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Renewable Energy Policy Hard Talk Astana, Kazakhstan, 26-27 April 2018

AGENDA

Thursday, 26 April 2018 Hard Talk – Part 1 Policy Dialogue on Renewable Energy

Venue: The Ritz-Carlton Astana, 16 Dostyk str., Astana, 010016

08:30–09:00 - REGISTRATION

09:00–09:30 - OPENING SESSION & INTRODUCTION

Welcome addresses:

- Mr. Kanat Bozumbayev, **Minister of Energy** of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- Mr. Paul Richardson, Director of Economic Development Office (**USAID**)
- Mr. Gianluca Sambucini, Secretary of the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy, Sustainable Energy Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (**UNECE**)
- Ms. Anca-Maria Simion, Policy Officer, Sustainable Energy Climate Change Unit, Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development, **European Commission**

9:30–11:00 - SESSION 1: RENEWABLE ENERGY INVESTMENTS IN KAZAKHSTAN: POLICY AND REGULATION

Moderators: Lisa Tinschert, Sustainable Energy Expert, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE and Mr. Rakhim Oshakbayev, Director, Center for Applied Research (TALAP)

Presentations and key issues for discussion:

- **Government policy for stimulation of Renewable Energy development in Kazakhstan**
Ms. Ainur Sospanova, Director of Renewable Energy Department, Ministry of Energy
- **Technical overview for discussion: Issues with Renewable Energy Investment in Kazakhstan and possible options to address them**
Ms. Katerina Karali and Mr. Vassilis Triantafyllos, Experts, EU Technical Assistance Facility

Open Discussion¹: Participants' and Experts' remarks.

11:00–11:30 - COFFEE BREAK

¹ **Open Discussion:** Dialogue and exchange of views among representatives from key RE stakeholders, including Ministry of Energy, Committee on Regulation of Natural Monopolies and Protection of Competition, Grid Operator - JSC

11:30–13:00 - SESSION 2: POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENTS (PPA), AUCTIONS AND INVESTMENTS IN RENEWABLE ENERGY IN KAZAKHSTAN

Moderators: Ms. Xeniya Rogan, Principal Banker of Energy Russia, Caucasus and Central Asia, EBRD and Mr. Rakhim Oshakbayev, Director, Center for Applied Research (TALAP)

Presentations:

- **Implementation of Renewable Energy Auctions in Kazakhstan**
Mr. Erzhan Madiev, Deputy Chairman of the Board, JSC KOREM
- **RES power purchase and sale. Power Purchase Agreements**
Mr. Zhandos Nurmaganbetov, General Director, Financial Settlement Centre for RE
- **“Investment environment, barriers and opportunities to scale-up renewable energy deployment”**
Ms. Xeniya Rogan, Principal Banker of Energy Russia, Caucasus and Central Asia, EBRD

Open Discussion: Participants' and Experts' remarks

13:00–14:00 - LUNCH BREAK

14:00–15:45 - SESSION 3: IMPLEMENTATION OF RE PROJECTS IN KAZAKHSTAN

Moderator: Mr. Rakhim Oshakbayev, Director, Center for Applied Research (TALAP)

Presentations:

- **Land allocation for RE projects and investments**
Mr. Orazaliyev Zhandos, Managing Director JSC "NC" Kazakh Invest
- **RE grid connection issues**
Mr. Isenov Nurzhan, Head of Department, JSC KEGOC²

Open Discussion: Participants' and Experts'³ remarks

15:45–16:15 - COFFEE BREAK

16:15–17:30 - SESSION 4: SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS OF FIRST DAY

Moderators: Mr. Gianluca Sambucini, Secretary of the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE and Ms. Anca-Maria Simion, Policy Officer, Sustainable Energy Climate Change Unit, Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission

Presentations:

- **Key findings from the UNECE Renewable Energy Status Report**
Mr. Gianluca Sambucini, UNECE
- **EU Instruments on Renewable Energy Investments**
Ms. Anca-Maria Simion, European Commission

Open discussion: Input from participants on revisions on the Discussion Matrix for the next day's policy talk in line with debates of the preparatory workshop

17:30 - END OF 1ST DAY

² KEGOC, Distribution System Operators (on technical connection issues).

³ Local Banks, Private Investors, International Financial Institutions, International Organizations, Bilateral Donors, Non-governmental Organizations, and independent experts

Friday, 27 April 2018

Hard Talk – Part 2 - Policy Dialogue on Renewable Energy

09.00-09.30 - REGISTRATION

09:30-11:45 - SESSION 5: PATHWAYS TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Moderators: Ms. Anca-Maria Simion, Policy Officer, Sustainable Energy Climate Change Unit, Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission and Ms. Robyn Camp – Project Director, USAID Power the Future Regional Program

Welcome address:

Ms. Sospanova Ainur **Presentations:**

- **Donor Paper:** Key issues and recommendations for RE auctions and investment in Kazakhstan
Mr. Armen Arzumanyan, Chief of Party, USAID Power the Future Regional Program
- **Identifying barriers for investments on renewable energy**
Mr. Kashkinbekov Arman from Association of Renewables in Kazakhstan
- **Hard Talk Outcome:** Recommendations and priorities for unblocking investments in renewable energy
Ms. Katerina Karali and Mr. Vassilis Triantafyllos, Experts, EU Technical Assistance Facility
- **High-level Interventions from Policy-Makers, Experts and Stakeholders of Kazakhstan on Discussion Matrix and Recommendations:**

Open Discussion: Participants' and Experts' remarks

Remarks from the Ministry of Energy

Draft Hard Talk Recommendations Paper

11:45–12:15 - COFFEE BREAK

12:15–13:00 - SESSION 6: SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS

Moderator: Ms. Katerina Karali, EU Technical Assistance Facility (EU TAF)

Summary and Conclusions:

- Mr. Traian Hristea, Head of the European Union Delegation to Kazakhstan
- Mr. Gianluca Sambucini, Secretary of the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE
- Mr. Armen Arzumanyan, Chief of Party, USAID Power the Future Regional Program
- Ms. Ainur Sospanova, Director of Renewable Energy Department, Ministry of Energy

13:00 - END OF 2ND DAY AND EVENT

13:30 Transfer to the EU Ambassador Residence. Meeting point – lobby of the Ritz Carlton hotel.

14:00 - NETWORKING LUNCH AT EU AMBASSADOR RESIDENCE (BY INVITATION ONLY)