

Ashgabat hosted an online conference ahead of COP26

On 31 March, British Embassy in Turkmenistan and a renowned British company PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) organised a video conference to present the results of a joint project on the development of a high-level analysis of international and regional best practices in the area of climate change mitigation and adaptation and accelerate low carbon transition ahead of COP26 and beyond.

This analysis, combined with a high-level overview of the current climate change impact and mitigation efforts undertaken, is intended to facilitate identification of opportunities that can support Turkmenistan on its path towards clean sustainable growth.

During this virtual event, the findings of PwC's high-level analysis were presented to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan (MFA), Ministry of Agriculture and Environment Protection of Turkmenistan, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan, Academy of Sciences of Turkmenistan, State Concerns Turkmenoil and Turkmengas, Ministry of Electrical Energy of Turkmenistan, Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs of Turkmenistan and other key government stakeholders. The project and its outcomes were very well received by the participants.

In his remarks, John Hamilton, Charge d'Affaires a.i. of the British Embassy highlighted the global significance of the upcoming COP26 and the UK Government's COP plans. Mr Hamilton noted that the British Embassy was really happy to continue work in partnership with all relevant bodies in the country, in government, industry and civil society as well as the international community partners to help Turkmenistan on its path to a sustainable and climate secure future. Finally, he expressed hope that this high-level analytical report would help in that journey.

In their turn, the representatives of the MFA, UNDP and Ministry of Agriculture and Environment Protection praised ongoing fruitful cooperation in tackling climate change between the UK and Turkmenistan. They unanimously welcomed the practical findings of the report and confirmed the usefulness of these findings for Turkmenistan's preparation work on the new Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and Fourth Communication to UNFCCC.

At the end of the conference, Turkmen side expressed readiness and necessity to continue pragmatic cooperation with the UK and other international partners on joint work of tackling climate change and its negative impacts on the population.

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