

CONCEPT NOTE

for the High-Level Plenary Session at the sidelines of the 28th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28) «Solidarity and Unity in the face of the triple planetary crisis challenges»

Date: 02/12/2023 (3:00pm – 4:30 pm)

Location: CAREC-Central Asia Pavilion (MA19G3), Blue Zone COP28 UNFCCC, Dubai Expo

1 CONTEXT

The triple planetary crisis, characterized by the loss of biodiversity, pollution from waste, and climate change, undoubtedly presents new challenges and complexities for the entire international community, especially for the countries of Central Asia, which are among the most vulnerable to the effects of climate change.

Over the last 30 years, the temperature has risen by 1.5 degrees, twice the global average rate. The consequences are catastrophic, with expected reductions in water availability per capita by 25 percent and crop yields by 40 percent.

Central Asian states have already taken steps in this direction by joining the PARIS Agreement and committing to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Environmental protection, ecological security, and the rational use of natural resources, as well as combating climate change, are among the priority directions of the state policy of Uzbekistan.

Uzbekistan takes a leading role in addressing the region's environmental issues, actively participating in international initiatives such as the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement. Given the above, the participation of country leaders in the high-level plenary session "Solidarity and Unity in the Face of Triple Planetary Crisis Challenges" at COP28 will demonstrate the countries' commitment to strengthening regional dialogue and knowledge exchange on climate and sustainable development issues. It will reflect the region's solidarity in combating climate change and readiness to jointly face future challenges.

2 OBJECTIVES

1) Strengthen the voice of Central Asia on UN international platforms concerning ecology and climate change.

2) Mobilize support for the President's initiative to adopt the UN General Assembly Resolution "Central Asia in the Face of Global Climate Threats: Solidarity for Common Prosperity."

3) Increase interest in the upcoming forum in Samarkand among the international community.

3 EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Consolidation of regional and global efforts to develop joint measures to combat climate change, adaptation, and mitigation of its effects.

Enhancement of regional dialogue on climate and sustainable development through information and knowledge exchange.

4 EVENT ORGANIZERS

Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan