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# Green Bridge Partnership Programme - Practical Contribution to Rio+20

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## Kazakhstan Initiative

In September 2011, at the 66<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan H.E. Mr. Nursultan Nazarbayev put forward the Global Energy-Environmental Strategy and Green Bridge Partnership Programme to be considered at RIO+20 Summit



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## Green Bridge Partnership Programme (GBPP)

was approved by two world regions:

### Asia Pacific

(UNESCAP 6<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development, Sept.2010) and

### Europe

(UNECE 7<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe”, Oct.2011)

### Supported

by the UN Conference for Sustainable Development RIO+20 decision (June, 2012)





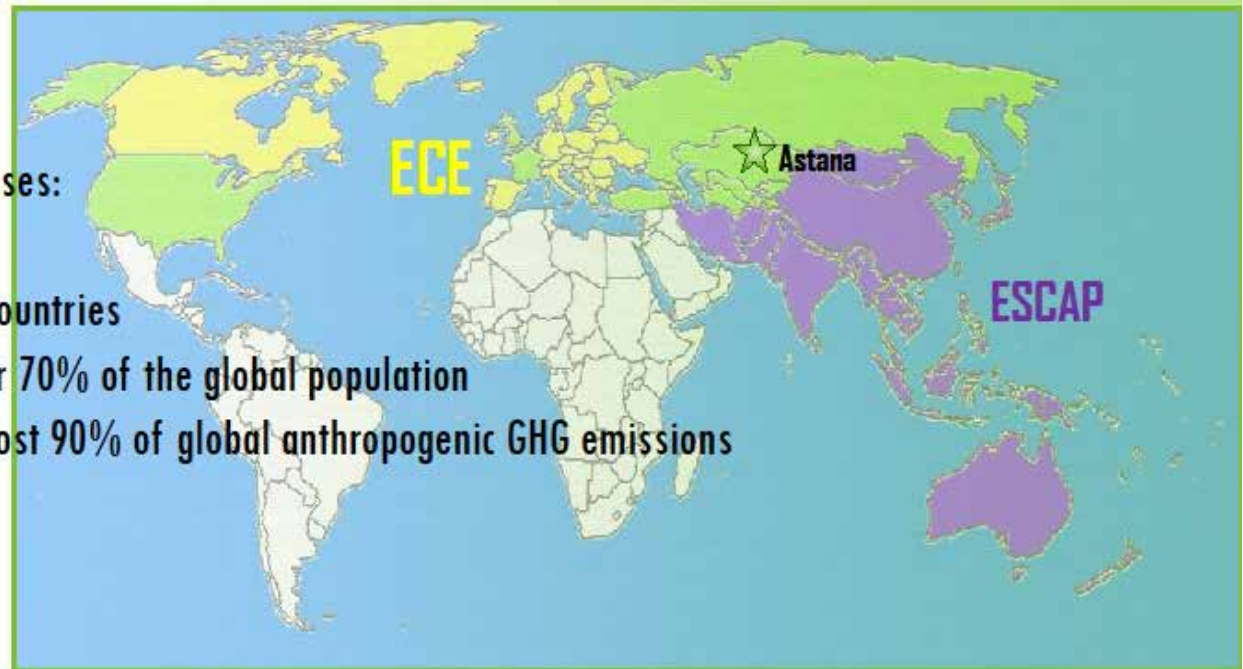
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## AGBI Potential Area of Operations

Encompasses:

- 95 countries
- Over 70% of the global population
- Almost 90% of global anthropogenic GHG emissions



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## Why GBPP

- Lack of capacity of many governments to shift from brown to green economy and no practical mechanisms to support it
- Short-term and ad hoc /fragmented actions are not effective
- Long-term independent professional platform to support policy reforms to enable the flow of sustainable investments, expertise and innovations

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## Why Regional Level

- Joint action is required for sustainable development reforms
- All ecosystems and sustainable development issues are of transboundary nature
- Expansion of markets for ecological goods and services
- Regional status of potential green projects: transport corridors, tourism, energy and food security etc.

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# The Content of Green Bridge Partnership Programme

A practical and voluntary mechanism  
for greening the economy through support of  
green business and policy reforms  
at the regional, national and local levels

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## Main Sectors

- Protection of ecosystems
- Sustainable energy, its availability and efficiency
- Food security
- Urban Infrastructure & Transport
- Adaptation to climate change and natural disasters



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## GBPP's Main Directions:

- Governance
- Information and Education
- Green Business and Technologies
- Financial and Economic Mechanisms
- Development of common standards for green economy

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# GBPP's Governing System

Standard management system:

- International Steering Committee
- Professional Secretariat (international staff)
- Monitoring and Reporting Mechanisms

However, the entire management system will depend on specific activities and projects

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## Financial Mechanism

- The GBPP will provide for self-financing (including operational costs) through investments and business projects: green energy, new technologies etc.
- Kazakhstan, as the GBPP initiator, will also contribute to practical implementation at the initial stage, but involvement of other partners to ensure transparency, trust and international expertise is critical

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# Next Steps for GBPP's practical implementation

The GBPP Road Map-2020 for 2012 includes:

- regional consultations
- development of work plans, practical guidelines and operational procedures
- development of project selection procedures and implementation mechanisms, and other practical steps

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# Thank you!

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