“Green Energy in the BSEC Region and Beyond”

**Webinar**

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**Concept Note**

Green energy - clean, reliable and affordable - is essential for nations to achieve their development goals. It is also important for the environment as it replaces the negative effects of fossil fuels with more environmentally-friendly alternatives creating pathways for fostering a climate-neutral energy industry, in line with the commitments to Paris Agreement. However, while many BSEC Member States and other nations are taking great strides towards energy security, most still remain dependent on fossil fuels for the majority of their energy needs leaving them highly exposed to oil price and supply volatility, as well as negative environmental impacts and putting a significant strain on their public finance.

Heeding rapid developments in the energy sector and defined priorities in the region and worldwide, Armenia, current country-coordinator of the BSEC Working Group on Energy, is keen to promote renewable energy and energy efficiency, strengthen policies for sustainable development, improve energy integration and ensure reliable, innovative, digitized and affordable energy supplies. Many other countries in the region and beyond have similar priorities and experiences and try to meet common challenges affecting their energy sectors.

Bringing together policy makers, development partners and stakeholders from the BSEC region and around the world, the Webinar will offer a unique opportunity for BSEC Member States and their partners to discuss how renewable energy and low-carbon alternatives can help nations achieve sustainable economic development, identify the elements needed to transform energy sectors, and enhance the contributions of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency improvements among the Member States, based on BSEC Green Strategy, to materialize the long-term vision of transforming the Region into a model for clean energy in the context of 30th anniversary of BSEC.