

**Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (BIG-E)**  
**Actions by the Interstate Commission on Sustainable Development**

**Organization:** The Interstate Commission on Sustainable Development (ICSD) of the International Fund for saving the Aral Sea (IFAS)

**Title:**

**Update of the Regional Action Plan for Environment Protection of the Central Asia (REAP CA) in the context of the SDGs and green economy**

*Focus area 2:* Promote the internalization of negative externalities and the sustainable use of natural capital

**Description of the action:** Revision of REAP CA, on the basis of modern environmental challenges for achieving sustainable development goals and implementation of the principles of green economy. Updated REAP must take into account the interests of National Development Plans of the Central Asian countries, as well as the regional dimension of environmental protection.

**Action's timeframe/milestones, as appropriate:**

Kick off the revision process and preparation of the draft REAP CA in 2017-2018, as agreed with all Central Asian countries

**Type of action:** Legal, regulatory and policy instruments

**Economic sectors:** Environmental protection across the Central Asian region

**Reference instruments and sources, as appropriate:** —

**Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome:** Strengthened political and institutional framework for regional cooperation, improved capacity for decision-making and participation of civil society

**SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement:** Adaptation of SDGs 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 17 to the Central Asian regional context with the aim to encourage countries of Central Asia to collaboratively achieve these Goals

**Implementation of Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Recommendations, as appropriate:** —

**Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate:** Approval by 2020 of the draft REAP CA by the Board of IFAS

**Partners:** Environmental agencies of Central Asian countries, interested international, regional and non-governmental organizations

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