



Dear applicant,

Thank you for your interest in participating in the **14th Central Asian Leadership Programme on Environment for Sustainable Development “Glacial Horizons and Climate Sensitive mountains disaster risk management in Central Asia”**, which will be held **on September 9-13, 2024.**

The Programme is designed for advanced young professionals from civil society organizations, governmental and academic sectors from five Central Asian countries and Afghanistan.

The 14th CALP will be mainly focused on glacial horizons and climate sensitive mountains disaster risk management, promotion of connectivity of Central Asian youth by providing a neutral regional youth dialogue platform for discussing water cooperation, water diplomacy, gender equality, climate change, energy efficiency, gender, the NEXUS approach and other development issues between governments, academia, civil society, as well as strengthening and highlighting their role and voice in the regional cooperation.

The overarching goal of the 14th CALP is to empower and inspire young professionals from in Central Asia to become influential leaders in the field of environmental change. By providing them with the necessary knowledge, skills, and networks, CALP aims to cultivate a new generation of change-makers to address climate change challenges, disaster risk management, and foster regional collaboration for a resilient and environmentally conscious future in Central Asia.

Below you will find more information on how to apply to the 14th CALP.

Application submission should be done online. In 2024 **CAREC will collect applications from June 10 to July 19, 2024.** The interested applicants from Central Asia are recommended to complete online registration by clicking on the link - <http://calp.carececo.org/> and proceed with following steps:

1. Fill out the online Application Form (in English OR Russian).
2. Upload your essay (in English OR Russian, maximum 500 words).
3. Upload your CV (in English OR Russian).
4. Upload recommendation letter from the state body (for civil servants only) or from employer.
5. Certificates if any.

As stated above, in addition to the online application, applicants should submit their CV as well as an essay of no more than 500 words. The essay should explain the desire to join and benefit from this program and explain how you are going to use the knowledge gained in the CALP.

The application and the attached documents must be completed and uploaded online **not later than July 19, 2024.** Only fully completed applications are accepted for consideration. Participation in the leadership program is free.

Selection results: the selection committee will carefully consider all received applications and documents.
Selected participants will be informed not later than August 5, 2024.

Preference will be given to the **applicants between the ages of 20 to 35**, with an appropriate working experience or education in at least 3 of the following fields: environmental protection, sustainable consumption and production, green economy, circular economy, water management, climate change and sustainable development.

Additional information:

In 2024 total up to 25 participants will be selected from five CA countries. It is also expected to invite the CALP successful alumni as online speakers to share their experience and success stories.

Language of the Programme - Russian and English, with simultaneous translation

Financing: the Swiss Initiative Blue Peace Central Asia, the OSCE Programme Office in Astana, OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek, OSCE Programme Office in Dushanbe, GIZ.

Venue: TBD, Almaty, Kazakhstan.

Dates: September 9-13, 2024