



REGIONAL PROCESS SESSION DESCRIPTION FORM 2.

10TH WORLD WATER FORUM

This Regional Session Description Form 2 is for the specified program of the session. Please complete this form no later than 10th of March 2024.

**The Regional session description 1 (online form) is separately requested for the Regional session coordinators to deliver a concise session outline with the contact info and the logistical requests.*

Regional Session Code and Title:

Session PR7 - Mobilizing Water Finance for Climate Resilience in Central Asia and Caucasus

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Regional Session Description including objectives and expected outcomes (500 words maximum):

The CACENA sub-region geographically should be subdivided into two sub-regions: The Southern Caucasus (three countries), and Central Asia (five countries). The most common challenging issues for the Caucasian sub-region are the low access to proper drinking water supply and sanitation, water ecosystems degradation, floods, and in some zones - water scarcity. For Central Asia, they are increasing water deficit (droughts in irrigated zones) and water ecosystems degradation. Climate change aggravates all these problems.

There is clear understanding that preparation and implementation of effective, targeted and funded projects requires a significant increase in capacity of

experts for project preparation and increased international cooperation with UNFCCC financial institutions.

Thus, CACENA countries are going to use a sub-regional process within the 10th WWF to consult each other and their key development partners to find mutual consensus on how to more effectively mobilize water finance for climate resilience.

The session outcomes should help CACENA countries understand better the amount of their financial needs to achieve climate change mitigation and adaptation goals. Also CACENA countries will receive clear observation of their existing capacity gaps and skills to mobilize and expand needed funds from domestic and international sources to enable countries to fully meet their climate change adaptation commitments.

Solutions and impacts - to raise their climate ambitions and set the stage for successful implementation of NDC targets, CACENA countries must consider certain rules, which are critical to attracting climate finance from a variety of sources and to developing transformational projects that can support reasonable, efficient and effective climate control and adaptation measures against climate change in the region.

The session outcomes would be useful for CACENA countries **to be better prepared for next COP-29 which will be held in November 2024 in Azerbaijan.**

Detailed Regional Session Plan:

ESTIMATED TIMING	ITEM DESCRIPTION / ROLE	SPEAKERS	SPEAKERS STATUS (OK OR TBC)
2,5 min	Opening - session brief description (Moderator)	Session moderator Dr. Vadim Sokolov, Chair of TAC GWP CACENA	OK
5 min	Welcome address 1	Network officer (or high level officer) from GWPO, Stockholm, Sweden	TBC
5 min	Welcome address 2	Mr. George Dzamukashvili, Chair of GWP CACENA Regional Council, Georgia	OK
10 min	Experiences with climate finance in Kazakhstan	Représentative of CWP Kazakhstan	TBC
10 min	Experiences with climate finance in Uzbekistan	Représentative of CWP Uzbekistan	TBC

10 min	Experiences with climate finance in Kyrgyz Republic	Représentative of CWP Kyrgyz Republic	TBC
10 min	Experiences with climate finance in Georgia	Représentative of CWP Georgia	TBC
10 min	Brief introduction of coming COP-29 will be held in Azerbaijan in November 2024 and how CACENA countries can use this opportunity for climate funding attraction	Représentative of CWP Azerbaïdjan	TBC
10 min	Vision on contribution to the session issues from the European Youth Parliament for Water (EYPW)	Mrs. Hasmik Barseghyan, Armenia	OK
15 min	Questions and Discussions	Session moderator Dr. Vadim Sokolov	OK
2,5 min (Totally = 90 min)	Finalization and session closing	Session moderator Dr. Vadim Sokolov	OK