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## BRIEF INFORMATION ABOUT THE CENTER FOR ECONOMIC RESEARCH

Center for Economic Research (CER) was established in 1999 as a joint initiative of the Government of Uzbekistan and UNDP. Over the years of its activity CER has become the leading think tank in Uzbekistan and accumulated considerable and, to certain extent, unique capacities in socio-economic policy advice. Besides UNDP, CER has managed to establish strong and mutually beneficial relations with a number of TA agencies through implementation of joint research projects (World Bank, ADB, USAID, Europa House, DFID, Eurasia Foundation, JICA, TICA etc.).

Up to date, CER has prepared more than 250 policy papers and briefs on most challenging issues including, but not limited to Urbanization, Structural transformation, Green Economy, Alternative energy sources, Spatial Development, Transport and Transit, Food Security, Social protection and new Social Contract, Health reform and Human capital etc.

Among recent featured research projects of CER are 2nd National Millennium Development Goals Report (2015) and National Long-term Development Strategy – Uzbekistan Vision 2030 (2015). “Looking beyond the horizon: Guidelines and Best Practices in Formulating National Visions” (Vision Primer) prepared by CER in 2013, offers decision-makers and experts a comprehensive review of theories and international experience in strategic governance. The report is based on experience of more than 25 countries and review of a number of publications on various aspects of development policy.

CER plays a unique role among other think tanks in Uzbekistan and generally in Central Asia. It is primarily engaged in cross-disciplinary/cross-sectoral policy research bringing together in a holistic way various dimensions of on-going transformational processes in the country and the region – economic, social, spatial and institutional. Most of its research products therefore are of upstream nature looking at mid-to-long term development agenda.



CER is highly respected among development partners in the region not just as a research outfit, but as a knowledge broker, as an institution which promotes by various means participatory dialogue on key development challenges for Uzbekistan, for Central Asian countries, for Middle Income Countries. The latter include both on-line and off-line instruments of interaction (blogging, social media, web-platforms). **Economic Review** is one of the most respectful monthly edition in Uzbekistan.

Development Dialogue is a unique platform of informal interaction of government officials, diplomatic community, experts, media and etc. on issues which are on the CER's agenda. The most recent Development Dialogues were covering such issues as Transition to the Resource-efficient Growth Model, Formulating a New Social Contract for Sustainable Social Development, Transport and transit in Uzbekistan and Central Asia.

CER remains as a major contributor to knowledge sharing at a global level. Center is a traditional contributor to ESCAP Annual Surveys. It is a visible contributor to UNDP knowledge platform – teamwork. The most popular posts include:

- Think Tanks 2.0 – The Growing Interest and the Growing Concern
- MICs – Will the Changing Pattern of Developing Countries Mean the Changes in the Pattern of Aid
- MMB, former UNDP Administrator, questions - development goals vs. development vision

According to 2011 **Global Go-To Think Tanks Rankings report** (University of Pennsylvania, USA) CER joined the list of the Top 25 Think Tanks in Asia.

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