



British Embassy
Ashgabat



**DRAFT ROUNDTABLE AGENDA -
ROAD TO THE 2021 UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE (COP26) AND BEYOND:
TURKMENISTAN'S NATIONAL EFFORTS AND FUTURE OUTLOOK FOR TACKLING CLIMATE
CHANGE**

Date: Wednesday, 17 March 2021, 14:00 to 18:00 (Ashgabat time)

Venue: Yyldyz hotel, Ashgabat and via video conference on Microsoft Teams

Languages: English, Turkmen and Russian. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

The purpose of the event is to highlight the international expertise and initiatives, existing areas of technical support and new green/climate finance opportunities available to Turkmenistan.

Looking toward to Glasgow, this roundtable will also aim to inspire further climate action ahead of COP26 and to highlight the global significance of COP26 to the key climate change stakeholders in Turkmenistan.

Furthermore, the roundtable will bring attention to Turkmenistan's ongoing national efforts to tackle climate change and fulfil its obligations under a number of ratified global climate agreements, including the Paris Agreement. It will also generate new ideas and areas for cooperation, helping international partners understand better what work the country is doing and the plans ahead.

Finally, this event will elevate the conversation on the best ways to deliver stronger sectoral action to accelerate Turkmenistan's transition to clean growth and highlight the economic benefits that clean energy transition and decarbonisation can bring.

Moderator: Senior representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan

14:00-14:10 Opening remarks by the moderator and short film "Need for urgent climate action now" (simultaneous interpretation of the video will be provided in Russian and Turkmen):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Om0lmeYs8gg> (video parts from 14:05 to 17:15 minutes and from 1:04:31 to 1:09:23 minutes)

14:10-14:20 James McLaughlin, Head of International Engagement, UN, Overseas Network at COP26 Unit:

UK efforts in tackling global climate change and priorities for COP26. What more ambitious and enhanced Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) mean and why it is important to come forward with enhancing and raising ambition in NDCs ahead of COP26.

14:20-14:30 **Right Honourable Professor Charles Hendry CBE HonFEI, Former UK Minister of Energy & Climate Change and Former Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to Turkmenistan:**

United Kingdom's own energy transition experience and how this might be relevant to Turkmenistan

14:30-14:40 **Berdi Berdiyev, Head of the Department of International Environmental Cooperation and Projects of the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan:**

Turkmenistan's ongoing national efforts to combat and adapt to climate change in line with the Paris Agreement and towards COP26, as well as future plans. Climate change areas for potential cooperation with international partners.

14:40-14:50 **Batyr Ballyyev, Project manager for the preparation of Turkmenistan's Fourth National Communication to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC):**

Ongoing support to Turkmenistan and recommendations for the implementation of the country's international commitments in the field of climate change (especially in preparation for COP26, compilation of NDC-2 and compilation of the Fourth National Communication to the UNFCCC), as well as future plans for cooperation under SDG 7.

14:50-15:00 **Gurbuz Gonul, Director, Country Engagement and Partnerships Division, the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA):**

Overview of global energy transformation: Perspectives, opportunities and benefits of, as well as the main obstacles to the large-scale deployment and integration of solar and wind energy into Turkmenistan's energy mix and the effective ways to overcome them.

15:00-15:10 **Questions and Answers (Q&A) session**

15:10-15:25 **First coffee-break and snacks**

15:25-15:35 **Tim Gould, Head of the IEA's Energy Supply Division, International Energy Agency (IEA):**

Challenges facing oil and gas producing countries in energy transitions and the most effective and efficient ways to tackle them -

IEA analysis of Turkmenistan's opportunities and strategies in energy transitions, including effective and efficient ways to reduce the emissions intensity of its output, notably via methane abatement, and the ways in which the energy sector can support economic diversification.

15:35-15:45 **Helena Molin Valdes, Head of the CCAC Secretariat, the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) and Manfredi Caltagirone, Programme Management Officer, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP):**

Global Methane Alliance (GMA) as an opportunity to increase NDCs ambition -

The climate opportunity of methane mitigation and associated economic and health benefits, and technical support options available from GMA partners.

15:45-15:55 **Fatih Turkmenoglu, EBRD Head of Turkmenistan:**

Financing a Green Future –

An overview of EBRD financing facilities in Turkmenistan, which could also be used for green investments.

15:55-16:05 **Jane Olga Ebinger, Sector Leader for Sustainable Development, World Bank:**

The World Bank's presentation will focus on the Bank's work in the Central Asian region, covering priority issues and available opportunities for Turkmenistan related to green energy, energy efficiency, water management, agriculture and climate change. – *exact presentation topic to be confirmed*

16:05-16:15 **Sohail Hasnie Principal Energy Specialist, Central and West Asia Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB):**

Renewable Energy Opportunities and Energy Sector Diversification –

The presentation will cover solar power, green hydrogen, electric vehicles and other metal industries and potential implications and applications in Central Asia and Turkmenistan. Additionally, it will highlight ADB green/climate finance opportunities and technical & non-technical assistance offers available to Turkmenistan.

16:15-16:25 **Deo Gabinete, Regional Lead for Central Asia, NDC Partnership:**

Building country capacities for NDC implementation and enhancement –

The presentation will give an overview of the NDC Partnership core services on country engagement, knowledge and learning and facilitating access to finance, and highlights of the Partnership's achievements.

- 16:25-16:35 **Q&A session and short film on energy** (simultaneous interpretation of the video will be provided in Russian and Turkmen):
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Om0lmeYs8gg> (video part from 2:38:41 to 2:40:26 minutes)*
- 16:35-16:50 **Second coffee-break and snacks**
- 16:50-17:00 **Dr John Rhys, Oxford Martin School, University of Oxford, United Kingdom:**
- Principles for the effective integration of renewable or low carbon energies into national or regional power systems.
- 17:00-17:10 **Professor Aganiyaz Jumayev, Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs of the Turkmen State Institute of Electrical Energy:**
- Turkmenistan’s solar and wind energy potential and the main aspects of the National Strategy for the Development of Renewable Energy in Turkmenistan until 2030. As well, the latest work carried out and further plans for the development of solar and wind energy, and the areas for potential cooperation with international partners, companies and investors.
- 17:10-17:20 **Guy Jobbins, Research Associate, Overseas Development Institute (ODI), United Kingdom:**
- Climate smart approaches for resilient and inclusive agricultural development -
- Importance of taking a climate-smart agriculture approach, as well as having a long term agricultural strategy that, sustainably and despite climate change, meets multiple needs: rural employment, food security, and economic growth and ultimately makes the agriculture sector resilient to climate shocks.*
- 17:20-17:30 **David Hone, Chief Climate Change Adviser, Shell International Ltd.:**
- The Energy Transformation Scenarios: What do the global transition from fossil fuels to clean energy and pressure to curb emissions mean for oil and gas producing countries? How hydrocarbon-rich countries can benefit from energy transition and GHG emissions reduction?
- 17:30-17:40 **Conclusions by the moderator and Q&A session**

PROPOSED LIST OF GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES (CHAIRPERSONS, DEPARTMENT HEADS OR HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES) AND PARTICIPANTS FROM NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS (40-45 PHYSICAL PARTICIPANTS):

1. Ministry of Agriculture and Environment Protection
2. Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan

3. Ministry of Energy (Electrical) of Turkmenistan
4. Ministry of Finance and Economy
5. State Committee for Water Management
6. State Concern Turkmenoil
7. State Concern Turkmengas
8. State Concern Turkmenchemistry
9. State Bank for Foreign Economic Affairs of Turkmenistan
10. Academy of Sciences of Turkmenistan
11. Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs
12. Turkmenistan UNFCCC National Focal Points
13. Interstate Commission for Sustainable Development of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (ICSD IFAS)
14. Ashgabat municipality
15. UNDP
16. OSCE
17. British Embassy in Turkmenistan
18. Italian Embassy in Turkmenistan
19. German Embassy in Turkmenistan
20. French Embassy in Turkmenistan
21. German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ)
22. EU Delegation to Turkmenistan
23. Mr Chang Ching Yu, ADB Turkmenistan Country Director
24. Public association Yashyl Shohle
25. Public association Ynanch Vepa
26. Public association Ekodurmush
27. Aarhus Centre Ashgabat and Public Organisation Tebigy Kuvvat
28. Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC)
29. Nature Protection Society of Turkmenistan
30. Central Asian Deserts Initiative (CADI) - Turkmenistan Project
31. Taze Energiya (local solar panel producer)
32. Mawy Kenar (local energy and ecology company)
33. Gazyk (local energy company)
34. PwC representatives
35. Local state and private media representatives