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Regional Seminar for Parliaments of Eurasia

Addressing climate change and sustainable development through parliamentary action

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Dushanbe, Tajikistan
22–23 May 2026

PROGRAMME

Day 1 – Friday, 22 May 2026

09:30–10:00

Registration

10:00–10:30

Opening session

Welcoming remarks:

- Mr. Aziz Qodir Giyozoda, Deputy Chairperson of the Majlisi Namoyandagon of the Majlisi Oli of the Republic of Tajikistan
- Mr. Martin Chungong, IPU Secretary General (*video message*)

Overview of the seminar programme by the Master of Ceremonies

10:30–12:00

Session 1 – Overview of climate change and sustainable development in Eurasia: Progress and challenges

This session will provide parliamentarians with an overview of the state of climate change and sustainable development across the Eurasian region. It will highlight how climate change and related environmental issues are affecting sustainable development in the region, including the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as national and regional initiatives to address climate change and promote sustainable development.

Moderator: Mr. Rustam Barot Latifzoda, Chairperson of the Committee on Agricultural Issues, Land, and Water Resources of the Majlisi Namoyandagon of the Majlisi Oli of the Republic of Tajikistan

- Mr. Sudipto Mukerjee, Resident Representative, United Nations Development Programme, Tajikistan
- Ms. Firuza Illarionova, Field and Policy Support Central Asia, Zoi Environment Network
- Ms. Evetta Zenina, Climate Change Officer, Food and Agriculture Organization (*remote participation*)

Expert interventions will be followed by an interactive discussion in which participants will have the opportunity to share:

- Challenges their countries are experiencing in the context of climate change and sustainable development
- Actions that their parliaments have taken to address these challenges

12:00–12:15

Group photo

12:15 – 13:15

Lunch

13:15–14:45

Session 2 – Safeguarding Eurasia’s water resources: Addressing scarcity and strengthening water management

This session will examine the growing challenge of water insecurity in Eurasia, which is being exacerbated by climate change. Experts and participants will discuss key water-related issues such as ensuring clean drinking water, as well as other health, food and agriculture challenges linked to water scarcity. The session will also include a focus on identifying domestic legislative solutions, as well as opportunities for enhancing transboundary management of water resources.

Moderator: Mr. Orif Hamid Amirzoda, Chairman of the Environmental Commission of the Majlisi Namoyandagon of the Majlisi Oli of the Republic of Tajikistan

- Ms. Madina Ibrasheva, Environmental Affairs Officer, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) (*remote participation*)
- Professor Y.E. Pulatov, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Academy of Sciences of Tajikistan

14:45–15:00

Coffee and tea break

15:00–16:30

Session 3 – Tackling air pollution and methane for healthy populations

This session will explore the urgent links between air quality, methane emissions and public health across Eurasia, highlighting the human and economic costs of inaction. Experts and parliamentarians will discuss legislative measures to reduce methane emissions and the impacts of other short-lived climate pollutants, to improve monitoring and to protect communities from health risks linked to poor air quality.

Expert interventions will be followed by an interactive discussion in which participants will have the opportunity to share:

- Their national experiences with addressing air pollution
- Opportunities for implementing measures to tackle short-lived climate pollutants

Moderator: Mr. Zarafo Sufijon Qiyamzoda, Member of the Committee on Agricultural Issues, Land and Water Resources of the Majlisi Namoyandagon of the Majlisi Oli of the Republic of Tajikistan

- Ms. Zebuniso Muminzoda, Country Director, Tajikistan, Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC)
- Mr. Konstantin Kosumov, Case Manager – Central Asia, International Methane Emissions Observatory, United Nations Environment Programme (*remote participation*)
- Representative from the World Health Organization (tbc)

16:30–17:15

Session 4 – Mapping the way forward for collective parliamentary action on climate change and sustainable development in Eurasia

In this interactive discussion session, participants will explore how parliaments in Eurasia can strengthen regional collaboration on climate action and sustainable development, including by facilitating knowledge-sharing on good practices and

lessons learned. Opportunities for Eurasian parliaments to collectively deepen their engagement with the global community to address shared challenges will also be discussed.

Session to be facilitated by Mr. Rustam Barot Latifzoda, Mr. Orif Hamid Amirzoda and Mr. Zarafo Sufijon Qiyamzoda

17:15–17:30

Closing session

- Wrap-up
- Concluding remarks by the Deputy Chairman of the Majlisi Namoyandagon of the Majlisi Oli of the Republic of Tajikistan

17:30–18:00

Transfer and tour of the Navruz Palace

18:00–20:00

Dinner hosted on behalf of the Chairman of the Majlisi Namoyandagon of the Majlisi Oli of the Republic of Tajikistan (Hall Didor, Navruz Palace)

20:00–20:20

Transfer to the hotel

Day 2 – Saturday, 23 May 2026

08:30–09:30

Transfer to the Varzob District

09:30–12:00

Field visit to a climate change affected area

12:00–13:00

Working lunch in Varzob District

13:00–14:00

Transfer to the hotel