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PROGRAMME
MINISTERIAL MEETING ON CIRCULAR ECONOMY
**“Empowering Interregional Partnerships for Circular Economy
Transition:
Towards a Climate Resilient and Sustainable Future via Resource-
Efficiency”**

16 November 2024 (09:00-10:30 am, GMT+4)

**Meeting venue: Conference Hall SE5 “Nasimi”, Blue Zone, COP29 venue
Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan**

Meeting format

The meeting will be conducted in English. It will be organized as an interactive panel discussion in a Davos-style format with the participation of diverse stakeholders. The meeting will start off with the keynote speeches of dignitaries representing each event co-organizer. The moderator will then set the scene and facilitate an interactive and engaging dialogue among panellists and participants. The discussion will end with a Q&A session, and in the end there will be a call to action to invite all stakeholders to join in the outcome documents, which will be presented by putting them on screen.

Time	Sessions	Thematic categories/ annotations
09:00-09:05	Keynote Speeches by the co-organizers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E Mr. Mikayil Jabbarov, Minister of Economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan	
09:05-09:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Ms. Inger Andersen, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)	
09:10-09:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Dr. Asad M. Khan, Secretary General of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) Welcome address by	

<p>09:15-09:20</p> <p>09:20-09:25</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms. Tatiana Molcean, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) • H.E. Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) 	
<p>09:25-09:30</p>	<p>Setting the scene and ice-breaker by the moderator</p>	
<p>09:30-10:10</p>	<p>High-level Panel Discussion on “Empowering Interregional Partnerships for Circular Economy Transition” (40 minutes)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Aziz Abdulkhakimov, Minister of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change of the Republic of Uzbekistan • H.E. Atsuko Hirose, Acting Secretary General of the Energy Charter Secretariat • Mr. Ciyong Zou, Deputy Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) • Ms. Isabella Teixeira, Co-Chair of the International Resource Panel, former Environment Minister of Brazil and Champion of the Earth in 2013. • Mr. Mansur Oshirbayev, Vice Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan • Mr. Samad Bashirli, Deputy Minister of Economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan • Mr. Fatih Turan, General Director of Environmental Management, Ministry of Environment, Urbanization, and Climate Change (MoEUCC) of the Republic of Türkiye 	<p>Relevant policies of Uzbekistan</p> <p>Energy-circular economy nexus for a sustainable future</p> <p>The role of business incentives in circular transition and industrial perspectives</p> <p>Expert in environmental management, impact assessment and licensing</p> <p>Relevant policies of Kazakhstan</p> <p>Relevant policies of Azerbaijan</p> <p>Relevant policies of Türkiye, alignment with the Zero Waste Initiative of Türkiye</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Conrad Albrecht, Managing Director and Head of the Directorate of Sustainability, Eurasian Development Bank (EDB) • Dr. Jauad El Kharraz, Co-Chair of the Mediterranean Clean Energy Network Senior Associate Mediterranean at the Italian Climate Change Think Tank (ECCO) • Prof. Semida Silveira, Professor of Practice in the Systems Engineering Program and a member of the Council of Engineers for the Energy Transition (CEET), Cornell University 	<p>Financing circular transition</p> <p>Nexus between circular economy and sustainable energy</p> <p>Role and importance of the circular economy in achieving energy efficiency goals</p>
10:10-10:20	Questions and answers session	
10:20-10:25	<p>Overview of the outcome documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Joint Declaration on Baku Resource Efficiency and Circularity Agenda” • “Joint Statement on launching the Regional Initiative on Resource Efficiency, Sustainability and Circular Economy in the ECO Region (RESCUE)” 	<p>The outcome documents which were previously shared, will be introduced to the hall on screens. The stakeholders will be invited to consider joining them.</p>
10:25-10:30	Conclusions and closing remarks by the moderator and co-organizers	