

An aerial photograph of a large, turquoise-colored reservoir or lake nestled in a rugged, mountainous landscape. The water is exceptionally clear, showing the rocky bottom. The surrounding terrain is a mix of green grass and brown, rocky slopes. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

# OECD activities in Kazakhstan and Energy, Water and Land-use Nexus in Central Asia

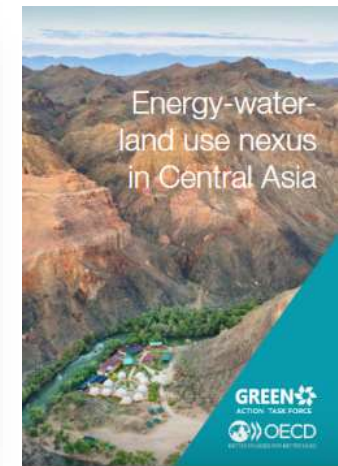
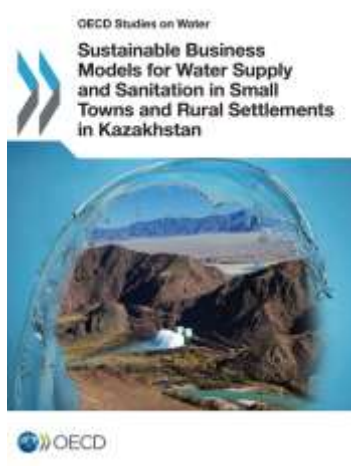
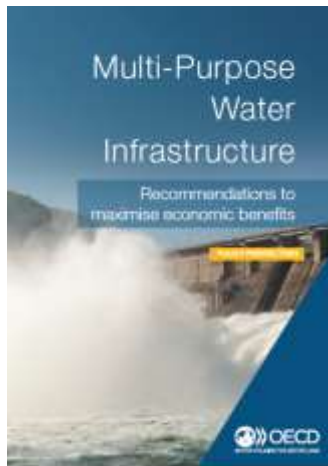
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# OECD activities in Central Asia and with the NPD

- Working in Central Asia for over 20 years on environment and water management
- Work steered through GREEN Action Task Force
- Focus on economic and financial aspects of water management
- Policy coherence including water and linkages to energy and agriculture
- Facilitation of multi-stakeholder dialogues on water
- Capacity building
- Studies, publications, practical policy recommendations



# Overview

## Energy, Water and Land-use Nexus in Central Asia (2023-2028)



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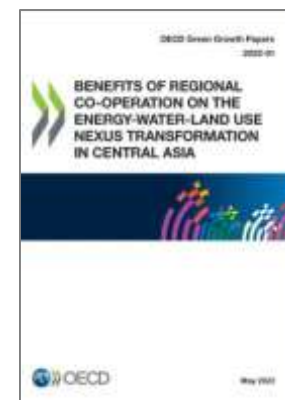
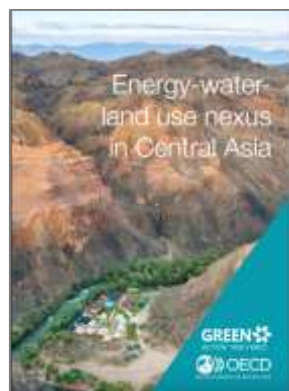


- Other development co-operation partners
- Private sector
- Academia
- Civil society organisations

# Calls for action

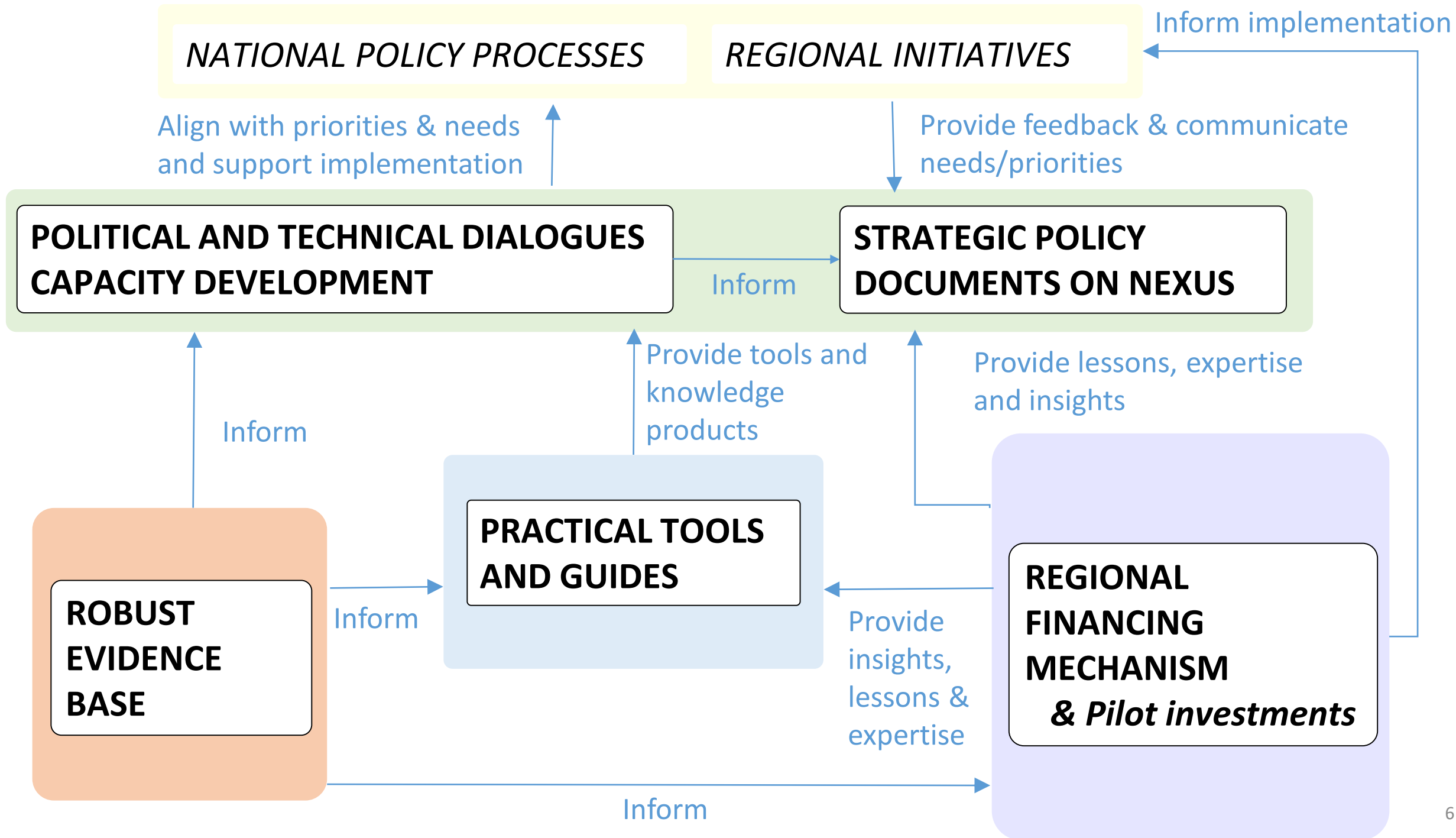
from country/regional consultations and preparatory analysis (June 2021 – June 2022)

- Need to **see why cooperation is important** and to **understand the “business case” for cooperation** across sectors and between countries.
- Call for **compelling evidence base** to secure political support and inform decision-making to better mainstream the Nexus approach.
- Demand for **more pilot projects** to demonstrate the benefits of cooperation on the Nexus.
- Need to **combine all this with targeted capacity development and political dialogue** to drive the progress.



# Overall objectives

1. **Mainstream** the nexus principles into development planning
2. Expand **evidence base** on benefits of cross-sectoral cooperation between energy, water and land use (or “Nexus”)
3. Design a **financing mechanism** to promote Nexus investments
4. Develop **practical tools and instruments** to support decision makers for enhanced cross-sectoral and transboundary cooperation
5. Organise **regional political and technical dialogue** and facilitate **capacity development**



# LINKING TO KAZAKHSTAN'S POLICY PROCESSES

## *(Selected examples)*

Concept on Transition to Green Economy until 2050.

The long-term Strategy of Kazakhstan 2050 (+Action Plan)

Integration of the Nexus considerations into Kazakhstan's policy reforms towards decarbonisation and climate resilience, and related infrastructure development

Environmental Code (last updated in 2021)

Apply Nexus approach to help mainstream climate adaptation into public administration and investment programmes in Kazakhstan

Thematic legislations: e.g. Law on Renewable Energy, the Law on Energy Savings and Energy Efficiency, etc.

Promotion of renewable energy and energy efficiency with cross-sectoral benefits (water, land-use, food security, ecosystem conservation, etc.)

Regional initiatives

Aligning the project activities with Aral Sea Basin Programme 4; the 2021 Joint Statement of the Consultative meeting of the Heads of States of Central Asia; Regional Adaptation Plan, etc

# THANK YOU

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