



**Needs-based Climate Finance (NBF) Project in Central Asia and South Caucasus**

**Pre-Validation Workshop  
Virtual**

25 May 2021

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

**11:00 - 14:00 CEST**  
**(13:00 - 16:00 Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia)**  
**(14:00 - 17:00 Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan)**  
**(15:00 - 18:00 Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan)**

Moderator: Mr. Bjorn Fonden, UNFCCC Secretariat

Time	Description	Speakers and facilitators
11:00 – 11:15	<b>Opening session</b> Welcoming the participants and introduction of the pre-validation workshop outlining its focus	Aneta Slaveykova Nikolova, Environmental Affairs Officer, Environment and Development Division, UNESCAP  <i>Tour de table</i>



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11:15 – 11:35	<p><b>Session 1: Technical assessment of Climate Finance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of the key outcomes of the technical assessment undertaken, including climate finance flows and regional needs and priorities.</li></ul>	George Anjaparidze, Consultant UNFCCC secretariat
11:35 – 12:30	<p><b>Session 2: Country feedback on the technical assessment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Each country will be invited to provide feedback, make suggestions based on their review of the draft technical assessment, and highlight key insights.</li><li>• Guiding questions:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Does the technical assessment reflect the regional/national context sufficiently, is there anything missing, incorrect or that needs adjustment?</li><li>2. Does the technical assessment reflect the main climate finance/technological and capacity building priority needs (regional/national)? If not, which priorities are missing?</li><li>3. Are the climate finance flows correctly reflected or are there major or significant differences to your national data? Please provide relevant information/data.</li><li>4. Do the challenges and barriers discussed in the technical assessment cover the main challenges you have been facing in mobilizing and accessing climate finance? Are there further issues you encounter?</li></ol></li></ul>	George Anjaparidze, Consultant UNFCCC secretariat  <b><i>Open discussion</i></b>
12:30 – 12:40	Coffee break	



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12:40 – 12:50	<p><b>Session 3: Climate Finance Mobilization and Access Strategy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction of the approach, elements and development process of the regional climate finance mobilization and access strategy</li></ul>	Jens Radschinski, Programme Officer UNFCCC secretariat
12:50 – 13:45	<p><b>Session 4: Country input for strategy development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Each country will be invited to provide suggestions for strategic approach to promote climate finance mobilization and access on the regional level as well as other key points to highlight to develop the strategy.</li><li>• Guiding questions:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Given the determined barriers to accessing climate finance, what areas of capacity-building should be of focus with the climate finance strategy?</li><li>2. Which strategic elements (financial instruments, institutional arrangements, policies, best practices, etc.) would you recommend being included in the strategy chapter?</li><li>3. What do you envision is needed for the coordination and implementation of a regional climate finance strategy?</li><li>4. Which regional actors should be included in the strategy?</li><li>5. Are there specific considerations for the implementation modalities?</li><li>6. How should a pipeline of priority climate projects/investments/transactions/facilities/initiatives be developed and how it could further be promoted?</li><li>7. Do you have any further feedback to the technical assessment or process for the design and development of the climate finance strategy for the region?</li></ol></li></ul>	Jens Radschinski, Programme Officer UNFCCC secretariat  <i>Open discussion</i>



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13:45 – 14:00	<b>Summary, next steps and closing remarks</b> Summary of discussions, proposed way forward and closing.	Yolando Velasco, Manager UNFCCC secretariat

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