



COURSE FOR SUSTAINABILITY  
STRATEGIES, METHODOLOGIES, POLICIES AND ACTIONS

Module 1

# Sustainable Development: Introduction and Analysis

April 14-19, 2008

Location: Astana, Kazakhstan



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## **Module One - Sustainable Development: Introduction and Analysis**

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### **Learning Objectives**

By the end of the module participants will:

- Understand the concept of SD - The relationships between the 'three pillars' and how their work fits into them;
- Acquire planning tools to address problems from an SD perspective and think more creatively when planning and policy-making;
- Gain knowledge of international (UN), regional, subregional and national strategies and initiatives for SD, and the legal, institutional and policy contexts at all levels, including poverty reduction and the Millennium Development Goals; and
- Understand the concept of good governance and multi-stakeholder dialogue, and be able to foster communication and action.

# Course Agenda

**Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Theme: The World Today**

9:00 – 10:15 *Welcome and Orientation Session*

- Introduction to the Course – *Robert Atkinson, REC*
- Welcome Address by the Course Sponsors
  - IMELS/ITF – *Stefania Romano, ITF*
  - BG Group
- Introduction to the Partner Organisations
  - REC – *Marta Szigeti-Bonifert*
  - CAREC – *Talaybek Makeev*
  - VIU – *Ignazio Musu*
  - CEU – *Ruben Mnatsakanian*

10:15 – 11:00 *Participants Introductions*

11:00 – 11:20 *Coffee Break*

11:20 – 12:20 *Opening Keynote Address: State of the World: Environment and Security (M. Szigeti-Bonifert, REC)*

12:20 – 13:30 *Lunch*

13:30 – 14:30 *Lecture: Global Trends: Global Environmental Change (R. Mnatsakanian, CEU)*

14:30 – 15:30 *Lecture: Global Trends: Social Change (V. Mustafina, Director, Center Cooperation for Sustainable Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan; Professor, Turar Ryskulov, Economic University)*

15:30 – 16:00 *Coffee Break*

16:00 – 17:00 *Lecture: Global Trends: Global Economic Challenges (I. Musu, VIU)*

**Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Morning Theme: Development Theories and Alternatives**

9:00 – 10:00 *Lecture: The Discontents of Development (R. Mnatsakanian, CEU)*

10:00 – 10:30 *Discussion & Questions*

10:30 – 10:50 *Coffee Break*

10:50 – 11:50 *Lecture: Illustrating the Development Paradigm in Kazakhstan/Central Asia (V. Mustafina, Director, Center Cooperation for Sustainable Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan; Professor, Turar Ryskulov, Economic University)*

11:50 – 12:20 *Discussion & Questions*

12:20 – 13:30 *Lunch*

**Afternoon Theme: Sustainable Development Theory & Background**

13:30 – 13:45 *Greeting by Course Partners (C. Clini, IMELS and I. Musu, VIU)*

13:45 – 14:45 *Lecture: Concepts of Sustainable Development #1 (R. Mnatsakanian, CEU)*

14:45 – 15:10 *Discussion & Questions*

15:10 – 15:30 *Coffee Break*

15:30 – 16:30 *Lecture: Concepts of Sustainable Development #2 (R. Mnatsakanian, CEU)*

16:30 – 17:00 *Discussion & Questions*

17:30 – 18:30 *Press conference*

19:00 *Welcome Reception*

*Keynote Reception Address: Corrado Clini, Director General of the Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea of Italy, and Minister of Environmental Protection  
Nurlan Iskakov*

### **Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Theme: Sustainable Development Strategies**

9:00 – 10:30 *Lecture: What is a Sustainable Development Strategy? (A. Cherp, CEU)*

10:30 – 11:00 *Discussion & Questions*

11:00 – 11:20 *Coffee Break*

11:20 – 12:20 *Lecture: An Introduction to the Central Asian Sustainable Development Initiative (T. Makeev, CAREC Executive Director)*

12:20 – 13:30 *Lunch*

13:30 – 14:30 *Lecture: An Introduction to the Concept of Transition for Sustainable Development for 2007-2024 of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Action Plan (K.A. Alexandrovih, Director, Center of the Health Conservation and Environmental Projecting)*

14:30 – 15:30 *Discussion: Sustainable Development Strategies (A. Cherp, CEU) (moderator)*

### **Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Theme: Decision-Making Tools for Sustainable Development**

9:00 – 16:00 *Lectures and Workshops: FULL DAY Decision-making Tools for Sustainable Development (A. Cherp, CEU)*

1. Making the right decisions and addressing the right problems:
  - a. Framing sustainability
  - b. Addressing the problems in the right way: analysis, assessment, and participation
  - c. From problems to solutions
2. Implementing decisions
  - a. Monitoring, evaluation, and management
  - b. Communication and collaboration
3. Reflection and discussion: do we always need decisions?

## **Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

### **Theme: Good Governance for Sustainable Development**

- 9:00 – 10:00 *Lecture: Good Governance Principles* (M. Toth-Nagy and S. Stec, REC)
- 10:00 – 10:30 *Discussion & Questions*
- 10:30 – 10:50 *Coffee Break*
- 10:50 – 11:50 *Lecture: Public Participation: A Tool for Good Governance* (M. Toth-Nagy, REC)
- 11:50 – 12:20 *Discussion & Questions*
- 12:20 – 13:30 *Lunch*
- 13:30 – 16:00 *Workshop: Public Participation Case Studies* (M. Toth-Nagy, REC)

## **Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

### **Theme: Legal and Local Aspects**

- 9:00 – 10:00 *Lecture: International Law and International Institutions for Sustainable Development* (S. Stec, REC)
- 10:00 – 10:30 *Discussion & Questions*
- 10:30 – 10:50 *Coffee Break*
- 10:50 – 11:50 *Lecture: MEAs & Poverty Reduction – MDG7* (S. Stec, REC)
- 11:50 – 12:20 *Discussion & Questions*
- 12:20 – 13:30 *Lunch*
- 13:30 – 14:30 *Lecture: A tool for Good Governance: Agenda 21 and Local Agenda 21* (Y. Bulat Kamalbekovich, Expert of the Fund for Sustainable Development “Kazyna”)
- 14:30 – 15:00 *Discussion & Questions*
- 15:00 – 15:20 *Coffee Break*
- 15:20 – 17:00 *Briefing: Introduction to Optional Modules (options A and B) and Logistics Session* (T. Shakirova, CAREC; S. Angelini, VIU; S. Graning, REC)

## **Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Team Departure