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Inception workshop and training on the National State of the Environment Report (NSoER) development in Uzbekistan

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4 Ne'mat Street, Tashkent 100160*

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, Uzbek and Russian languages

The Ministry of Natural Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan (formerly State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Ecology and Environment Protection (SCEEP)), in collaboration with UNECE and UNEP, is developing a methodology for a National State of the Environment Report (NSoER) and is strengthening national capacities for its regular production, based on international guidelines and good practices

The Ministry of Natural Resources is tasked with publishing an annual NSoER. As per the findings from the 3rd UNECE Environmental Performance Review (EPR) of Uzbekistan, published in October 2020, the last edition of Uzbekistan's NSoER was published in 2013, covering the period 2008-2011.

Beyond providing data on the environment, the new edition of the NSoER for Uzbekistan aims to improve public accessibility of environmental data and raise awareness about the state of the environment in the country. By making the data on the environment available, the NSoER will also foster public participation in environmental decision-making and set up the practice of regular reporting on the status of the environment in the future. The development of the NSoER will be supported by UNECE, UNEP, FAO and UNDP.

The new NSoER aims to:

1. encourage public and experts' participation and contributions;
2. provide high-quality assessment of the state of and impact trends for the environment; and
3. instigate environmental decision-making by demonstrating the contributions of current policy efforts, gaps and potential solutions to address environmental challenges and related impacts on human well-being.

It is expected as well that once finalized, the new NSoER and the updated environmental data and information therein will be useful references to inform national planning and investment processes promoted by the Government and by development partners (including the UN System) in Uzbekistan.

This workshop, which is organized by the Ministry of Natural Resources with the support of UNECE, UNEP and FAO aims to discuss key foci, types of development challenges, data sources and potential key messages of the NSoER for Uzbekistan.



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Provisional agenda:

Timing	Agenda Item
09:30 - 10:00	Registration
10:00 - 10:20	<p>Welcoming remarks and Introductions <i>Moderated by Sherzod Umarov, FAO Assistant Representative in Uzbekistan</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>H.E. Mr. Aziz Abdukhakimov, Minister of Natural Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan</i> - <i>Ms. Consuelo Vidal-Bruce, UN RC in Uzbekistan (video message)</i> - <i>Introduction to the workshop and training on the National State of the Environment Report (NSoER) for Uzbekistan, Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, Regional Adviser, UNECE</i>
10:20 - 11:10	<p>Approach to the National State of the Environment Report (NSoER) <i>Introductory remarks by Aidai Kurmanova, Head of UNEP Central Asia office</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Introduction on benefits of NSoERs and overview on global and regional processes needing state of the environment reports, Katherine Hall, UNEP</i> - <i>Introduction of the Driver-Pressure-State-Impact-Response (DPSIR) approach with examples, Livia Bizikova, International consultant, International Institute for Sustainable Development</i> - <i>Demonstrating the benefits of DPSIR for integrated, cross-sectorial policymaking</i> - <i>Interactive activity on DPSIR matrix (exercice for participants)</i> <p>Questions and answer session</p>
11:10 - 11:30	Coffee and tea break
11:30 - 12:00	<p>International experience and practice of developing NSoERs Experiences from Kazakhstan and Slovakia <i>Dorota Hericova, Slovak Environment Agency, Slovakia (online presentation)</i> <i>Altyn Balabayeva, Irina Kolchina, Kazakhstan (online presentation)</i></p> <p>Questions and answer session</p>
12:00 - 12:15	<p>Baseline Study of the Disaster Risk Reduction System in Agriculture of Uzbekistan <i>Aziz Nurbekov, National Project Coordinator, FAO Uzbekistan</i></p> <p>Questions and answer session</p>
12:15 - 13:00	<p>Presentations by national experts on the current situation and trends <i>Moderated by Jusipbek Kazbekov, Ministry of Natural Resources</i></p> <p>State and trends of the environment in Uzbekistan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Condition and quality of atmospheric air</u> <i>Azizjon Kalimbetov, Ministry of Natural Resources</i> - <u>Water and land management</u> <i>Abdumajid Xolmurodov, Ministry of Natural Resources and Rasulov Bakhodir, Ministry of Water Resources</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Biodiversity and protected areas</u> <i>Halilulla Sherimbetov, Ministry of Natural Resources</i> - <u>Waste management</u> <i>Jamshid Ishchanov, Ministry of Natural Resources</i> <p>Questions and answer session</p>
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:20	Presentations by national experts on the current situation and trends <i>Moderated by Khaniya Asilbekova, Ministry of Natural Resources</i>
14:00 – 14:20	Economic and industrial development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>The economic growth and its environmental impact</u> <i>Shukhrat Sultanmuratov, Ministry of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction</i> - <u>Production, energy consumption and energy efficiency. Renewable energy sources</u> <i>Representative of the Ministry of Energy</i> <p>Questions and answer session</p>
14:20 - 14:35	Agriculture – development trends <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Major changes in the sector, use of agro preparation and their impacts on the environment, water and land use in agriculture and other environmental impacts</u> <i>Oybek Soatov, Ministry of Agriculture</i> <p>Questions and answer session</p>
14:35 - 14:50	Health and well-being of the population <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Food security and nutrition, diseases prevalence, specific disease occurrence, specific disease occurrence related to water, air pollution and quality</u> <i>Tatyana Li, Ministry of Health</i> <p>Questions and answer session</p>
14:50 - 14:55	Introduction to the group work
14:55 - 15:20	Group work Groups: i) Water, ii) Air, iii) Land and Biodiversity and iv) Human health Discuss and identify key drivers and pressures on the specific environmental components and possible responses <i>Moderated by:</i> <i>Ministry of Natural Resources, tbc: Group on Water</i> <i>Aidai Kurmanova and Katherine Hall, UNEP: Group on Air</i> <i>FAO: Group on Land and Biodiversity</i> <i>Ministry of Health: Group on Human Health</i>
15:20 - 15:50	Coffee and tea break
15:50 - 16:30	Presentations of the results of work in groups
16:30 - 16.45	Next Steps and Closing Remarks Remarks by UN and representatives of the Ministry of Natural Resources

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