



## International Conference on the Natural Capital for the Transition to a Green Economy 30.06.- 01.07.2016 Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

**Venue: Jannat Resort, Koy-Tash**

### Background

The economies of the Central Asian countries strongly depend on their natural resources. However, until now there has been a lack of consensus about the value of nature and of the services it provides, which hinders their sustainable management. Consequently, already scarce natural resources such as soil, pasture, water, forests and wildlife are placed under considerable strain due to inappropriate exploitation.

However, the governments of the Central Asian countries have realized this threat and are starting to adopt measures to manage their natural capital in a more sustainable way.

Evaluation of natural resources from an economic perspective can help to identify the real value of nature and to make the contribution of natural capital into the economy more evident for the politicians who face difficult choices, during the formulation and implementation of national policies, where it is necessary to take into account the issues of development and the lack of resources. One of the instruments in this context, is Natural Capital Accounting, which helps in assessing the impact of economic growth on the environment and internalization of the impact in decision-making.

### Objectives

The objective of the international conference is to provide a platform for discussion of the very concept of valuation and accounting and to raise awareness among stakeholders for natural capital and its use in the process of formation of a sustainable policy and transition to a green economy.

#### The specific objectives of the conference include:

- To demonstrate the rationale and evidence base of valuation and accounting of natural capital and other economic instruments in the context of Sustainable development and transition to a Green Economy;
- To promote information and lessons learned from various ongoing international and regional initiatives in the field of valuation and accounting of natural capital;
- To contribute to capacity development among decision makers to create new networks for regional cooperation and exchange;
- To get a perception of the existing barriers and available solutions.

### Participation

The conference will gather together around 100 participants – key decision makers from Central Asia, Eastern Europe and Caucasus, representatives from ministries of finance, planning, economy, environment and statistical offices, as well as representatives from science, civil society and international organizations.

## 1st day - Thursday, June 30

Time	Action	Presenter
09:00 - 10:00	<i>Welcome coffee and registration</i>	
10:00 - 10:30	Welcome and introduction Opening speech: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- First Vice Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic</li> <li>- Deputy of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic - Chairman of the Council for Statistics</li> <li>- Head of the Department of Financial and Economic Analysis and Monitoring of the Presidential Office of Kyrgyz Republic</li> <li>- Counselor, Head of German Development Cooperation, German Embassy</li> <li>- Chairman of the National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic</li> </ul>	Muhammetkaliy Abulgaziev Muradyl Mademinov  Aybek Kadiraliev  Petra Hippmann  Akylbek Sultanov
<b>Kyrgyzstan in the process of implementation of the Agenda 2030</b>		
10:30 - 10:50	Kyrgyz Republic and Agenda 2030	Advisor to the Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic Murat Shaiymkulov
10:50 - 11:00	Visual definitions of key terms	Moderators: Murat Shaiymkulov Tobias Garstecki
<b>Case study of the Kyrgyz Republic</b>		
11:00 - 11:20	Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE) in Kyrgyzstan	Ministry of Economy of the Kyrgyz Republic Daniyar Imanaliev
11:20 - 11:30	Visual definitions of key terms	Moderators
11:30 - 11:50	State of the environment and the need for valuation of nature in Kyrgyzstan	State Agency on Environmental Protection and Forestry of the Kyrgyz Republic Abdykalik Rustamov
11:50 - 12:00	Visual definitions of key terms	Moderators
12:00 - 12:20	Natural Capital Accounting: the example of the forest accounts	National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic Kanykey Orozbaeva
12:20 - 12:30	Group picture	Moderators
12:30 - 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>	
14:00 - 14:10	Short video on the value of forests for Kyrgyzstan	
14:10 - 15:20	Panelists reflection on Natural Capital Accounting and Green Economy  Questions and Answers	Nikolay Chuikov, Kyrgyzstan Azamat Dikambaev, Kyrgyzstan Zarylbek Kudabaev, Kyrgyzstan Biymirza Toktoraliev, Kyrgyzstan Amangozel Atayeva, Turkmenistan
15:20 - 15:40	<b>Coffee break</b>	
<b>Economic approaches for the environment</b>		
15:40 - 16:40	Experiences of other countries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Country presentation from Kazakhstan</li> <li>- Country presentation from Tajikistan</li> <li>- Country presentation from Turkmenistan</li> </ul>	Gulmira Beksautova Vladimir Lekarkin Jennet Atayeva
16:40 - 17:00	UNDP-UNEP Poverty-Environment Initiative (PEI) and UNDP Biodiversity Financing Initiative (BIOFIN) in the Kyrgyz Republic	UNDP, Kyrgyzstan Gulnara Abdykalykova

17:00 - 17:20	Economic valuation of ecosystem services – CAREC experience	CAREC – The Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia Kuban Matraimov
17:20 - 18:00	Summary and discussion	Moderators, Participants
18:00 - 18:10	Wrap up of day 1	Moderators, Participants
18:40	<b>Leave Jannat Resort</b>	
19:00	<b>Cultural show</b>	

## 2<sup>nd</sup> day - Friday, July 1

Time	Action	Presenter
09:00 - 09:20	Recap of day 1	Moderators
<b>Economic approaches and International experiences with Natural Capital Accounting</b>		
09:20 - 09:40	Results of the Economics of Land Degradation Study for Central Asia	American University of Central Asia Rahat Sabyrbekov
09:40 - 10:00	Case study on Experimental Ecosystem Accounting in Kyrgyzstan	National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic Baktygul Ysabekova
10:00 - 10:20	Natural Capital Accounting, the SEEA and the World Bank led WAVES Global Partnership	World Bank Juan Pablo Castaneda
10:20 - 10:40	Natural Capital Accounting - a tool to measure sustainability in Germany	GIZ RioPlus sectoral programme Cécile Bourgin
10:40 - 11:00	Measuring progress of the forest sector towards a green economy - suggestion of indicators	UNECE/FAO Alicja Kacprzak
11:00 - 11:20	<b>Coffee break</b>	
11:20 - 11:40	Country experience SEEA (Australia)	Australian Bureau of Statistics David Bain
11:40 - 12:00	Forest Accounts: Policy applications and basic compilation. Experiences from the WAVES Global Partnership	World Bank Juan Pablo Castaneda
12:00 - 12:20	Summary and discussion	Moderators, Participants
12:20 - 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>Participatory Session on barriers for SEEA implementation</b>		
14:00 - 16:00	Discussion in working groups	Moderators
16:00 - 16:30	<b>Coffee</b>	
16:30 - 18:00	Discussion in working groups	Moderators
	Key messages from working groups	Moderators
18:00 - 18:30	Summary and reflection	Moderators
	<b>Conference closure</b>	