



## Expert Group Meeting

### **Sustainable and clean energy in North and Central Asia**

9-10 June 2021 | Virtual meeting: Kudo<sup>1</sup>

## **CONCEPT NOTE**

### **Context**

North and Central Asia<sup>2</sup> countries are rich with energy sources. In the years after independence, the expansion of conventional energy sources and the initiation of market reforms allowed countries in the subregion to establish a stable energy supply and benefit from energy trade. However, challenges remain in terms of energy efficiency, energy security and diversification. In the recent decade, energy transition plans have been set in the national strategies of North and Central Asia countries. Sustainable and clean energy development is imperative in these plans.

The expert group meeting on “sustainable and clean energy in North and Central Asia” will review and discuss the initial findings of a working paper of the same title. The working paper examines the key determinants of clean energy in North and Central Asia and analyzes the relationship between clean energy and the Sustainable Development Goals. Based on the results and findings, the paper provides policy recommendations for sustainable energy transformation tailored to the subregion.

### **Objectives and expected outcomes**

The expert group meeting gathers experts and relevant stakeholders on the discussion topic and is expected to:

- evaluate the underlying conceptual framework proposed on sustainable and clean energy as a driver for achieving the 2030 Agenda;
- provide expert opinion on the determinants and interlinkages of sustainable and clean energy in North and Central Asia; and
- discuss emerging issues and policy considerations for the achievement of sustainable and clean energy in North and Central Asia.

Results of the expert group discussion is expected to feed into the working paper on sustainable and clean energy in North and Central Asia.

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<sup>1</sup> Kudo is an online platform for e-conference with remote simultaneous interpretation function. Customized links will be provided to each participant to join the virtual meeting.

<sup>2</sup> Countries in North and Central Asia are Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Russian Federation, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.



## **Participants**

The expert group meeting will gather representatives of governments and relevant experts working to promote and implement sustainable and clean energy policies and initiatives in North and Central Asia countries. Participation will be by invitation only.

## **Programme overview**

### 9 June 2021 (Wed)

#### *Morning*

- Opening Session
- Session 1: Synergies and trade-offs of sustainable and clean energy

#### *Afternoon*

- Session 2: Sustainable and clean energy as a driver for the 2030 Agenda

### 10 June 2021 (Thur)

#### *Morning*

- Session 3: Emerging issues in the sphere of sustainable and clean energy

#### *Afternoon*

- Session 4: Policy considerations for the achievement of sustainable and clean energy
- Closing Session

## **Further information**

The expert group meeting will take place in virtual modality from 9 to 10 June 2021. It will be conducted in English with simultaneous interpretation in Russian. Detailed information can be found on the [official event page](#).

All questions regarding the expert group meeting can be directed to [escap-sonca@un.org](mailto:escap-sonca@un.org) with copy to [patricia.wong@un.org](mailto:patricia.wong@un.org).