

## **UNECE TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT**

### **BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF SPECA COUNTRIES TO ADOPT AND APPLY INNOVATIVE GREEN TECHNOLOGIES FOR CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION**

Project title:	Building the capacity of SPECA countries to adopt and apply innovative green technologies for climate change adaptation
Lead Agency:	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
Implementing partners:	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Funding sought:	US\$ 548,000 from United Nations Development Account
Duration:	Twenty two months (2012-2013)

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The project aims to build capacity of the 6 member countries (Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) of the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA) to adopt and apply innovative green technologies for climate change adaptation and sustainable knowledge-driven growth. Specifically, the proposed project aims to strengthen national policymakers' capacity to design effective innovation policy for green technology take-up and diffusion that mainstream climate change considerations into the policy mix; and to understand the different financial mechanisms to facilitate the adoption of such technologies.

The increased application of green technologies is an essential part of the Central Asian climate action. To succeed, the right enabling conditions to support the take-up and diffusion of green technologies need to be in place. Regional cooperation also can play an essential part in this process.

At the regional level, the project aims to improve exchange of national experiences and best practices on enhancing their climate change adaptation potential and to strengthen regional dialogue and networking on related issues.

The activities to be carried out include:

- A.1. Preparation of assessments of the region's innovation policies and financing options for take-up and diffusion of green technologies.
- A.2. Preparation of training materials based on the assessments under A.1.
- A.3. Organization of national seminars (one per two countries).
- A.4. Organization of national stakeholder meetings (one per two countries).

- A.5. Creation of a project webpage on the UNECE Economic Cooperation and Integration Division's website (which contains information on innovation, financing innovative development and Public-Private Partnerships) for sustainability:

Creation of the project websites for knowledge-sharing and continuous learning.

- A.6. Organization of a regional meeting.

Project implementation will be led by UNECE, in collaboration with ESCAP and UNDP within the framework of SPECA. The project will actively seek cooperation from other organizations working in the field such as the World Bank, Asian Development Bank and United States Agency for International Development, among others.