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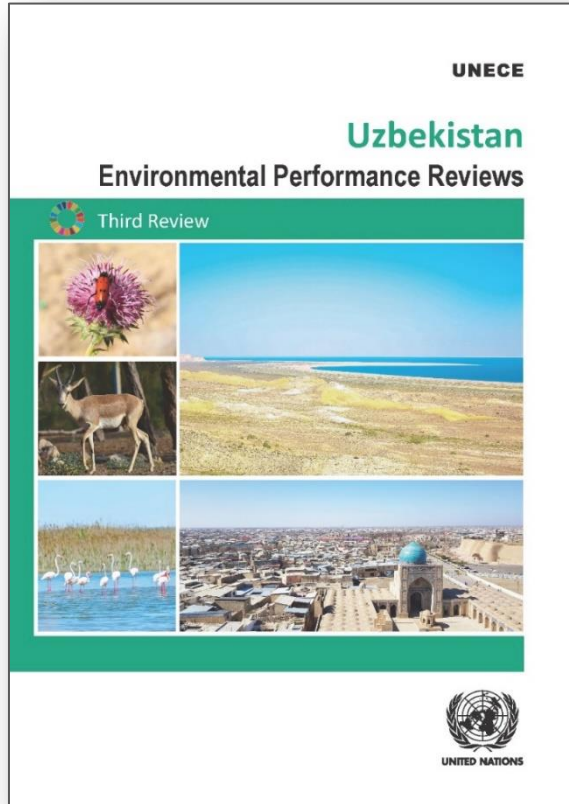
THIRD ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF UZBEKISTAN

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ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW (EPR)



EPR – is an assessment of the progress a country has made in meeting its environmental commitments

EPR objective – provide **independent** assessments of countries' progress towards their environmental policy objectives. Reviews promote peer learning, enhance government accountability, and provide targeted recommendations aimed at improving environmental performance, individually and collectively.

Moreover, EPRs assess the progress made by governments in meeting international commitments on environment and sustainable development, such as the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.



International Expert Group
February 2019



International Expert Group
November 2019



H.E. Ms Olga Algayerova, Introducing
of EPR review October 2020



Tashkent, July 2021

THIRD EPR OF REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

2018 September

Initial preparation

2019 February-March

International expert review team mission

2019 October-November

Discussion of the draft report joint expert group

2019 November

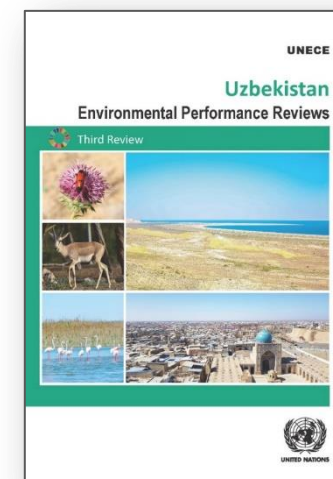
Adoption of the Recommendations in CEP

2020 October

H.E. Ms Olga Algayerova, Presented the third EPR (*online*)

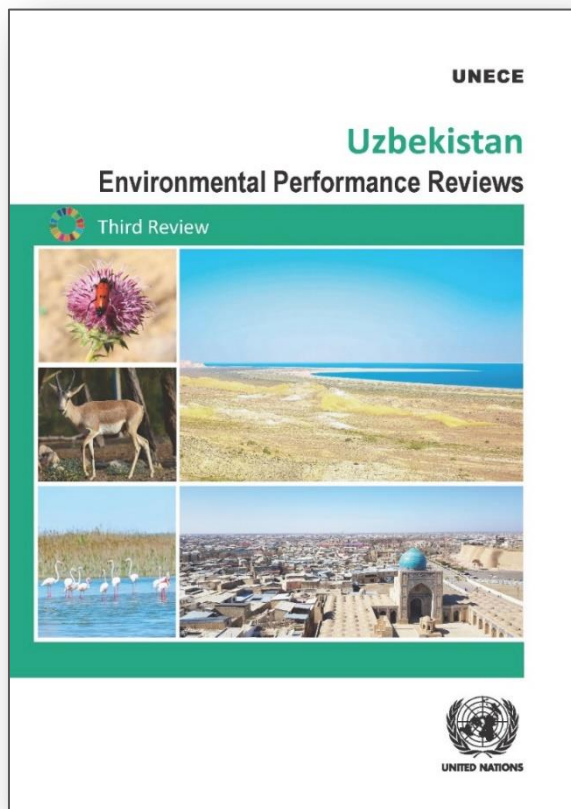
2021 July

Presentation of EPR in Tashkent (*Uzbekistan*)



Third EPR Uzbekistan

THIRD EPR REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN



The EPR covers legal and policy frameworks, investing in environmental protection, introduction of the «green economy», air protection, water management, waste management, biodiversity conservation and climate change adaptation and mitigation measures

The review reflects the efforts of Uzbekistan to integrate environmental aspects into its policies in the energy, transport, forestry, tourism, public health, human settlements development and education policies.

EPR consists of 17 chapters and 539 pages with relevant assessments, findings and conclusion including 99 recommendations.



THIRD EPR: ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENTS IN UZBEKISTAN (2010-2019)



- Large-scale **afforestation** activities in the dried bottom of the **Aral Sea**;
- Efforts to raise the attention of the international community to the **Aral Sea** disaster;
- Conducting engineering works aimed at restoration of aquatic and **wetland ecosystems** in the Amu Darya River delta;
- Reforms of municipal **waste management**;
- **Investments** to expand **water** supply and **sanitation** and sewerage systems;
- Launch of incentive schemes for farmers to apply **water-saving** technologies;
- Investments in **electrification** of railways and acquisition of new rolling stock;
- Implementation of enterprise-specific targets to **reduce energy consumption**;
- Introduction of **energy-efficient** measures in the residential and public sectors;
- Adherence to the **SDG's** through the adoption of national goals and targets.

THIRD EPR: TOP 10 PRIORITIES FOR UZBEKISTAN (NEXT 5-10 YEARS)



- Ensuring public awareness and **enable meaningful public participation** in environmental matters;
- Join **global** and regional **MEAs** that the country is not party;
- Improve **environmental assessment** by reforming EIA/SEE and introducing SEA;
- Automate **environmental monitoring** (PM₁₀ и PM_{2.5});
- Expand **PA's** and ensure the ecological connectivity **of the PA's**;
- Increase efforts to address **water losses** in agriculture;
- Take measures to decrease the carbon and **energy intensity of the economy** and introduce support measures for **RES**, in particular, **solar energy**;
- Improve management of **wastewater** from industrial enterprises and develop **sanitary landfills**;
- Rehabilitate **uranium legacy** sites and eliminate risks from obsolete pesticides and other **POPs**;
- Reduce the environment and **climate change** related health risks and hazards and improve **road safety**.

LEGAL POLICY DOCUMENTS IN ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION:



- **Concept of Environmental Protection** of the Republic of Uzbekistan **up to 2030**;
- **Strategy on Solid Waste Management** in the Republic of Uzbekistan for the period **2019-2028**;
- **Strategy** and Action Plan for the **Conservation of Biodiversity** in the Republic of Uzbekistan for the period **2019-2028**;
- Governmental Decree on measures to improve system of **Protected areas (PA)** in the Republic of Uzbekistan, and "Road Map" to improve the public administration of the **PA** for the period **2019-2022**;
- Government Resolution on **improving** the system of **environmental monitoring** in the Republic of Uzbekistan.



An aerial photograph of a mountain valley. In the foreground, a town with red-roofed houses and green trees is visible. A large, turquoise lake with a sandy beach area is in the middle ground. The background features steep, green mountains with snow-capped peaks under a cloudy sky. A semi-transparent blue box with the text "THANK YOU!" is overlaid on the upper part of the image.

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