SIDE-EVENTS
CAREC
9–16 November
10:00 - 11:40 Side event: The Eighth Meeting of Representatives of Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Parliamentarians of the Countries of Central Asia “Towards Regional Coherence and Cooperation of the Central Asian Countries on Climate Policy, Finance, and NDC Implementation” (Part I)

Venue: The Tajikistan Pavilion

Speakers:

- Bahodur Sheralizoda, Chairman of the CEP RT
- Zafar Makhmudov, Executive Director of CAREC
- Sangmin Nam, Director, Environment and Development Division, UN ESCAP
- Yolando Velasco, Manager, Climate Finance Subprogram, Implementation Division, UNFCCC Secretariat
- Aizhan Skakova, Member of the Committee on Ecology and Environmental Management of the Mazhilis of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- Mukhammadrahim Yusufi, Chairman of the Ecological Commission, member of the Committee on International Affairs, Majlisi Namoyandagon Majlisi Oli of the Republic of Tajikistan
- Azat Seydibayev, Chairman of the Committee of the Mejlis of the Turkmenistan on environmental protection, nature management and agro-industrial complex
- Boriy Alikhanov, Chairman of the Committee on the Development of the Aral Sea Region, Senate of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Brief description: On the first part of the Eighth Meeting of Representatives of Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Parliamentarians of the Countries of Central Asia, official delegations of the countries of Central Asia together with international partners and session participants will discuss a concurrence of climate-related regional goals and initiatives, water-climate connections in respective policies and strategies of the countries of Central Asia, the need for coordinated mobilization of climate finance as well as the progress in NDC implementation (including arrangements to improve legislations, institutional arrangement and climate policy implementation in the five countries of the region).

Organizers: CAREC, EC IFAS

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13:00  Side event: The Eighth Meeting of Representatives of Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Parliamentarians of the Countries of Central Asia “Towards Regional Coherence and Cooperation of the Central Asian Countries on Climate Policy, Finance, and NDC Implementation” (Part II)

Venue: The Water Pavilion

Speakers:

- **Sulton Rakhimzoda**, Chairman of the Executive Committee of IFAS
- **Zafar Makhmudov**, Executive Director of CAREC
- **Aizhan Skakova**, Member of the Committee on Ecology and Environmental management of Mazhilis of Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- **Nurbek Alimbekov**, Deputy of the Mekenchil group of the Committee on Agrarian Policy, Water Resources, Ecology and Regional Development of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic
- **Mukhammadrahim Yusufi**, Chairman of the Ecological Commission, member of the Committee on International Affairs, Majlisi Namoyandagon Majlisi Oli of the Republic of Tajikistan
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Brief description: On the second part of the Eighth Meeting of Representatives of Foreign Ministries and Parliamentarians of Central Asia, official delegations from Central Asian countries will discuss the main achievements of the countries of Central Asia towards carbon neutrality and climate adaptation within the framework of the NDCs undertaken, water-climate linkages in relevant policies and strategies of Central Asian countries. After discussing the climate goals and achievements of the countries of the region, a regional declaration by the governments of the Central Asian countries will be announced. A regional declaration by governments is expected to outline common challenges that are relevant to all five Central Asian countries in relation to climate change and a shared understanding of the steps needed for both mitigation and adaptation. The event will wrap up with a question-and-answer discussion with the participants and debriefing.

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Thursday, November 10

13:30 Side event: Young leaders of Central Asia on the way to carbon neutrality – implementing decisions of the UNFCCC COP26.

15:00

Venue: The Tajikistan Pavilion

Speakers:

• Sulton Rakhimzoda, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea
• Zafar Makhmudov, CAREC Executive Director
• Tatyana Shakirova, Manager of Education for Sustainable Development Program, CAREC
• Shahzoda Alikhanova, member of the CALP alumni network, Uzbekistan
• Cholpon Aitakhunova, CAY4W network, and RCOY-CA-COY17-COP27 network
• Zhaniya Khaibullina, CAY4W network, and RCOY-CA-COY17-COP27 network

Brief description: The Goal of the side-event is to promote the initiatives of Central Asian youth on climate change and water-related issues, and transition to carbon neutrality at the global, regional and national levels, in accordance with the decisions and results of the 26th Conference of Parties (COP26) of the UNFCCC. A joint Regional Statement of Central Asian Young Leaders on climate change was developed by the CALP alumni members of the CAY4W and RCOY-CA-COY17-COP27 networks, and will be presented during the side-event.

Organizers: Central Asian countries: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan, CAREC, IFAS, youth groups and networks, UN/multilateral agencies

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Side event: Regional climate action transparency cooperation.

Venue: The Tajikistan Pavilion

Speakers:
- Dr. Henning Wuester, Director of the Initiative for Climate Action Transparency (ICAT)
- Raushan Syzdykova, ReCATH Project manager, CAREC (in-person)
- Nailia Timerkhanova, Regional expert on climate change, reporting and transparency, CAREC
- Dr. Olia Glade, Director for Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) Systems, GHGMI
- Dr. Svetlana Mogilyuk, ECOForum Kazakhstan

Moderator: Raushan Syzdikova

Brief description: The side event focuses on addressing capacity gaps at national and regional levels, supporting climate information and stakeholder engagement on adaptation, mitigation, climate cooperation, presenting a climate action transparency implementation plan and key gaps, needs and barriers, disseminating transparency tools and guidance (such as ICAT tools and methodologies) and promoting their use in the CA region.

Organizers: CAREC

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15:30  Side event: Central Asian Experience: Resources Efficiency in Agri-food Production and Processing (REAP).

Venue: The Tajikistan Pavilion

Speakers:

• Markus Moeller, International expert in Sustainable Consumption and Production

• Rajat Batra, Senior Technical Expert STENUM Asia

• Valeriya Orlova, REAP project manager

Brief description: This event will bring together key actors from Tajikistan’s and Uzbekistan’s agri-food production and processing MSMEs namely; Industry associations, Industry cluster representatives, large food producing companies, relevant public and private institutions, financial institutions and MSMEs themselves to discuss SCP and Resource Efficiency initiatives the region.

Organizers: CAREC

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Wednesday, November 16

10:15  Side event: Catalyzing youth action for climate and water.
       Venue: The Water Pavilion

       Speakers:
       • IUCN
       • CGETIG
       • EC IFAS
       • Shahzoda Alikhanova, member of the CALP Alumni network

       Brief description: Session objectives
       • Showcase youth action on climate and water - moving from talk to action (concrete actions to empower young professionals)
       • Intergenerational Individual stories on climate and how forecasting for post-2030 new generation of professionals. Global child manifesto as output.
       • Sharing draft commitments Stockholm as a call for actions. Art education display of Art collection storytelling
       • Central Asia youth: regional representation, storytelling
       • Connection to first session. Importance of Storytelling
       • How can different initiatives continue to collaborate post COP27? – Reflection Workshop leading up to UN Water Conference
       • Engage partner organisations for support, only youth-based event on this day

       Organizers: International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Center of Global Education, Canada (CGETIG), IFAS, CAREC

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