

Program of the 6th ECO Ministerial Meeting on Environment

3 June 2026 - 10:00 - 12:30

Samarkand, Republic of Uzbekistan

Silk Road by Minyoun Hotel, West Journey Hall

<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
10:00 – 10:15	1. Inauguration of the Meeting	- Welcome address by the Host Country, Head of National Committee on Ecology and Climate Change of the Republic of Uzbekistan - Opening statement by the ECO Secretary-General
10:15 – 10:20	2. Election of the Chairperson	- Nomination and election of the Chairperson for the Ministerial Meeting - Chairperson's acceptance remarks
10:20 – 10:25	3. Adoption of the Agenda	- Presentation of the provisional agenda - Adoption by acclamation
10:25 – 10:30	4. Appointment of the Drafting Committee	- Nomination and appointment of members (representatives from selected Member States and ECO Secretariat)
10:30 – 11:15	5. Statements and Presentations by Member States	Country statements (Max. 5 minutes per delegation) focusing on national priorities, progress, and action-oriented contributions - Note: Full written statements to be submitted to the Secretariat
11:15 – 11:20	6. Report by the Chairperson of the Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)	Presentation of the SOM outcomes, including technical consensus and recommendations for ministerial action

<p>11:20 – 11:30</p>	<p>7. Endorsement of the ECO Cooperation Framework on the Environment (2026-2030) and its Thematic Annexes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ECO Work Program on Climate Change (2026-2030) - ECO Work Program on Biodiversity (2026-2030) - Ministerial endorsement (decision by consensus)
<p>11:30 – 11:40</p>	<p>8. ECO High-Level Dialogue Platform on Environmental Cooperation (HLDPE)</p>	<p>Brief update by Uzbekistan as the current Chairman of the HLDPE regarding the first meeting of the Platform and discussion on the way forward and future roadmap</p>
<p>11:40 – 11:50</p>	<p>9. Follow-up on the Implementation of the Regional Initiative on Resource Efficiency, Sustainability, and Circular Economy in the ECO Region (RESCUE)</p>	<p>Review of progress and mandate for next steps on the RESCUE Initiative, including cooperation with UNIDO in this respect</p>
<p>11:50 – 12:00</p>	<p>10. Adoption of the Samarkand Declaration on Regional Environmental Cooperation</p>	<p>Presentation of the final outcome document - Adoption by consensus</p>
<p>12:00 – 12:05</p>	<p>11. Date and Venue of the 7th ECO Ministerial Meeting on Environment</p>	<p>Decision on the next Ministerial Meeting (host country, date, venue)</p>
<p>12:05 – 12:15</p>	<p>12. Adoption of the Report</p>	<p>Adoption of the meeting report as prepared by the Drafting Committee</p>
<p>12:15 – 12:20</p>	<p>13. Any Other Business</p>	<p>Any additional issues raised by Member States</p>
<p>12:20 – 12:30</p>	<p>14. Closing Remarks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Statement by the ECO Secretary-General - Closing address by the Chairperson - Vote of thanks to the Host Country