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## PROGRAMME

### Expert Roundtable

What does climate change mean for Central Asia  
in terms of mitigation and impact adaptation?

Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> of April 2012

European Office  
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung  
Av. de l'Yser 11, Brussels

*(interpretation English/Russian will be provided)*

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According to the latest Asian Development Bank report<sup>1</sup>, climate change will become the main cause of population displacement in Central Asia.

In countries such as Tajikistan, increasing temperatures might reduce the availability of water by 30%. Widespread water shortages, desertification and land degradation combined with already prevalent high levels of poverty and weak governance will become a serious risk to populations in Central Asia. The most severe impacts will be felt by the poorest people living in rural areas.

Besides of water scarcity – and here desertification of the Aral Sea might unfortunately be the most prominent example - deforestation and pollution due to coal mining are key issue for the region. In addition, for most former Soviet Republics, greenhouse gas emissions linked to specific economic sectors constitute a severe challenge in terms of mitigation.

The expert roundtable organised by the Multinational Development Policy Dialogue Programme of Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Brussels will convene climate change experts from the region as well as development practitioners in order to discuss the status quo, the adaptation support and mitigation policies needed in order to take the right action in a timely manner.

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<sup>1</sup> Asian Development Bank: Addressing climate change and migration in Asia and the Pacific, Manila March 2012, <http://www.adb.org/news/climate-linked-migration-poses-growing-humanitarian-threat-study>

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09:45 Registration and coffee

10:00 Welcome remarks by **Andrea E. Ostheimer**,  
Programme Director, Multinational Dialogue on Development Policy,  
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10:15 Panel I

Moderated by **Klaus Jürgen Hedrich** president of the German-Turkmen Forum, former  
State Secretary of the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

### **Assessing the threat to Central Asia's environment, ecological and socio-economic systems**

- **Dr. Ubaydulla Nadirkhanov**, manager for international relations, International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea, Uzbekistan
- **Wladimir Korotenko**, Chairman of the council of the environmental movement BIOM, Kirgizstan
- **Luvsandamdin Nyam**, Head of Unit, Forestry Office of Mongolia

11:15 Discussion

Respondent: **Thorsten Wöllert**, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Climate Action, European Commission

11:45 Panel II

### **Water supply and land management as potential sources of conflict in Central Asia**

- **Viktor Novikov**, Zoi Environment Network, Geneva, Switzerland
- **Juriy Gorshkov**, manager for water resources, Agency of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (IFAS Agency), Uzbekistan
- N.N. International Organisation for Migration
- **Valentina Kryukova** (tbc), Director, Climate Change Coordination Centre, Astana – Kazakhstan

12:30 Discussion

Respondent: **Victor Andres Maldonado** (tbc), Head of Division III.B.4. Central Asia, European External Action Service  
**Cristiana Pasca Palmer** (tbc), Head of Unit C2 Climate Change, Environment, Natural Resources, Water, DG DEVCO, European Commission

13:00 Closing remarks by **Andrea E. Ostheimer**, Programme Director  
Multinational Dialogue on Development Policy, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

13:30 Lunch

14:30 End of event