climate Resilience Consultant* * *Mr. Jiri Zeman, Climate and Energy Efficiency Consultant* |
| 16:00 – 16:30 | **Coffee break** |
| 16:30 – 18:00 | **Session 5: Synchronizing the efforts on climate change adaptation and mitigation within CAMP4ASB, C5+1 Initiative in Central Asia**  During the session, Abt and CAREC within their regional climate initiatives would explore opportunities with the participants to reflect on their vision on CAMP4ASB further actions and C5+1 Initiative and other regional interventions, based on the inputs are in pipeline in Central Asia.  ***Moderators:*** *Ms. Nailya Mustaeva, CAREC and Glen Anderson, Abt Associates* |
| 18:00 –18:30 | **Wrap up and closing remarks** |