

**POLICY DIALOGUE ON INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING STRATEGIES
FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN NORTH AND CENTRAL ASIA**

Programme

7-8 June, Tbilisi

Venue: Rooms Hotel Tbilisi - Address: M. Kostava Str. 14

	7 June
09:00 – 09:30	<i>Registration Regional Workshop</i>
09:30 – 10:00	<p>Opening – Regional Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. David Jalagania, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Georgia • Opening Remarks by Ms. Tientip Subhanij, Chief, Financing for Development Section, UNESCAP
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:30 – 12:30	<p>Session 1 - Overview of Infrastructure Finance Challenges in the Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the sub-regional study on “Infrastructure Financing Strategies for Sustainable Development in North and Central Asia” by David Lezhava, ESCAP’s Consultant • Presentation of the Asia-Pacific Countries with Special Needs Development Report 2017, Shuvojit Banerjee, Economic Affairs Officer, Financing for Development Section, UNESCAP • Ms. Tea Melikadze, Principal Banker, Municipal and Environmental Infrastructure, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development <p>Breakout Session</p>
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 15:00	<p>Session 2 - Infrastructure Financing Strategy: Mobilizing domestic resources through tax reforms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Tax Issues in Asia and the Pacific - Shuvojit Banerjee, Economic Affairs Officer, Financing for Development Section, UNESCAP • Mr. Nikoloz Gagua, Deputy Minister of Finance, Georgia • Mr. Dilshod Muslimov, Head economist of the Main Department for Foreign Activities, Ministry of Finance, Uzbekistan • Ms. Assel Ismailova, Head of Division, Ministry of Finance, Kazakhstan, <p>Breakout Session</p>
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>

15:30 –16:30	<p>Session 3 - Improving public expenditure efficiency for infrastructure development (including gender mainstreaming)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathieu Verougstraete, Economic Affairs Officer, Financing for Development Section, UNESCAP • Ms. Ekaterine Guntsadze, Head of Budget Department, Ministry of Finance, Georgia • Mr. Dauren Kengbeil, Deputy Director - Department of State Borrowing - Ministry of Finance, Kazakhstan • Mr. Eynulla Lazimov, Head of Division, Infrastructure Public Investment Projects, Ministry of Economy, Republic of Azerbaijan • Mr. Mirlan Musaev, Head of Department of Incentive Grants, Ministry of Finance, Kyrgyzstan <p>Open discussion</p>
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8 June	
09:00 – 10:30	<p>Session 4 - Partnering with the Private Sector through PPP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathieu Verougstraete, Economic Affairs Officer, Financing for Development Section, UNESCAP • Mr. Usmandoza, Director of the PIU PPP CENTER, State, Committee on Investment and State Property Management, Tajikistan
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:00 –12:30	<p>Breakout Session</p> <p>Session 5 – Leveraging ODA for infrastructure development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shuvojit Banerjee, Economic Affairs Officer, Financing for Development Section, UNESCAP • Ms. Anna Sahakyan, Acting Head, Multilateral Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Armenia • Ms. Olga Vorontsova, Attache’, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Russian Federation • Mr. Bekzhan Askarov, Principal Specialist of Program Aid and Technical Assistance Division, Ministry of Finance, Kyrgyzstan <p>Open discussion</p>
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch / Evaluation</i>

13:30 –15:30	<p>Session 6 – Developing regional infrastructure networks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPP for Regional Infrastructure Network Developments – Mathieu Verougstraete, Economic Affairs Officer, Financing for Development Section, UNESCAP • Mr. Elshan Aliyev, Senior Adviser, Financing of Infrastructure Project Department, Ministry of Finance, Azerbaijan • Mr. Giorgi Tsagareli, Director of the Eurasia Transport Corridor Investment Center • Mr. Evgeny Gnilomedov, Director, Independent Research Centre "Perspective analysis and strategic researches" <p>Breakout Session</p>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break / Evaluation
16:00 – 17:00	<p>Session 7 - Tapping financial markets & institutional investors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutional Investors and Infrastructure Financing - Ms. Tientip Subhanij, Chief, Financing for Development Section, UNESCAP • Mr. Archil Mestvirishvili, Vice-Governor National Bank, Georgia • Mr. George Paresishvili , Head of Georgian Stock Exchange, Georgia <p>Open discussion</p> <p>Conclusion and recommendations</p>