

The Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia

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Regional Environmental Cooperation: a platform for cooperation

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Central Asia's Environmental Challenges



- **Water challenges:** reduction of quality and quantity, growing competition for water resources, degradation of water environment and increasing of frequency of natural disasters of water nature

- **Land degradation:** Desertification, salinization and degradation of quality, soil contamination

- **Biodiversity losses and ecosystems degradation:** reduction of numbers and species, reduced environmental services

- **Degradation of Environment in Cities:** air pollution, waste and industrial pollution

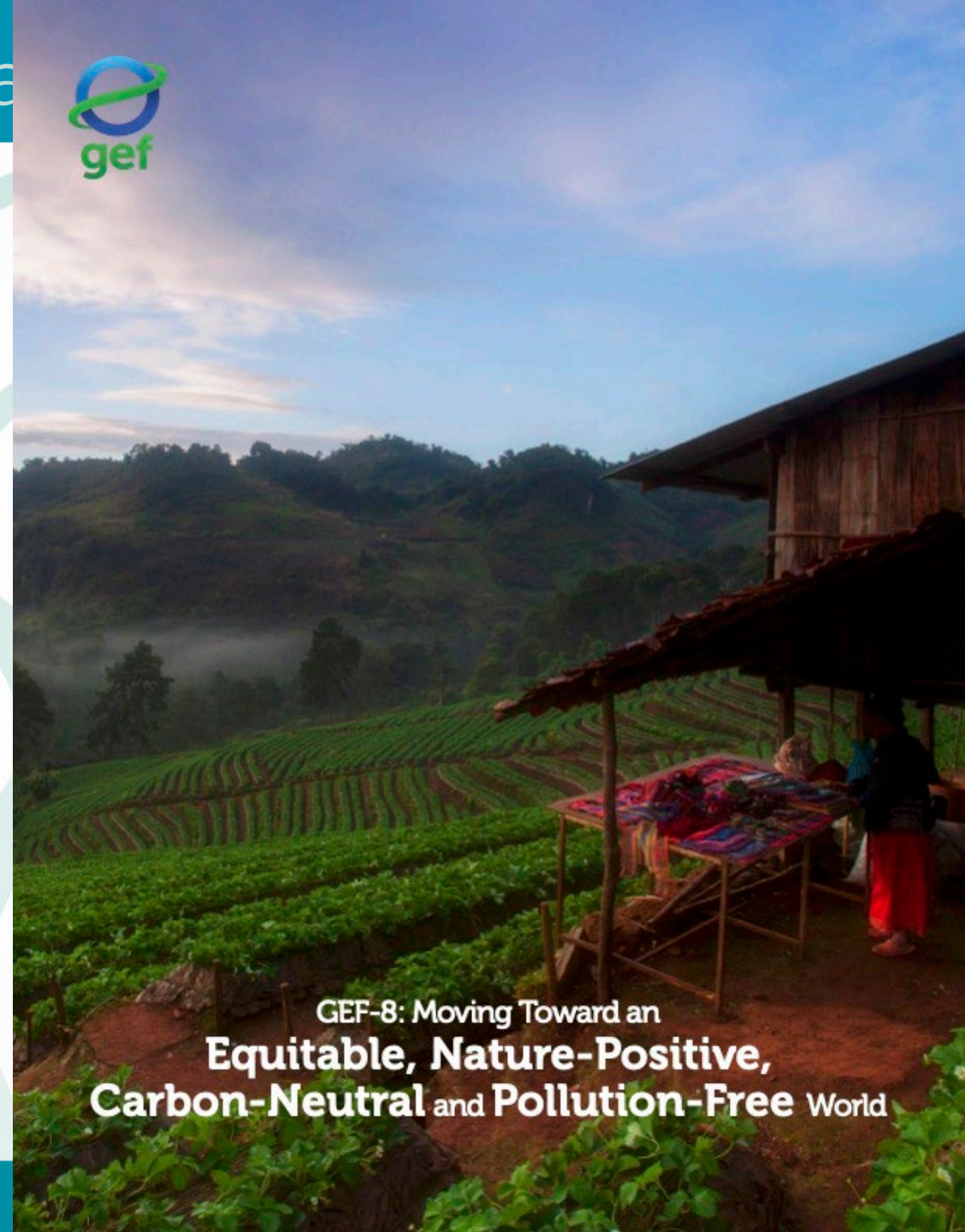
- **Climate change:** higher and longer heat waves, melting of glaciers and increased number of droughts, floods.

Central Asia's Environmental Change



On June 21, 2022, twenty-nine donor governments finalized [\\$5.33 billion in pledges](#) to the Global Environment Facility for the next four years, an increase of more than 30 percent from its last operating period and a surge of support for international efforts to meet nature and climate targets.

The record funding will support large-scale initiatives to address biodiversity and forest loss, improve ocean health, combat pollution, and reduce the effects of climate change within the decade. **It reflects a growing consensus on the need to expand efforts in these areas and to work across borders and sectors.**



GEF-8: Moving Toward an
**Equitable, Nature-Positive,
Carbon-Neutral and Pollution-Free World**

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**22 years of
expertise
for better
environment**

WE ARE

- Independent
- Non-commercial
- Non-political
- International

MISSION

to assist Central Asian countries in addressing national and regional challenges on environmental protection

FOUNDERS

- Kazakhstan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Tajikistan
- Turkmenistan
- Uzbekistan
- European Union
- UNDP



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Knowledge exchange

- RiverBP <https://www.riverbp.net>
- Central Asia Climate Information Platform
<https://centralasiacclimateportal.org>



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ASSISTANCE TO GOVERNMENTS IN RESOLVING ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS

- Assistance in the development of laws, by-laws, National environmental reports



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PROMOTING THE REGIONAL DIALOGUE

- Dialogue platforms: CAIEF, CACCC, CALP, Meetings of representatives of the MFA and Parliamentarians



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SUPPORT IN IMPLEMENTATION OF OBLIGATIONS UNDER CONVENTIONS

- UNFCCC, UNCCD, Ramsar, Espoo Convention, UNECE, SDG achievement

ReCATH in Central Asia (2021-2024)



The project covers five countries of the region:

Kazakhstan
Kyrgyzstan
Tajikistan
Turkmenistan
Uzbekistan

CAREC coordinates and implements the project



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GHGMI provides technical and methodological support of the project



Funded by the Initiative for Climate Action Transparency (ICAT)

CAMP4ASB



Overall objective: to enhance regionally coordinated access to improved climate change knowledge services for key stakeholders as well as to increased investments and capacity building that, combined, will address climate challenges common to the region
Resource partner: the World Bank
Duration: Aug 2016 – Apr 2021
Budget: 15 million USD
Location: Central Asian countries

Smart Waters



Overall objective: to build capacities of managers in Central Asia & Afghanistan who trust each other & are capable of managing shared water resources efficiently to obtain the economic value from water resources over the long term
Resource partner: USAID
Duration: Oct 2015 – Sep 2020
Budget: 9,5 million USD
Location: Central Asian countries and Afghanistan

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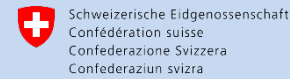
Overall objective: to create a multi-sectoral enabling environment to facilitate sustainable and climate-resilient investments for increased water, energy, and food security in CA
Resource partner: European Union
Duration: Dec 2016 – Dec 2019
Budget: 1.3 million EURO
Location: Central Asian countries

UzWaterAware



Overall objective: to raise awareness of the Uzbekistan population on the importance of rational water use and environmental protection in the face of climate change
Resource partner: European Union
Duration: Sep 2016 – Sep 2018
Budget: 2.2 million EURO
Location: Uzbekistan

Blue Peace



Overall objective: to support the HLDP to strengthen the effective regional water diplomacy in CA and contribute to empowering the next generation
Resource partner: Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC)
Duration: Apr 2018 – Dec 2023
Budget: 800k USD
Location: Central Asian countries

RESILAND +



Overall objective: Program is to increase the resilience of regional landscapes in Central Asia
Resource partner: European Union
Duration: 2022 - 2024
Budget: 45 million USD
Location: Tajikistan, (expected: Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan)

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Thank you!

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