National Policy of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Education for Sustainable Development
Uzbekistan: key figures

- Population 26 mln people.
- The density of population: in Andijan region – about 400 people in 1 sq km.
  In Navoi region – about 17 people.
- About 60% of population is living in rural areas.
- More than half of the total population is under 25 years old.
- More than 130 ethnic groups.

- Two ministries of education in Uzbekistan; the Ministry of Higher and Secondary Specialized education and the Ministry of Public Education.
- Education system is mainly financed and administrated by the State.
- More than 10,000 general secondary schools, 63 high educational and 539 technical and vocational institutions.
- Almost 99% of the population is literate.
- The textbooks are published in 7 languages.
- 7.8% of GDP (2005) is provided for the needs of educational system.
Sustainable development issues in Uzbekistan

- Many of SD issues are inherited from the Soviet period.
- Absolute or partial loss of natural resources;
- Decreased productivity of landscapes;
- Exhaustion of water system and soils;
- Aral sea disaster;
- Desertification;
- Salinization;
- Intercultural dialogue
Adopted documents in SD in Uzbekistan

- Activities for Realization of the Program of Actions in Environment Conservation (2006-2010)
- Program of Environmental Monitoring (2003-2005)
- State Program on Provision of Rural Population with drinking Water and Natural gas for the period 2000-2010
- State Program for Environmental Protection and the Rational Use of Natural Resources (1999-2005)
- President’s Decree “On priority Areas to Strengthen Agriculture Reforms” (2003)
- National Waste Management and Action Plan (under formulated)
- New Strategic Program on Counteracting the HIV/AIDS (2006).
Implementation of ESD in Uzbekistan

- ESD is considered as one of the key priorities.
- «Development of Environmental Education and Perspectives of Improvement of Preparing and Retraining of Personnel in Environmental protection in Uzbekistan for 2006-2010» adopted earlier this year. National Policy on ESD is starting to be implemented from 2006;
- Coordination Council for Environmental Education and Education for Sustainable Development is being created.
Some recent events in the field of ESD

- May 11, 2006. UNESCO Office in Tashkent, the National Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan for UNESCO and National University of Uzbekistan had organized the National launch of DESD;

- 15 June 2006 National seminar on “Improvement of Environmental Education”;

- August 17-27, 2006 UNESCO Youth Camp «Youth and Sustainable Development: Environment for Healthy Life” for 180 young leaders.
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Perspectives of ESD in Uzbekistan

The main objectives in future:

- To improve the quality of Basic Education;
- To develop values education;
- To incorporate SD issues into formal and nonformal education systems;
- To increase the role of ICT in Education (to supply secondary schools with computers; increase computer literacy);
- To develop electronic textbooks and multimedia trainings aids.