

INFORMATION LETTER

CAREC Institute
(Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation),
Asian Development Bank Institute,
Public Opinion Research Institute (Kazakhstan)
Turan International University
conduct a joint online (ZOOM)/offline workshop

“Household and community access to energy in the Fergana Valley – a multidimensional survey-based assessment in three CAREC countries”

Date: November 22, 2023
Place: Turan International University
(Namangan, Uzbekistan)

Access to energy is vital for many aspects of human life and for the socio-economic development of the CAREC region. At the same time energy systems globally and in the CAREC region are undergoing fundamental transitions, not least to adapt to climate change and to contribute to the fight against it.

In recent years, there has been an increased focus on energy and renewable sources also in the Fergana Valley. The Fergana Valley spans over parts of Uzbekistan, the Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan. Uzbekistan, the Kyrgyz Republic, and Tajikistan are all working on major shifts in their electricity generation and distribution systems. All three countries have enacted several laws and programs in this respect. Part of the programs are decisive shifts towards renewables. Investigating energy access in the Fergana Valley provides the opportunity to study energy access in a subregion that is geographically smaller and more uniform than the CAREC region as a whole but that is divided between three different legislations and thus well-suited for comparative analyses.

The CAREC Institute, the Asian Development Bank Institute, together with the Public Opinion Research Institute, conducted surveys of the population in three CAREC countries: Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. The total sample of the survey was 1522 respondents. Survey time: July-August 2023. Household members who make decisions in financial and everyday matters of the household were surveyed.

The purpose of this research was to develop a set of recommendations for policymakers to further develop and optimize access to energy for households, microenterprises and communities located in certain regions of Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. In accordance with this goal, tasks were set such as assessing access to energy in the studied regions, as well as studying the impact of the energy transition on the well-being of the population and the population’s needs for energy resources in the studied regions. The research examined the following topics: seasonal characteristics of energy supply problems, home heating system, central and autonomous heating, home cooling system, use of energy sources for cooking, electricity supply, energy saving, environmental protection and health, sources of information on renewable energy.

The results of a sociological survey conducted in the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan will be presented at the seminar.

The workshop on November 22, 2023 will bring together government stakeholders, experts, and the general public to discuss the results of surveys conducted from three countries – Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, as well as differences and similarities between CAREC countries.

Time:

Time of the seminar:

09:30 – 16:30 Uzbekistan, Tajikistan local time

10:30 – 17:30 Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic local time

12:30 – 19:30 China, Philippines, Mongolia local time

13:30 – 20:30 Japan local time

Language: Uzbek, Russian, English

Registration is required to participate in the seminar. Registration link:
https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0lde2sqTovGNSe5ZikGaGhEG_Ilib8w0Mz#/registration

About CAREC (www.carecinstitute.org). The Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute is an intergovernmental organization, jointly governed by 11 member countries, with an international organization status in the PRC, dedicated to promoting economic cooperation among CAREC members through research, capacity building, policy advocacy, and partnerships. The Institute acts as a knowledge connector among the five CAREC clusters - economic and financial stability; trade, tourism, and economic corridors; infrastructure and economic connectivity; agriculture and water; and human development - to ensure coherence in design and implementation of policies, programs, and projects to promote regional economic cooperation and integration, where integration is defined as a strategy that promotes the benefits of collective and collaborative activities among member countries through economies of scale, more vigorous intra-regional trade, expansion of markets, shared information platforms for exchange, and harmonized frameworks for social and economic interaction.

About the Asian Development Bank Institute (<https://www.adb.org/adbi/main>).

The Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) is the Tokyo-based think tank of the Asian Development Bank. ADBI provides demand-driven policy research, capacity building and training, and outreach to help developing countries in Asia and the Pacific practically address sustainability challenges, accelerate socioeconomic change, and realize more robust, inclusive, and sustainable growth.

About the Public Opinion Research Institute (www.opinions.kz). The Public Opinion Research Institute (Astana, Kazakhstan) was founded in 2013 by a group of sociologists with more than 25 years of professional experience. The Institute specializes in the study of public opinion, conducts marketing and sociological research in Kazakhstan and other countries of the world. Research Institute staff members are members of international professional networks - ESOMAR, WAPOR, WVS, ESCAS, etc.

About the Turan International University (https://t.me/tiu_university) The Turan International University is a newly established higher education institution located in Namangan city in the Fergana Valley. It comprises the College of Business Administration and the College of Education Studies and Humanities. The university offers education in the fields of International Economics, Accounting and auditing, Information technology and software development, Tourism, Marketing, Logistics, Finance, and International relations.