

EU – Central Asia Strategy for a New Partnership Platform for Environment and Water Cooperation



Sixth EU-Central Asia High Level Conference on Environment and Water Cooperation

Tashkent, Uzbekistan, 24 – 25 January 2019

DRAFT AGENDA

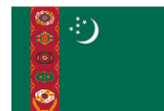
The Conference will take place at Hyatt Hotel (1A Navoi St, Tashkent 100017, Uzbekistan) on 24-25 January 2019.

For questions related to the Draft Agenda, please contact Ms Renata WRÓBEL of the European External Action Service (renata.wrobel@eeas.europa.eu) or Mr Massimo COZZONE of the Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea (cozzone.massimo@minambiente.it).

Objectives of the High-Level Conference:

- ⇒ To present the results of the activities of the EU-CA Platform for Environment and Water Cooperation since 2015;
- ⇒ To adopt new Terms of Reference of the Working Group on Environment and Climate Change (WGECC) to introduce the following main changes:
 - 1) to extend its mandate to include water quality issues,
 - 2) to have WGECC co-chaired by EU, Italy (as leading country) and CA countries, and
 - 3) to establish the Steering Committee to ensure continuity of work between the meetings of WGECC
- ⇒ To agree on a reference framework to guide policy dialogues and identify priority areas for further EU-CA cooperation under the Platform, including the promotion of green investments;
- ⇒ To approve the 2019-2021 Action Plan for the Platform and WGECC.

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Thursday, 24 January 2019

SENIOR OFFICIALS' SEGMENT

Co-chairs: EU representative;

Mr Massimo Cozzone, Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea

11:00 – 11:05 **Opening remarks**

11:05 – 12:15 Discussion on priority areas for further EU-CA cooperation in the framework of the EU-CA Platform for Environment and Water Cooperation;

12:15 – 13:30 **Lunch**

HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT

Co-chaired by: Mr Peter Burian, EU Special Representative for Central Asia;

Mr Manlio Di Stefano, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy; and **[name]**, [position], Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan.

13:30 – 14:00 **Opening of High-Level Segment**

Chair: [name], [position], Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan

Welcome remarks:

Mr [name], [position], Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan

Mr Manlio Di Stefano, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy

Mr Peter Burian, EU Special Representative for Central Asia

Ms Astrid Schomaker, Director for Global Sustainable Development, DG ENV

14:00 – 15:45 **Session 1: Environment, water and climate change**

Chair: Mr Peter Burian, EU Special Representative for Central Asia

In this session the delegates will present their developments and results since last High-Level Conference in 2015 and discuss the results of the activities of the EU-CA Platform for Environment and Water Cooperation since 2015.

Interventions by:

Ms Astrid Schomaker, Director for Global Sustainable Development, DG ENV

Mr Niels Schuster, Policy Officer, DG CLIMA

Heads of Delegations of CA countries

Heads of Delegations of the EU countries, IFIs, international organisations

Guiding question: What are the main actions undertaken, and the challenges faced, by countries in implementing the Joint Communiqué adopted at the High-Level Conference on Environment in Water in 2015.

Discussion

15:45 – 16:15 **Coffee break and group photo**

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16:15 – 17:00 Session 2: Adoption and endorsement of the documents

Chair: Mr Manlio Di Stefano, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy.

In this session the delegates will:

- Present and adopt the new ToR of the Working Group on Environment and Climate Change (WGECC)
- Endorse the Conclusions of the meeting

17:00 – 17:15 Closing remarks of the High-Level Segment

Mr [name], [position], Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan

Mr Manlio Di Stefano, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy

Mr Peter Burian, EU Special Representative for Central Asia

19:00 Dinner

Friday, 25 January 2019

SENIOR OFFICIALS' SEGMENT

9:00 – 11:00 Session 3: further development of the EU-CA Platform for Environment and Water Cooperation

Co-chairs:

Mr Luca Perez, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Environment, European Commission

Mr Massimo Cozzone, Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea

In this session the delegates will:

- identify ways to promote investments in infrastructure to mitigate climate change and reduce pollution
- Identify ways to promote green and circular economy

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00 Session 4: planning of action

Chair: Mr Johannes Stenbaek Madsen, Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation to Kazakhstan

In this session the delegates will:

- agree on the Rules of Procedure for the Steering Committee;
- discuss and agree on the objectives of the next WGECC meeting;
- discuss and agree on the elements of the Action Plan for WGECC for 2019-2021.

13:00 – 13:30 Summary by the Co-Chairs and closing remarks of the Conference