



## Priority Tasks to Be Implemented by the State Center for Environmental Expertise


To improve the system of State Environmental Expertise, Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in the Republic of Uzbekistan, modernize governance mechanisms, expand digitalization, and strengthen international cooperation, a number of important reforms are being implemented.


### KEY PRIORITY TASKS FOR THE COMING YEARS


 Annually, approximately **30,000–40,000** environmental expertise projects will be reviewed to assess their compliance with environmental requirements.


 The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) system and environmental standards will be improved through the introduction of Best Available Techniques (BAT), with a transition from individual emission standards for pollutants to sector-based regulation.


 A rating system covering around **400** project developers will be maintained, and qualification certificates will be issued to approximately **800** specialists.


 Urban planning documentation for districts and cities in **12** regions, as well as sectoral development strategies, concepts, and state programs, will undergo Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).


 Cooperation with international organizations such as UNDP, UNEP, the World Bank, KEI, GIZ, IAIA Italy, and AFD will be expanded to improve the environmental assessment system and promote sustainable development.


 The environmental expertise system will be modernized through the introduction of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in cooperation with KEI and IAIA Italy.


 In cooperation with the Republic of Belarus, nearly **100** highly qualified environmental experts, including specialists in the field of nuclear energy, will be trained.


 Screening and Scoping mechanisms will be introduced to ensure greater transparency of the environmental assessment system for investors.

 To strengthen public participation, environmental assessment materials will be made available for public discussion through an open electronic portal.

 Mechanisms for assessing the carbon footprint of projects, taking into account the impacts of climate change, will be introduced.

 In line with the principles of the Green Economy, priority will be given to energy-efficient, resource-saving, and low-emission technologies.

 Special environmental assessment procedures will be developed for projects with transboundary environmental impacts.

 A GIS-based mapping system and geospatial database for environmental expertise projects will be established.

 The post-monitoring and environmental audit systems will be strengthened to ensure effective monitoring of the implementation of conclusions issued through State Environmental Expertise.