



6th ECO Ministerial Meeting on Environment

**on the sidelines of the 2024 United Nations
Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP29)**

15 November 2024

14:30-15:30

National Pavilion of the Republic the Uzbekistan

Blue Zone, COP29 Venue

Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda Item No. 1

Inauguration of the Meeting

1. The meeting will be inaugurated by H.E. Dr. Asad M. Khan, Secretary General of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO).

Agenda Item No. 2

Election of the Chairperson

2. The Chairperson of the 6th ECO Ministerial Meeting on Environment will be elected in accordance with the ECO Rules of Procedure. H.E. Mr. Aziz Abdukhakimov, Honourable Minister of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change of the Republic of Uzbekistan as the host of the Ministerial Meeting will make his welcoming remarks and preside over the event.

Agenda Item No. 3

Adoption of the Agenda

3. The agenda of the 6th ECO Ministerial Meeting on Environment, prepared by the Secretariat and circulated among the Member States vide the Note Verbale No. EME/2024/1530 dated 31 October 2024 may be considered and adopted by the Ministerial Meeting.

Agenda Item No. 4

Appointment of the Drafting Committee

4. Due to the convening of this Ministerial Meeting in an extraordinary format with short notice and in a limited time as well as the absence of a prior senior official meeting, it is proposed that the Secretariat would prepare the draft report to be conveyed and adopted later in accordance with the modality decided by the meeting under agenda item 9.

Agenda Item No. 5

Statements and Presentations by the Member States

5. The honourable Ministers/Head of Delegations of the ECO Member States will be invited to deliver their statements in alphabetical order, giving priority to Minister(s). A maximum of 5-minute duration is recommended for the delivery of each statement due to time limits.

Agenda Item No. 6

Endorsement of the draft ECO Cooperation Framework on the Environment (2025-2030) and its Annexes:

- a. **Work Program on Climate Change in the ECO Region (2025-2030)**
- b. **Work Program on Biodiversity in the ECO Region (2025-2030)**

6. The Secretariat in cooperation with the ECO Institute for Environmental Science and Technology (ECO-IEST), has reviewed the former Framework Plan of Action in the light of “ECO Vision 2025”, recent global and regional environmental developments, and rapidly evolving global environmental agenda. As an outcome of this process, the draft of the ECO Cooperation Framework on the Environment and its annexes have been developed and disseminated to the ECO Member States vide ECO Secretariat’s Note Verbale No. EME/MM on Environment/2022/995 dated 7 July 2022.
7. It is to be recalled that the Informal Ministerial Meeting on Environment of the ECO Member States held on 9 December 2023 on the sidelines of COP28 in Dubai noted with appreciation the development of the new “ECO Cooperation Framework on the Environment” and its two Annexes. This meeting considered it as a long-term regional strategy that streamlines key priorities and action areas in the ECO Region for environmental cooperation in view of the rapidly evolving global environmental and climate agenda. The meeting thus recommended the subject Cooperation Framework for adoption by the decision-making bodies of ECO.

Agenda Item No. 7

High-Level Dialogue Platform on Environmental Cooperation: a way forward

8. The Informal Ministerial Meeting on Environment of the ECO Member States in Dubai on 9 December 2023 emphasized the importance of the High-Level Dialogue Platform on Environmental Cooperation, which was established in the course of the 26th Meeting of the ECO Council of Ministers (COM) held on 24 January 2023 in Tashkent, as a promising advisory mechanism involving academia and contributing to environmental sustainability in the ECO Region. The Informal Ministerial Meeting underscored that the subject Platform may find solutions to environmental challenges, explore ways to enhance cooperation on environment and determine the scope of regional collaboration in the ECO Region.
9. The honourable Ministers/Head of Delegations of the ECO Member States may wish to decide about how to organize the first meeting of this Platform.

Agenda Item No. 8

Endorsement of the “Joint Statement on Launching the Regional Initiative on Resource Efficiency, Sustainability, and Circular Economy in the ECO Region (RESCUE)”

10. The Secretariat in its Note Verbale No. EME/2024/936 dated 11 July 2024, and Note Verbale No. EME/2024/1207 dated 29 August 2024 shared the draft “Joint Statement on Launching the Regional Initiative on Resource Efficiency, Sustainability, and Circular Economy in the ECO Region (RESCUE)” with the Member States and requested any possible views on the draft by 9 September 2024.
11. The honourable Ministers/Head of Delegations may wish to endorse the subject document. It is due to be presented during the Ministerial Meeting on Circular Economy on 16 November 2024 as a non-binding document for joining by different stakeholders.

Agenda Item No. 9

Modality of the adoption of outcome document/report of the 6th ECO Ministerial Meeting on Environment

12. The Ministerial Meeting may consider the endorsement of an outcome document (a call to action, chairman's conclusions/summary, etc.).
13. The Ministerial Meeting may specify the modality of the adoption of the its report, for example through observing a two-week silence procedure for obtaining approval of the Member States on the draft report and in case of no objection, within the set time limit, the report will be considered approved (see Agenda item No. 4 for additional details).

Agenda Item No. 10

Date and venue of the 7th ECO Ministerial Meeting on Environment

14. The honourable Ministers/Head of Delegations may wish to express the initial interest to host the 7th ECO Ministerial Meeting on Environment in 2025.

Agenda Item No. 11

Any other business

15. The honourable Ministers/Head of Delegations may wish to raise any matter which they deem appropriate at this meeting.

Agenda Item No. 12

Closing Remarks

16. The Chairperson of the Meeting and the ECO Secretary General may wish to deliver the closing remarks.