



UNDP and UNEP Side Event

Addressing environment–economic development–poverty reduction in an integrated manner

23 September 2011, 13.00-15.00, **Room B10**, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan

Poverty is a crucial issue also in the Emerging Europe and Central Asia countries. According to the 2010 MDGs Europe and Central Asia report, in 2009, 36 per cent of the population in this region, or about 160 million people, were considered poor or at risk of poverty, living on less than \$5 per day. Ecosystem services and natural resources play crucial roles in promoting poverty reduction and sustainable human development. As illustrated below, linkages between environmental and human development are particularly important in terms of livelihoods, health and vulnerability.

- In Tajikistan for instance, 24% of GDP, 66% of employment, 26% of exports and 39% of tax revenues makes agriculture a major component of the Tajik economy. At the same time, 97% of agricultural land is subject to erosion.
- According to the MDG reports from Azerbaijan, Albania, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Tajikistan, poor households suffer disproportionately from unclean water, lack of sanitation, indoor air pollution, and exposure to toxic chemicals.
- In Kyrgyzstan, more than 90% of the country’s territory is exposed to over 20 hazardous natural events and processes, such as earthquakes, landslides, or mudflows, resulting in deaths, injuries and economic loss.

UNDP and UNEP Poverty and Environment Initiative (PEI) is a joint global programme assisting countries in integrating linkages between economic development, poverty and environment into countries development planning and budgeting frameworks. In the ECIS region PEI works in Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Armenia, via inter alia valuation of ecosystem services, economic analysis of land degradation and land management, integration of poverty–environment nexus into national and local development planning and budgeting, environmental public expenditure review, support to debt for nature swap mechanism.

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Side event agenda

Welcome

- *Kadyrov Bayan Esenovich, Director of the State Agency on Environmental Protection and Forestry of the Kyrgyz Republic*
- *Jens Wandel, Deputy Regional Director & Regional Centre Director, UNDP Regional Centre for Europe and the CIS*

Introduction to the UNDP-UNEP Poverty and Environment Initiative

Henrieta Martonakova, Regional PEI Programme Manager, UNDP; Nara Luvsan, Senior Regional Adviser, UNEP

Poverty and Environment in Tajikistan

3 min video

Tajikistan: Integrating poverty–environment nexus into district development planning and budgeting Results and lessons learned in 14 districts of Sughd region

Dmitriy Prudtskih, PEI national consultant, PO "Youth Group on Protection of Environment" (YGPE)

Household energy and water vulnerability in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan: What have we learned?

Ben Slay, Senior Economist, UNDP Bureau for Europe and the CIS

Poverty and Social Dimensions in a Green Economy

Jan Dusik, Deputy Director, UNEP Regional Centre for Europe

- *English – Russian interpretation will be arranged.*
- *Buffet style lunch and drinks will be provided.*



**We look forward to seeing you
there!**

Further information on the side event can be obtained from:

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