

PRESS-RELEASE

Bioeconomy - new approach for sustainable development of countries and regions

The first international scientific and practical forum on bioeconomy for academic, government institutions and enterprises of various sectors of economy will be held at the Samarkand branch of the Tashkent State Agrarian University of the Republic of Uzbekistan (Samarkand Region, Akdarya District, Dahbed area, Amir Temur street, house 7), from 27 to 28 April under the title "Bioeconomy for sustainable development of countries and regions".

The main goal of the forum is to discuss the possibilities for the development of bioeconomy in Uzbekistan - about its essence, role, advantages, differences from the sectoral approach and the tasks and benefits of various actors in a single bioeconomic ecosystem.

The forum will bring together representatives of relevant government institutions and businesses, university professors and students, scientists and experts in the field of bioeconomy from the European Union and Uzbekistan for a comprehensive dialogue and development of practical proposals on possible directions for the development of bioeconomy and for the higher education in the field of bioeconomy in Uzbekistan. The second bioeconomy forum will be organized in 2023.

The European Commission has defined bioeconomy as the production of renewable biological resources and the conversion of these resources and waste streams into value-added products such as food, feed, bioproducts and bioenergy. The European Commission developed the "Bioeconomy Strategy" to achieve these goals by 2012, which was updated in 2018.

It should be noted that Uzbekistan has enormous potential to implement a more effective transition from a sectoral economy to a bioeconomy, but to achieve these goals, the country needs highly qualified specialists who will introduce bioeconomic approaches into industrial practice.

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