

# Introducing the Project

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# General Framework

Project name	Ecologically oriented regional development in the Aral Sea Region
Commisioned by	Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
Project region	Aral Sea Region (Uzbekistan & Kazakhstan)
Lead executing agency	Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Uzbekistan Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Duration	until 30.06.2024

## Main objective

The **economic development** of the Aral Sea region is improved **across borders**, taking into account **ecological sustainability**

### *Capacity Building private sector*

- 60 % of 120 Uzbek and 80 Kazakh **micro, small or medium-sized enterprises** (25 % of each of which are **run by women**) have increased their resource efficiency by 30 %

### *Implementation of measures*

- 10 measures for ecologically sustainable resource use are implemented **using earth observation-based spatial planning instruments** or procedures, 4 of which **cross borders**.

### *Policy Advise*

- **Policies or strategies** for ecologically oriented regional development in the Aral Sea region agreed between Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan have been implemented across borders in **5 economic sectors**.

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# Project Components



Output	1	2
Aim	<b>Private and public</b> service providers <b>can advise</b> on ecologically sustainable resource use	<b>Public or private</b> planners <b>apply</b> Earth observation-based spatial planning instruments or procedures
Indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Trainings</b> conducted for private and public service providers</li><li>• Training, consulting and information <b>material</b> on ecologically oriented economic development elaborated and used.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Territorial <b>planning processes</b> are based on geoinformation from earth observation and ground-based sources.</li><li>• 50 planners (20 % of whom are women) from regional administrations, national ministries and the private sector are <b>applying digital planning tools</b>.</li></ul>





# Project Components



Output	3	4
Aim	<b>Public and private</b> investment <b>decisions</b> are made on the basis of information on environmental sustainability	<b>Guidelines</b> for an ecologically sustainable economic development have been agreed upon <b>across borders</b>
Indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Recommendations</b> from environmental impact assessments are <b>integrated</b> into regional development or investment <b>plans</b>.</li><li>• <b>Resource users</b> have <b>access</b> to investment-relevant information on sustainable use of natural resources, soil, water, climate and biodiversity.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>5 planning objectives</b> for ecologically sustainable economic development have been <b>agreed upon</b> between the countries.</li><li>• <b>4 cross-border analyses</b> for ecologically sustainable resource use in the Aral Sea region <b>are used</b> by decision makers from Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan.</li></ul>





# Alignment with UN Priorities

- **The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

The goal and objectives of the project are fully in line and contribute to the UN commitment to mitigate the Aral Sea crisis (e.g. Multi-Partner Human Security Trust Fund for the Aral Sea Region)

- The Project makes substantial contributions to:

**SDG 2 (sustainable agriculture)**

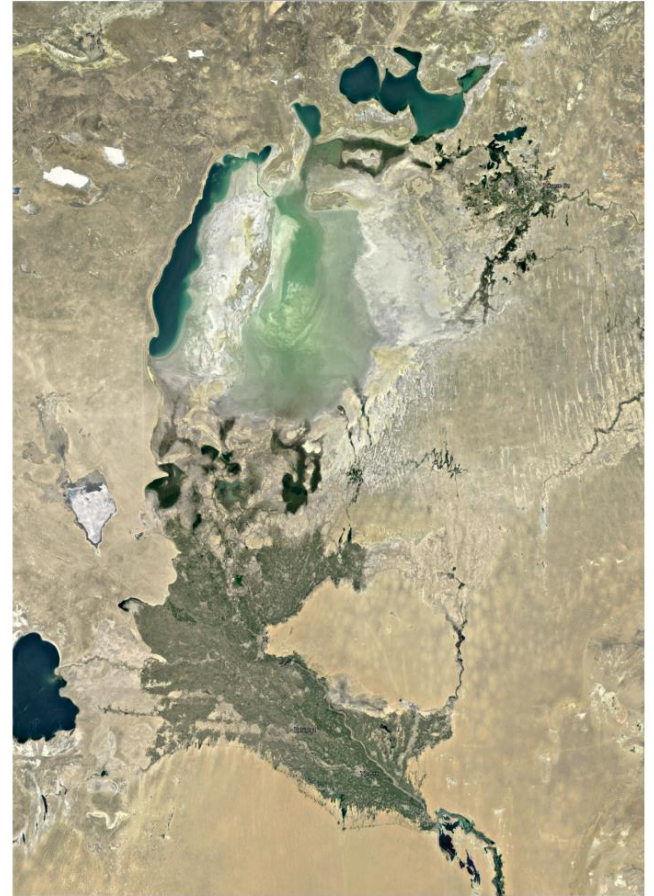
**SDG 13 (climate protection)**

**SDG 15 (life on land)**



# Alignment with National/Sub-National Strategies Uzbekistan (selection)

- Development Action Strategy 2017-2021
  - Focuses on Five Priority Areas – III priority issues
- The State Program on Development of the Aral Sea Region for 2017-2021 (PP-2731)
- Special Program for complex Social-Economic development of Muynak district
- Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Uzbekistan from (#132) on “Organizational aspects of establishing of Green areas



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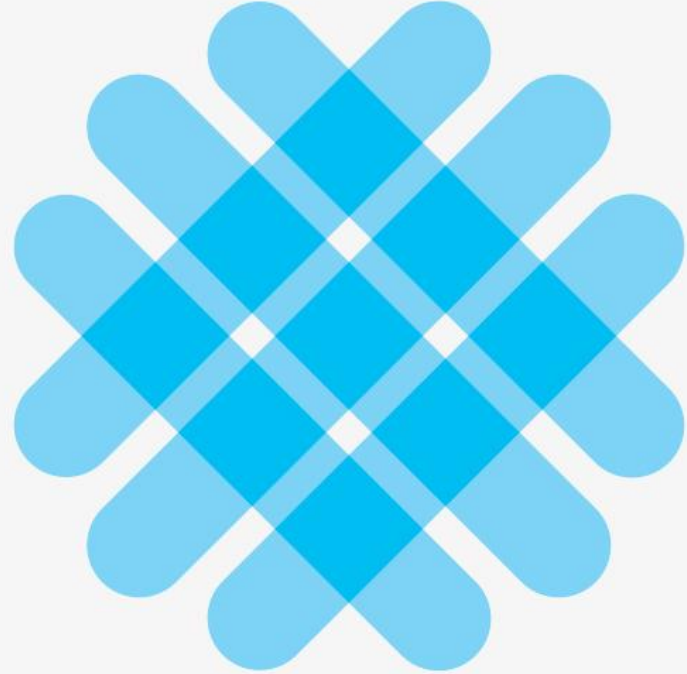
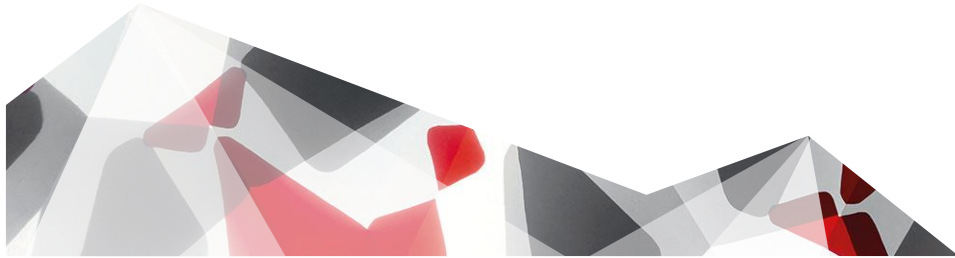


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## Alignment with National/Sub-National Strategies Kazakhstan (selection)

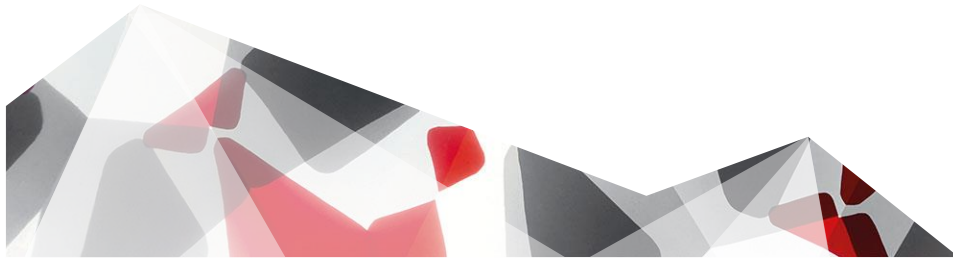
- Strategy "Kazakhstan-2050": a new political course of the established state.
- Strategic development plan of the Republic of Kazakhstan until 2025.





## Alignment with National/Sub-National Strategies Kazakhstan (selection)

- Policy 6. “Green” Economy and Environmental Protection





## Conditions and challenges (as of 2019)

### **Main challenges of the country economy:**

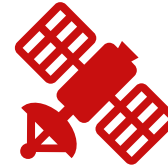
As pointed out in National report on the transition of the Republic of Kazakhstan to “green economy”.

- water scarcity and ineffective water management
- low labor productivity in agriculture
- Small businesses and the rural low-income society are vulnerable to the consequences of climate change
- Low awareness of people on environmental knowledge and “green technology”



## The project can address the issue by

- providing policy advice and consulting services;
- making geoinformation available for the sustainable use of water and land resources
- sustainable economic development through cross-border cooperation



# Alignment with Regional (Cross-country) Strategies

- Regional Environmental Plan for Sustainable Development

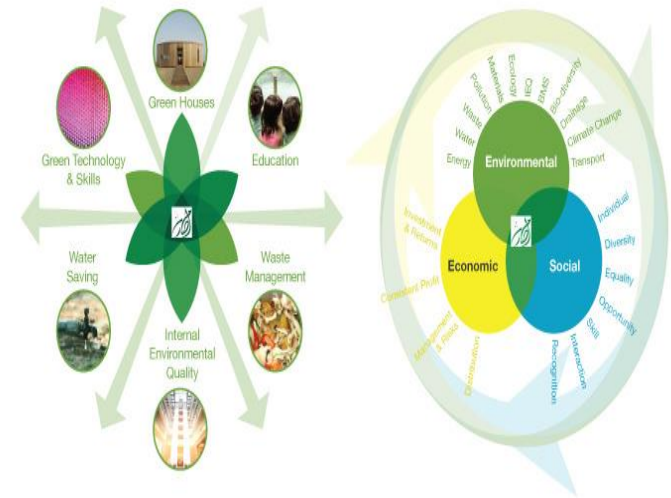


## Key Messages

- **Across sectors:** Only by considering ecological limits and climate risks in your investment decision you can achieve a sustainable economic development
- **Across borders:**
- Knowledge, Attitude, Practice is key:
- Women are key:

## Сквозные вопросы

- Сотрудничество по трансграничным проблемам. (например, экологическая неустойчивость, нехватка ресурсов, изменение климата).
- Укрепление национального и местного институционального потенциала.
- Сохранение гендерного баланса в деятельности по проекту.
- Поддержка женщин-предпринимателей, работающих в сельском хозяйстве, путем предоставления консультативных услуг и профессиональной подготовки.
- Вовлечение заинтересованных сторон





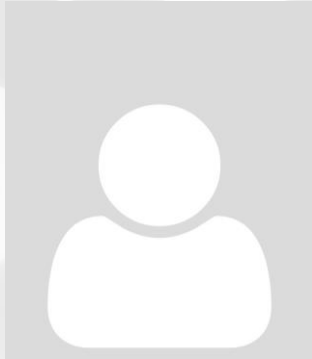
# Questions & Answers



# Thank you for attention!

***Our Key Message:  
We support cross-border economic development  
for a better livelihood and ecological sustainability  
in the Aral Sea region***

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