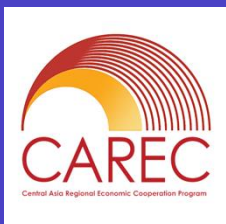


CAREC Gender 2025

Inclusion, Empowerment and Resilience for All



The CAREC Program

The **Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Program** is a partnership of 11 countries and development partners working together to promote development through cooperation, leading to accelerated economic growth and poverty reduction. It is guided by the overarching vision of “Good Neighbors, Good Partners, and Good Prospects.”

The program is a proactive facilitator of practical, results-based regional projects, and policy initiatives critical to sustainable economic growth and shared prosperity in the region.

CAREC COUNTRIES

Azerbaijan

People's Republic of China

Georgia

Kazakhstan

Kyrgyz Republic

Mongolia

Pakistan

Tajikistan

Turkmenistan

Uzbekistan

CAREC's Operational Clusters



Economic & Financial Stability



Trade Tourism & Economic Corridors



Infrastructure & Economic Connectivity



Agriculture & Water



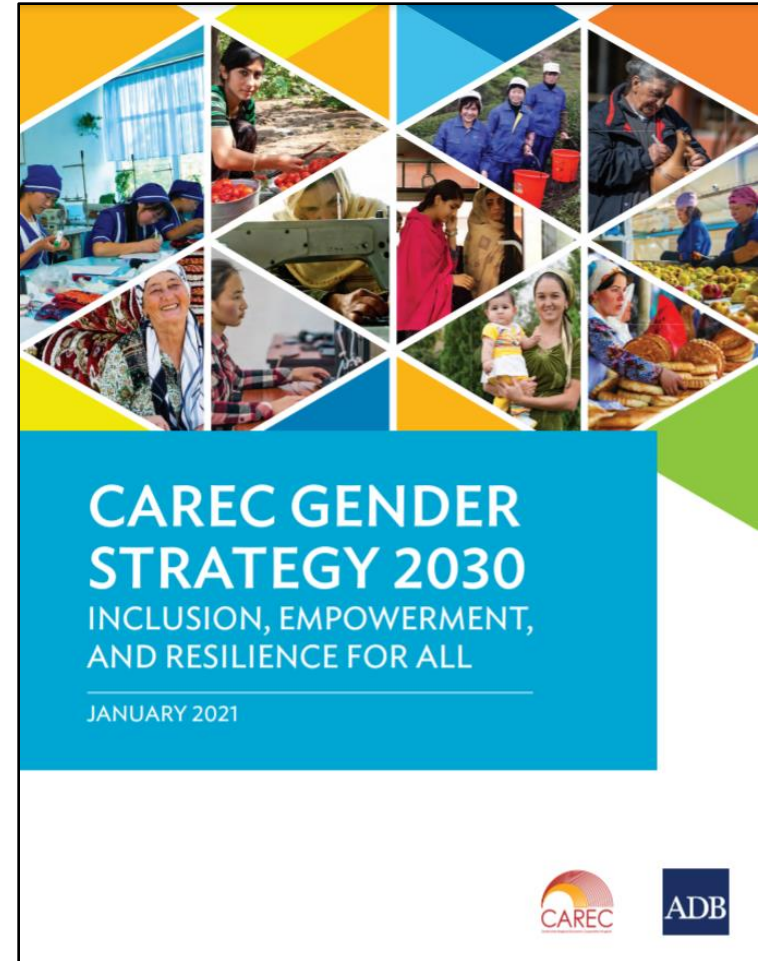
Human Development



Cross-cutting Themes

CAREC Gender Strategy

The CAREC Gender Strategy 2030 provides a regional approach to improving gender mainstreaming and strengthening the equal access of men and women to economic opportunities in CAREC's operational clusters.

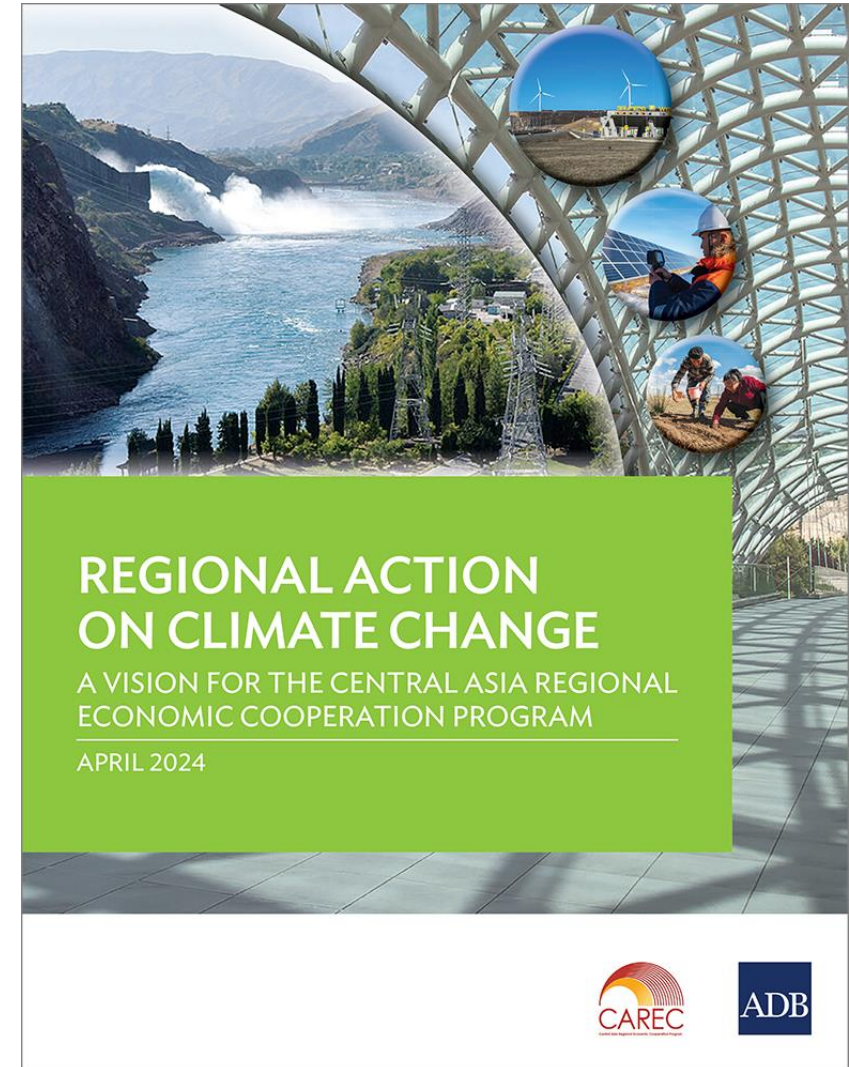


Objectives of the Strategy

- Promote women's access to economic opportunities
- Contribute to women's social empowerment
- Support women's regional networks and policy reform for women empowerment
- Enhance women's access to information and communication technology

CAREC Climate Vision

The CAREC Climate Vision emphasizes the importance of promoting climate actions as a cross-cutting priority along with gender and information and communication technology. The vision highlights the urgency of regional climate action and its cross-cutting nature, advocating for gender inclusive climate actions to be integrated into the CAREC 2030 Strategy.

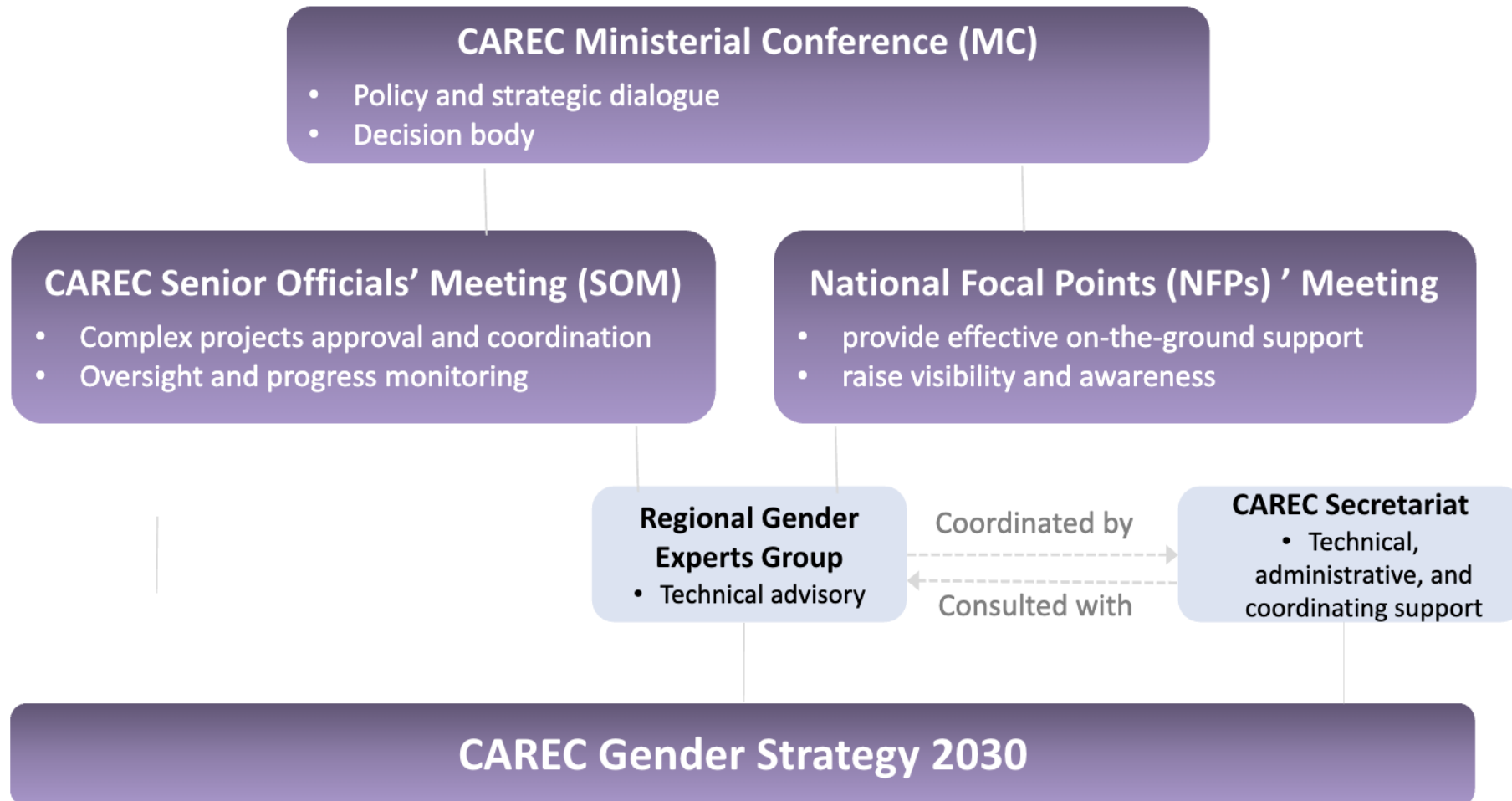




Regional Gender Expert Group (RGEG)

The Regional Gender Expert Group (RGEG) is a key advisory and consultative body within the CAREC program. It comprises representatives from ministries and national committees responsible for leading gender mainstreaming efforts in all CAREC member countries. The RGEG plays a crucial role in advising on the gender cross-cutting theme within the CAREC program and supports various gender-related initiatives and events.

Structure, operations, and responsibilities



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Women's Business Forum

The CAREC Women's Business Forum underscores the critical role of women in advancing economic progress and addressing climate challenges. The forum aims to enhance gender knowledge sharing, foster professional networks, and support capacity development, with a focus on regional cooperation. The 2025 theme will center on gender equality and green innovation, emphasizing the role of gender equality in building climate resilience and leveraging green technologies to address climate challenges.

Objectives

The CAREC Gender Climate Women's Business Forum aims to:

- Raise awareness of the intersection between climate change and gender equality.
- Highlight women's leadership in green innovation and entrepreneurship.
- Facilitate and strengthen collaboration and knowledge exchange among stakeholders in the CAREC region.
- Advocate for gender-sensitive policies and financing mechanisms to promote green innovation.

1. **Gender and Climate Change:** Exploring how climate change exacerbates gender inequalities, and spotlight critical roles women play in adaptation and mitigation.
2. **Women in Green Innovation:** Showcasing the achievements of women entrepreneurs in green technologies, renewable energy, eco-tourism, and sustainable agriculture within the CAREC region.
3. **Policy, Financing, and Collaboration:** Identifying gender-sensitive climate financing solutions and fostering multi-stakeholder partnerships to support women-led green initiatives.

Key Topics

CAREC Women's Business Forum 2024

Astana, Kazakhstan

CAREC WOMEN'S BUSINESS FORUM 2024 
ЖЕНСКИЙ БИЗНЕС-ФОРУМ ЦАРЭС 2024

Gender Equality in the Context of Climate Change
Гендерное равенство в контексте изменения климата





CAREC Gender and Green Innovation Awards

Webpage: <https://bit.ly/4jJx63g>

The CAREC Gender and Green Innovation Awards 2025 aim to recognize individuals and organizations making significant contributions to advancing gender equality through green innovation and technology in the context of climate resilience, adaptation, and mitigation within the CAREC region. This year's awards emphasize the transformative role of green technologies in addressing climate challenges and promoting inclusive development.

Eligibility

Nominees should be:

- Resident nationals of a CAREC member country (Azerbaijan, People's Republic of China, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan) or organizations operating in at least one of these countries.
- Individuals or organizations with a demonstrated commitment and active role in promoting gender equality and leveraging green technologies to advance climate resilience, adaptation, and mitigation through professional or voluntary work.

Rewards and Benefits

- Recognition at the award ceremony during the CAREC Women's Business Forum in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic in October 2025
- Membership to the CAREC Women's Empowerment Online Platform (WEOP) for networking and showcasing opportunities
- International, regional, and national media exposure
- Invitation to CAREC high-profile events, regional workshops, and training focused on green innovation and technology
- Opportunities for leadership coaching and mentorship programs

Spotlight on Gender and Green Champions

Kyrgyz Republic:

Nurzat Abdyrasulova

President, UNISON Group

As a manager and energy efficiency and climate change expert at Unison Group, she has been actively involved in developing and implementing strategies that are not only gender-sensitive but also promote the role of women in the energy sector. One key example is the KyrSEFF project, where she implemented a \$55 million credit line to support energy efficiency and renewable energy among small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). An important element of the project was the involvement of women entrepreneurs in the energy sector, thereby enhancing their economic opportunities and strengthening their position in a traditionally male-dominated industry. She has delivered over 70 projects during her career and her experience in consulting and project management spans over 23 years. She has interacted with over 7,000 SMEs, sole proprietorships and individuals, of which over 57% were women.



Spotlight on Gender and Green Champions

Kazakhstan:

Aruzhan Mominbayeva

Project Manager, Centre of Green Technologies LLP

Aruzhan has been working in the field of renewable energy sources (RES) since she graduated in 2017. Since then, she has been working as a project manager and her first projects were wind measurements using a 100m meteorological mast in Kazakhstan. For Aruzhan it is important to present young female professionals in the RES sector and to inspire and motivate aspiring professionals and students to work and develop in the industry. Aruzhan attracts female professionals to her projects and pays great attention to providing university internships to students of Nazarbayev University and Kazakh-British University.



Spotlight on Gender and Green Champions

Mongolia:

Mongolian Sustainable Finance Association

The Mongolian Sustainable Finance Association (MSFA), also known as the ToC Association, was established following the successful implementation of the Mongolian Sustainable Finance Initiative (MSFI), which was launched in 2013 with support from the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and the Netherlands Development Bank (FMO).

MSFA aims to promote environmentally responsible and gender inclusive practices within the Mongolian financial sector and business organizations. Its goals include establishing a sustainable finance ecosystem, creating green loan, gender financing, and investment infrastructure, and spearheading sustainable development and green economic growth.



CAREC Gender Awards Ceremony 2023

Tbilisi, Georgia



CAREC Gender and Climate Awards Ceremony 2024

CAREC GENDER CLIMATE AWARDS CEREMONY 2024

ЦЕРЕМОНИЯ НАГРАЖДЕНИЯ ПРЕМИИ ЦАРЕС 2024 ЗА ГЕНДЕРНО-ОРИЕНТИРОВАННЫЕ КЛИМАТИЧЕСКИЕ ДЕЙСТВИЯ

Astana, Kazakhstan



Women's Empowerment Online Platform

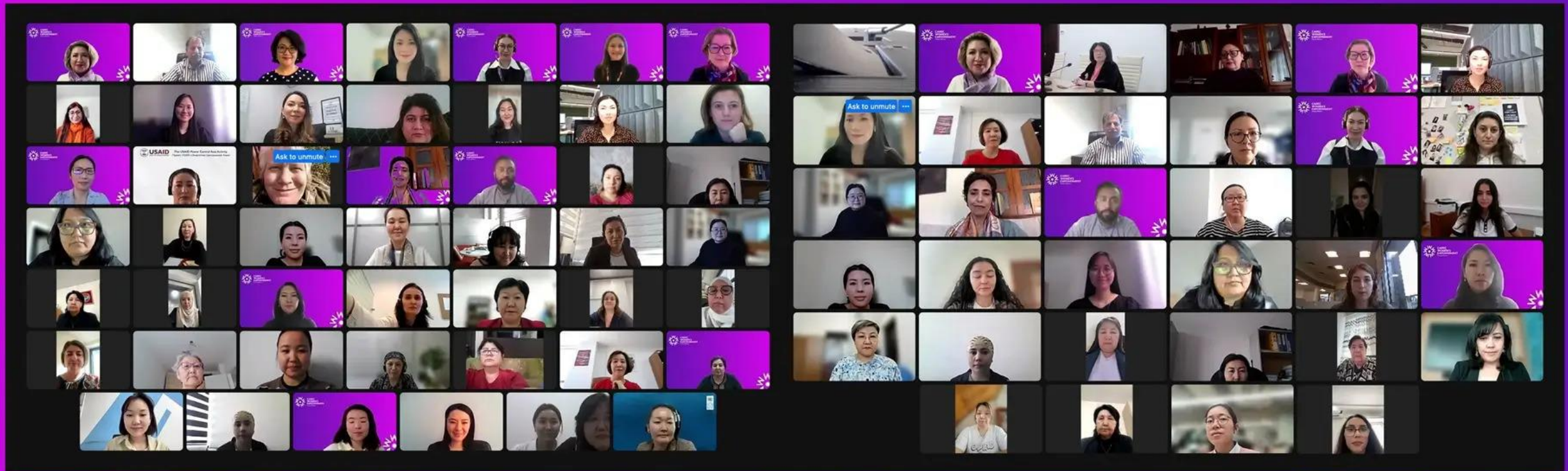
Link: <https://weop.carecprogram.org/>

The CAREC Women's Empowerment Online Platform (WEOP) is a digital space that aims to empower women in CAREC member countries by providing capacity development resources, opportunities for networking, knowledge sharing, and collaboration with stakeholders.



Virtual launch of the CAREC Women's Empowerment Online Platform

8 April 2024 | 14:00 - 15:30, Manila time



WEOP Events

- Guest Speaker Series: A Harassment Free Workplace With Fauzia Viqar (June 2024)
- Discovering Unconscious Gender Biases With Maya Kobalia (August 2024)
- He for She: The Importance of a Diverse and Inclusive Gender Dialogue With Leyla Seyidzade (September 2024)
- Green Finance With a Gender Lens: Why Does It Matter and What Can We Achieve, With Bayarsaikhan Otgonbayar (December 2024)
- Women in Renewable Energy: Challenges, Opportunities, and Global Initiatives With Aruzhan Mominbayeva (February 2025)



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