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Opening and Welcome Remarks

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Short Bio				
<p>Tetsushi Sonobe is the Dean and CEO of the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), the Tokyo-based think tank of the Asian Development Bank that promotes the realization of a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific through policy research and capacity building.</p> <p>Born in 1960 in Tokyo, Dean Sonobe obtained his PhD in economics from Yale University and BA in economics from the University of Tokyo. His research interests include the empirics of economic development, particularly industrial development processes and poverty reduction in developing countries.</p> <p>Dean Sonobe has more than 20 years' experience analyzing the role of human capital, institutions, and management in industrial development in Asia and other regions. Notably, he and prominent agricultural and development economist, Keiji Otsuka, applied their unique enterprise survey approach to a series of development process case studies in different industries in East Asia. They expanded the scope of their industry study to cover South Asia, Africa, and Central America and conducted randomized controlled trials of management training programs for business owners and managers.</p> <p>Before joining ADBI in April 2020, Dean Sonobe served for six years as a vice president of the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) in Tokyo. He also previously served as a professor of economics at Tokyo Metropolitan University and GRIPS. Dean Sonobe is a recipient of the Nikkei Book Publication Prize and the Masayoshi Ohira Memorial Prize, and a founding board member of the Japanese Association for Development Economics.</p>				


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	<i>Position</i>	Director, Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Division, CWRD	<i>Country</i>	Philippines
Short Bio				
<p>Ms. Yasmin Siddiqi is a chartered civil engineer (UK) and has a post graduate degree in irrigation engineering (UK). She has over 20 years of experience in water resources management, irrigation, knowledge management and leading teams, including the Water Sector Group at Asian Development Bank (ADB). She also has an extensive experience in project conceptualization and in leading the processing of projects and technical assistance, and administering complex loans for ADB in a range of countries.</p> <p>Ms. Siddiqi has published research on water security, irrigation management, water governance, integrated water resources management and innovative financing including private sector participation. She has served as the lead author of the Asian Water Development Outlook 2016, among other key publications on water resources topics, and led the preparation of ADB Second Asian Irrigation Forum and other water events. She has been a panelist/presenter on several international water events.</p> <p>Prior to joining ADB, she worked with an international consulting engineering firm. More recently, during her sabbatical period from ADB, she worked with the Islamic Development Bank and the World Bank.</p>				


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	<i>Position</i>	Director	<i>Country</i>	Pakistan
Short Bio				
<p>Mr. SYED SHAKEEL SHAH is the CAREC Institute Director. Prior to this, he was the Chief Reforms, Automation and Preferential Trade – Pakistan Customs – Federal Board of Revenue, Government of Pakistan. He has also served as the Joint Secretary, Economic Affairs, Prime Minister's Office, Government of Pakistan. He has decades of experience working in the civil service system of the Government of Pakistan. He holds two master's degrees: 1) in Advanced Studies in International Trade Law and Economics (MILE) from World Trade Institute – Bern – Switzerland, and 2) in International Relations from Quaid-e-Azam University – Islamabad -Pakistan. His areas of expertise, include WTO law (Dispute Resolution, SPS, TRIPS/ TRIMS Agreements, Doha Round), Micro and Macroeconomics, Trade (International, Regional and Preferential), Economic Corridors, Customs laws, Reforms and Automation including Single Windows for Trade, Ease of doing business in Trading Across Border indicator, and Trade Facilitation Agreement of WTO.</p>				

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	<i>Position</i>	Director General	<i>Country</i>	China
Short Bio				
<p>Prof.& Dr. Yuanming Zhang is a scientist in the research field of plant ecology in arid areas. His research group specifically focuses on the structure and functions of desert ecosystems, which contributed to policymaking on management of desert ecosystems.</p> <p>He is also the Director of key lab of biogeography and bioresources, Chinese Academy of Sciences, President of Xinjiang Botanical Society, and the Editor in-chief of Regional Sustainability. Since 2016, he was selected as one of the programs of Leading Talent for National S & T Innovation of China.</p>				

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	<i>Position</i>	Deputy Director	<i>Country</i>	Uzbekistan
Short Bio				
<p>Dr. Iskandar Abdullaev holds MSc and PhD degrees from Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Agriculture Mechanization Engineers (TIAME), Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Part of his PhD work Dr. Abdullaev conducted at Iowa State University (ISU), Iowa, USA. Dr. Abdullaev have intensive training and education programmes in Israel (1996-1997), USA (1999) and the Netherlands, (2000), Switzerland (2002). Dr. Iskandar Abdullaev has over 25 years of experience in water management, water institutions, environmental activities in Afghanistan and five Central Asian countries.</p> <p>Dr. Iskandar Abdullaev joined Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute as Deputy Director in June 2019. From 2013-2019 Dr. Abdullaev worked as an Executive Director of Regional Environmental Center (CAREC) for Central Asia.</p> <p>Prior joining of CAREC in 2009-2013, Dr. Abdullaev worked as Regional advisor for Germany's Berlin Initiative- Transboundary Water Management in Central Asia (Programme) at the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ). During 2007-2009, he worked in position of Senior Researcher at ZEF Centre for Development Research University of Bonn (Germany) and conducted research in Central Asia and Afghanistan. During 2001-2007, Dr. Abdullaev worked as a regional researcher at International Water Management Institute (Headquarters in Sri Lanka). His research focus included Central Asia, Iran, Pakistan, Thailand and Sri-Lanka.</p> <p>Dr. Abdullaev very well linked with research, scientific societies of the region and worldwide. He is member of International Water Resources Association (IWRA), member of editorial boards of few internationally peer reviewed journals. Dr. Abdullaev author of 3 monographic books, over 30 peer reviewed articles, policy papers and presented more than 150 conference papers. Dr. Abdullaev have been regular guest and key-note speaker at the many international conferences such as Annual World Water Weeks, World Water Forums.</p>				


Session 1: CAREC Institute Research Findings on Climate Change in CAREC Region

	<i>Last Name</i>	Ayoobi	<i>First Name</i>	Eisa Khan Ayoob
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	<i>Position</i>	Chief of Capacity Building Division	<i>Country</i>	Afghanistan
Short Bio				
<p>Mr. Eisa Khan Ayoob Ayoobi is a former Fulbright Scholar and Oxbridge Fellow at Stanford and Georgetown University respectively. With a combined BA degree in Economics and International Relations, an LL.M (Master of Laws), and currently ABD in Government and Public Policy. Mr. Ayoobi brings nearly two decades of experience in capacity building with stints in civil society, private sector, and government.</p> <p>Mr. Ayoobi is the author of several legal textbooks pertaining to constitutional law, human rights and criminal law of Afghanistan, some of which are adopted as integral part of the country's higher education – national law school curricula.</p> <p>Prior to joining the CAREC Institute, Mr. Ayoobi was the Regional Cooperation Advisor to the Government of Afghanistan with the core responsibility of providing advice on strategic issues of regional cooperation for Afghanistan and its foreign relations with immediate and far neighbors based on a set of confidence building measures (CBMs).</p>				


	<i>Last Name</i>	Umirbekov	<i>First Name</i>	Atabek
	<i>Institution</i>	Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO)		
	<i>Position</i>	Doctoral researcher	<i>Country</i>	Germany
Short Bio				
<p>Atabek Umirbekov is a doctoral researcher at the Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO). Prior to starting his current position at IAMO, Atabek had been working for more than 10 years as a climate change specialist within a number of development programs in Central Asia. During that experience Atabek focused on enhancing access to improved climate change knowledge services in Central Asia, and rising local technical capacities for addressing climate challenges in the region. His current research looks into impacts of climate variability and climate change on water availability and irrigated crop production in Central Asia.</p>				


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	<i>Position</i>	Networking and Partnerships Expert	<i>Country</i>	Uzbekistan
Short Bio				
<p>Shakhboz is a Partnership and Resource Mobilization practitioner with experience across Europe, Central Asia and Caucasus. Currently, he is a Networking and Partnerships Expert at the CAREC Institute. Prior to that, he used to be the Head of the Knowledge, Projects and Resource Management unit and Resource Mobilization Coordinator at the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC), based in Almaty, Kazakhstan. He was responsible for strategic development and partnerships in the organization. He worked also with the Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe (REC), Szentendre, Hungary and GIZ, Frankfurt, Germany on project development and fundraising. Throughout his career, he supported and spearheaded multi-million project proposals and participated in multi-stakeholder environmental negotiations at different levels across Geneva, Budapest, Brussels, Berlin and all Central Asian capitals.</p> <p>He holds postgraduate diploma in Organizational Leadership from Said Business School, University of Oxford, UK and earned his master's degree in Public Policy from the Willy Brandt School of Public Policy, Germany - a DAAD scholar, and bachelor's degree in International Relations from the University of World Economy and Diplomacy, Uzbekistan.</p> <p>Shakhboz is passionate about promoting multi-stakeholder partnerships for better environment and sustainable future involving science, technology and innovation.</p>				


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	<i>Institution</i>	Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources		
	<i>Position</i>	Deputy Director of Climate Policy and Green Technologies Department	<i>Country</i>	Kazakhstan
Short Bio				
<p>Zulfiya Suleimenova is a deputy director of Climate Policy and Green Technologies Department at Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of Kazakhstan. Previously she worked with United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations Development Offices in Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies (KazISS). She is also pursuing a PhD degree with National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS).</p>				


	<i>Last Name</i>	Tskhvaradze	<i>First Name</i>	Maia
	<i>Institution</i>	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture		
	<i>Position</i>	Head of Climate Change Division	<i>Country</i>	Georgia
Short Bio				
<p>Maia Tskhvaradze lead the Climate Change Service of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia, with 10 years of expertise in Environment and climate change field. At the same time Maia acts as the Board member of the Climate Technology Center and Network (CTCN), is negotiator for Georgia on climate finance and technology transfer; International reviewer of National Communications (NC) and Biannual Reports (BR) under the UNFCCC; Certified expert in Low Emissions Investment Planning.</p> <p>At the different stages Maia was an advisor to the Board Member of the Green Climate Fund; Chair of Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Center and Network (CTCN); Global DNA Co-chair under the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM); Board member of Low Emission Development Strategies Global Partnership (LEDS GP).</p>				


Session 2: Research Findings on Innovative Financing for Climate Finance in Asia


	<i>Last Name</i>	Kim	<i>First Name</i>	Chul Ju
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank Institute		
	<i>Position</i>	Deputy Dean	<i>Country</i>	Republic of Korea
Short Bio				
<p>A national of the Republic of Korea, Chul Ju Kim was a secretary to the country's President for economic and financial affairs before joining ADBI. For more than 30 years, he has been a key policy maker, dealing with a wide range of macroeconomic, financial, and social issues. He was deputy minister for planning and coordination, director general of the Economic Policy Bureau, and director general of the Public Policy Bureau, Ministry of Strategy and Finance. He also has extensive experience in international development, specifically at the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank. He holds a BA in economics from Seoul National University, Republic of Korea, and an MS in finance from Georgia State University, USA.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	Yoshino	<i>First Name</i>	Naoyuki
	<i>Institution</i>	Keio University, Tokyo, Japan		
	<i>Position</i>	Former CEO/Dean of ADB; Professor Emeritus at Keio University	<i>Country</i>	Japan
Short Bio				
<p>Dr. Naoyuki Yoshino is the former Dean of the Asian Development Bank Institute; Professor Emeritus of Keio University, in Tokyo, Japan; and Chief Adviser at the Japan Financial Services Agency's Financial Research Center. He obtained his PhD from Johns Hopkins University in 1979. He was a visiting scholar at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and has been a visiting professor at various universities including the University of New South Wales (Australia), and Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques (France). He was an Assistant Professor at the State University of New York at Buffalo and an Economics Professor at Keio University from 1991 to 2014. He was appointed chair of the Financial Planning Standards Board in 2007, and also served as chairperson of the Japanese Ministry of Finance's Council on Foreign Exchange and its Fiscal System Council. He was also a board member of the Deposit Insurance Corporation of Japan, chairperson of the Meeting of Japanese Government Bond Investors (Ministry of Finance) and was President of the Financial System Council of the Government of Japan. He was conferred honorary doctorates by the University of Gothenburg (Sweden) in 2004, by Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg (Germany) in 2013 and the Fukuzawa Award for his contribution to academic research in 2013.</p>				


	<i>Last Name</i>	Azhgaliyeva	<i>First Name</i>	Dina
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank Institute		
	<i>Position</i>	Research Fellow	<i>Country</i>	Kazakhstan
Short Bio				
<p>Her research interests include energy policy, particularly renewable energy, energy efficiency, and energy storage policies. She is currently a guest editor for the Journal of Sustainable Finance and Investment's special issue "Scaling up Green Finance in Asia: The Role of Policies and Regulations." Previously, she worked as a Research Fellow in the energy economics division of the Energy Studies Institute, National University of Singapore. She was also a Research Fellow at the Henley Business School, University of Reading where she was involved in empirical analysis of the impact of local content policy on extractive industries.</p> <p>From 2012-2015, she was an Economics Teaching Fellow at University College London. She also worked as a leading and chief specialist for the Tax Committee at the Ministry of Finance of Kazakhstan for five years.</p> <p>She holds a PhD, Master's, and Graduate Diploma in economics, all from the University of Essex. She also holds an internationally recognized teaching qualification from the Fellow of Higher Education Academy and a qualification in research career management from the Staff Educational and Development Association.</p>				


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	<i>Institution</i>	Official Monetary and Financial Institutions Forum (OMFIF)		
	<i>Position</i>	Head of Asia	<i>Country</i>	Singapore
Short Bio				
<p>Adam Cotter is OMFIF's Head of Asia and Chief Representative of the Asia office in Singapore. In this capacity he directs and manages the execution of OMFIF's coverage and representation for the region.</p>				


	<i>Last Name</i>	Rulliadi	<i>First Name</i>	Dudi
	<i>Institution</i>	Center for Climate Finance and Multilateral Policy, Fiscal Policy Agency, Ministry of Finance		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Policy Analyst	<i>Country</i>	Indonesia
Short Bio				
Completed PhD in Law from Melbourne University. Joined the Center in 2016 and has been developing and running day-to-day operation of Indonesia's National Designated Authority (NDA) of the Green Climate Fund. Currently also serves as a climate finance negotiating team member representing Indonesia in the UNFCCC.				


	<i>Last Name</i>	Vrbensky	<i>First Name</i>	Rastislav
	<i>Institution</i>	AvantGarde Ideas		
	<i>Position</i>	CEO	<i>Country</i>	Slovakia
Short Bio				
Dr. Rastislav Vrbensky is currently Founder & CEO of AvantGarde Ideas, an advisory in sustainability, climate and innovation as well as Visiting Lecturer at the Central European University. Previously, he has served as UNDP Deputy Assistant Administrator and Deputy Regional Director for Europe and the Central Asia and Manager of UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub. Prior, he has worked as UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Montenegro (2011-2014), Country Director in UNDP Tajikistan (2008-2011) and Deputy Resident Representative in UNDP Serbia (2004-2007). From 2000 until 2004, he held several positions in UNDP Regional Centre in Bratislava, including Assistant Director and Sustainable Development Advisor. He began his career in the Ministry of Environment of Slovakia. Rastislav Vrbensky holds a PhD. in Development Studies and Master of Environmental Science from Comenius University Bratislava and Master of Environmental Management from University of Amsterdam. In 2007, he was a Visiting Fellow at the London School of Economics.				


Session 3: Governance for Climate Finance in Asia

	<i>Last Name</i>	Hendriyetty	<i>First Name</i>	Nella
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Capacity Building and Training Economist	<i>Country</i>	Indonesia
Short Bio				
<p>Prior to joining ADBI, she served as deputy director for the G20 forum at the Fiscal Policy Agency, Ministry of Finance, Indonesia from 2016 to 2019. She also was Senior Compliance Officer in the Indonesia Financial Intelligence Unit (INTRAC/PPATK) from 2005-2010 and Head of the Sub-Division of Accounting Compliance for Securities Institutions in the Indonesian Capital Market Supervisory Agency (now the Financial Service Authority/OJK) from 2004 to 2005. She holds a PhD in economics from Victoria University, Melbourne, Australia, and a MSc in Finance from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, United States.</p>				


	<i>Last Name</i>	Asseline	<i>First Name</i>	Frederic
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank		
	<i>Position</i>	Principal Climate Finance Specialist	<i>Country</i>	Philippines
Short Bio				
<p>At the ADB Frederic works within the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, primarily on climate finance. He assists with securing external funding sources and with supporting ADB operational teams in structuring climate change projects and in formulating programmatic country engagements.</p> <p>Frederic has 20 years international working experience in project and program management, with expertise in the energy sector (renewable and urban energy), climate finance, and sustainable urban development.</p> <p>He is a graduate of Paris XI University (France), the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (United States) and the INSEAD business school.</p>				


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	<i>Institution</i>	National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Research Officer	<i>Country</i>	India
Short Bio				
<p>Paramita is a city planner with over 22 years of experience in urban development. She leads the Sustainable Cities and Water and Sanitation programme at NIUA. She has worked to bridge the gap between infrastructure policy and practice through the South Asia Urban Knowledge Hub. She has helped create Innovation labs on Urban WASH solutions in Indian cities. She has worked with several Ministries of the Government of India in internationally funded projects of BMGF, ADB, UNDP, UNIDO, CIDA, USAID and World Bank etc. and with some of the leading think tank organizations like Centre for Policy Research and Centre for Science and Environment.</p>				

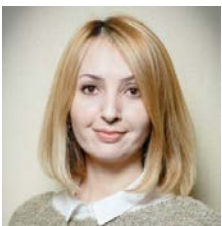
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	<i>Institution</i>	Tokyo Institute of Technology		
	<i>Position</i>	Lecturer	<i>Country</i>	Japan
Short Bio				
<p>Dr Kim Schumacher is a Lecturer in Sustainable Finance and ESG at the Tokyo Institute of Technology. In addition, he is an Honorary Research Associate at the School of Geography and the Environment, University of Oxford.</p> <p>From May 2019 to May 2020, he was also a consultant for the Luxembourg Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Sustainable Development. Prior, he was a post-doctoral researcher at the Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment, University of Oxford.</p> <p>He is a Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv) and sits on the ISO Technical Committees on Sustainable Finance (TC 322) and Environmental Management (TC 207). He holds a PhD degree in Environmental Science from the University of Tokyo (2017) and Masters degree in Environmental Law and Policy from UC Berkeley (2012).</p>				

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	<i>Position</i>	Executive Director	<i>Country</i>	Indonesia
Short Bio				
<p>Riki Frindos is the Executive Director of KEHATI Foundation, one of the leading environmental organizations in Indonesia. He had a 20-year experience in capital market in Jakarta and Singapore, and was the CEO and Chief Investment of Eastspring Investments Indonesia prior to joining KEHATI. Previously, he was Investment Director with Global Macro team of Eastspring Investments Singapore. With KEHATI, Riki actively promotes ESG investment in Indonesia in the last two years.</p> <p>Riki graduated from The Bandung Institute of Technology (ITB) majoring in Electrical and Telecommunication Engineering. He also studied Economics in Padjadjaran University.</p>				

Session 4: Regional Climate Change Cooperation

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	<i>Position</i>	Professor	<i>Country</i>	People's Republic of China
Short Bio				
<p>Weili Duan is a Professor in water resources and climate change at the State Key Laboratory of Desert and Oasis Ecology, Xinjiang Institute of Ecology and Geography, Chinese Academy of Sciences. Weili pursued a PhD degree at the Department of Civil and Earth Resources Engineering, Kyoto University, Japan. His research interests concern water resources for sustainable development in a changing climate. He has led two NSFC projects and published a monograph and more than 30 articles in various reputed journals. He serves as an editor for <i>Hydrology Research</i> and <i>PLOS One</i>, and <i>Journal of Water Science and Engineering</i>.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	Samad	<i>First Name</i>	Ghulam
	<i>Institution</i>	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Research Officer	<i>Country</i>	Pakistan
Short Bio				
<p>Dr. Ghulam Samad, currently working at CAREC Institute as Senior Research Officer. He graduated with a PhD Degree from Colorado State University, USA. Before joining CAREC Institute, he was senior research economist at Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), Islamabad. He published at peer reviewed journals. He also published in edited books. He represented Pakistan at Conference of Parties (COP) negotiations. He remains member of national policy documents.</p>				

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	<i>Institution</i>	Independent Consultant		
	<i>Position</i>	Climate Change Expert	<i>Country</i>	The Russian Federation
Short Bio				
<p>Ms. Timerkhanova (Mustaeva) has 15 years of experience in climate change, working at the national and subregional level. Since 2014, she has been working in numerous UNDP, World Bank and EU's projects in Tajikistan and Central Asia. During 2013-2017, she successfully managed the Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Program of the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC) in the capacity of Program Manager. Since October 2017, Nailia works as Consultant for the World Bank's and UNDP projects on climate change and environment.</p>				

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	<i>Position</i>	Director of Division of International Cooperation and Exchange	<i>Country</i>	China
Short Bio				
<p>Mr. CHEN Zhihua is currently the Division Director of International Cooperation and Exchange, Department of Climate Change, Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China. Before joining the MEE, he had been working in National Development and Reform Commission of China and served as Division Director of International Policies and Negotiations, Department of Climate Change. He has long experience in the climate change, environment, economic planning and sustainable development field.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	Kurbanov	<i>First Name</i>	Batyr
	<i>Institution</i>	Secretariat of the Interstate Commission on Sustainable Development (ICSD) of the International Fund on Saving Aral Sea (IFAS)		
	<i>Position</i>	Chief Specialist	<i>Country</i>	Turkmenistan
Short Bio				
<p>I am a citizen of Turkmenistan, born in 1962, registered and permanently residing in Ashgabat. I have a higher legal education. In 1985, I graduated from the law faculty of Turkmen State University with a degree in jurisprudence. From 1985 to 1990 I taught at the law faculty of the Ashgabat Pedagogical College and was the head of the law faculty. I worked in the United Nations system; from 1994 to 2009. I worked in the UNDP office in Turkmenistan, from project coordinator to programme officer. I also have experience as a national consultant and expert.</p> <p>Currently, I am the Chief Specialist of the Secretariat of the ICSD of the IFAS.</p>				