



Central Asian Interstate Commission on Sustainable Development

Name of the Partnership/Initiative

“Central Asian Initiative on preparation and implementation “Sub-regional Agenda 21” as a model for subregions”

Expected date of initiation: 2002-2003

Expected date of completion: 2012

Partners Involved:

Governments: the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan

Intergovernmental organizations: The Central Asian Interstate Commission on Sustainable Development, the Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia, UN ECE, OSCE, UNCSD, UNDP, UNEP, others organizations

Major groups: governmental agencies, private sector, science, non-governmental and local organizations

Other: trade unions, women’s organizations, academy

Leading Partner:

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Main objectives of the Partnership/Initiative

To address priority environmental, social and economic problems in the sub-region through establishing partner relations between governments and sectors in the process of development and implementation of the Central Asian Sustainable Development Strategy and Convention.

Please also provide a brief description of the relationship of the Partnership/Initiative with the objectives of Agenda 21 as well as relevant goals and objectives of the United Nation Millennium Declaration:

The major objectives of the Central Asian Initiative are focused on addressing the problems of poverty, ecosystem degradation, other issues of Agenda 21 and Millenium Declaration.

Expected results:

To facilitate resolution of environmental, economic and social problems, including transboundary issues, through joint activities aimed at situation analysis, prioritizing, sub-regional projects and programs, institutional capacity building and training programs.

Specific targets of the Partnership/Initiative and timeframe for their achievement:

1. Situation analysis and setting priorities for sub-regional development – 2003
2. Program and project development, resource mobilization – 2004
3. Development of legal and institutional framework, ratification of the sub-regional convention 2004-2005
4. Strategy implementation – 2004-2012

Coordination and Implementation mechanism

Please provide a brief description of expected coordination/implementation mechanism of the Partnership/Initiative.

The existing coordination mechanism will be strengthened through more specific authorities of all major sub-regional organizations. The ICSD will perform coordinating and political functions in the process. The CAREC jointly with the ICSD SIC will provide expert and technical support for the project, ensure extensive stakeholder involvement in the process.

Arrangements for funding

Please describe available and/or expected sources of funding for the implementation of the Partnership/Initiative (e.g. donor government(s); international organization(s)/financial institution(s); foundation(s); private sector; other major groups, etc.)

The CA Governments will initially contribute to the process, providing technical and institutional support for the process. Private sector, international organizations (UNECE, UNDP, OSCE, WB, UNEP, ADB, USAID, JICA) and other donor organizations will also participate in the process. The CAREC will provide its financial contribution to support the process.

Arrangements for capacity building and technology transfer

Please include information if the Partnership/Initiative provides for training, informational support, institutional strengthening and/or other capacity building measures:

The initiative is expected to organize training seminars, workshops, to disseminate information on its current activities, to enhance the sustainable development expert network, to establish an accessible database.

Links of Partnership/Initiative with on-going sustainable development activities at the international and/or regional level (if any)

It is linked to the ICSD work plan, CAREC's program, the Program "Environment for Europe",

SPECA Project, REAP (UNEP, UNDP, ADB), GEF Aral Sea Project and GEF/UNDP/TACIS Caspian Sea project.

Monitoring Arrangements

Please describe expected arrangements for monitoring of progress in the implementation of Partnerships/Initiative after it will be launched at the WSSD:

(e.g. frequency/modalities of preparation of progress reports; electronic updates, news-letters, etc)

The initiative is expected to develop process indicators, to hold regular meetings on progress updates, to publish quarterly bulletins, annual reports, weekly electronic information briefs, web site development.

Other relevant information:

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