

Public Financial Management reforms in Uzbekistan



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PEFA assessment

- The 2018 PEFA assessment is intended to provide an update of progress in Public Finance Management (PFM) since the last PEFA in 2012, but also establish a new PEFA baseline using the 2016 PEFA methodology.
- PEFA was undertaken jointly by the Government of Uzbekistan, consultants hired by EU and the World Bank. The project was cofinanced by the World Bank and the European Union Delegation to Uzbekistan.

A number of assessments have been carried out with IMF technical assistance, such as:

- 1. Fiscal Transparency Evaluation and Public Financial Management (May 2019)
- 2. Technical Assistance Mission on Statistics of Public Finance (March 2020)
- 3. Framework of Developing a Budget Rules (May 2021)
- In accordance with the recommendations of experts, a budget circular was developed in 2022.

Over the past four years, the Government has paid great attention to the creation of a regulatory framework, improving planning, and developing strategic plans defining long-term mitigation targets for the country, and implementing programs for climate change mitigation and adaptation, transition to a green economy, and green growth.

This could be seen from several presidential decrees such as:

On approval of the Strategy for 2019-2030 on the transition of the Republic of Uzbekistan to "Green" economy. (4th October 2019)

On measures to improve the effectiveness of reforms aimed at the transition of the Republic of Uzbekistan to "Green" economy by 2030. (3rd December 2022)

THE LEVEL OF INTEGRATION OF CLIMATE CHANGE INTO THE NATIONAL PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS IN UZBEKISTAN

Uzbekistan is currently taking its first steps in outlining climate change (CC) mitigation and adaptation framework and improving the link between the CC policies and the State Budget.

The PFM reform measures currently being undertaken by the Government of Uzbekistan towards the introduction and rollout of Program based budgeting, budget performance reporting and CC budget tagging will form a solid basis for further effective integration of CC policy into the PFM/budgeting systems in the country.

In this regard Ministry of economy and finance with the help of French Agency for development and UNDP carried out several assessments including:



Climate public expenditure and institutional review (CPEIR)



Development of roadmap for climate budget tagging modelling and methodology

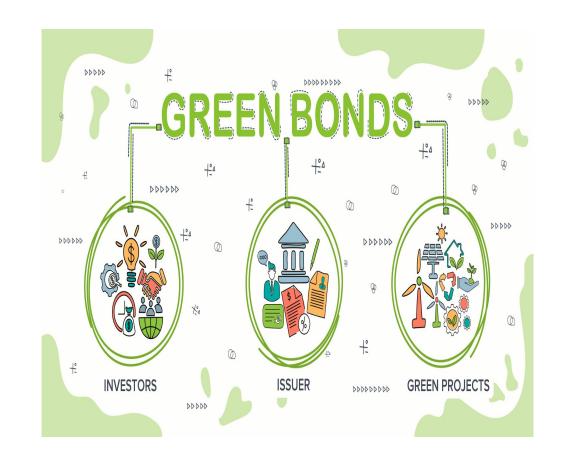


Climate change budget integration index assessment (CCBII)

For the first time, the Republic of Uzbekistan has placed sovereign international bonds with the status of "green" in the national currency

Uzbekistan issued two tranches of Eurobonds worth \$660 million and, for the first time, "green" Eurobonds worth 4.25 trillion UZS with maturities in 2028 and 2026, respectively.

Proceeds from green bonds will be directed to finance green projects such as the introduction of water-saving technologies, degradation of forest and others.



PLANS for 2024:

pilot the Green Budgeting and SDG Tagging methodologies

the next PEFA assessment following the PFM reforms of Uzbekistan.

Thank you for attention!