

Nomination of Mr. Vadim Ni, Kazakhstan



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Nomination of Vadim Ni to the Compliance Committee of the Protocol on Water and Health

Dear Mr Mamadzhanov

We are happy to nominate Mr Vadim Ni as a candidate for the Compliance Committee of the Protocol on Water and Health. Vadim Ni would be a new member of this Committee and has mentioned his interest in this assignment. He has been educated in Chemistry and Law, and has coordinated many projects in Central Asia.

Mr Ni career has been associated with water and environmental legislation since 1995. He played all possible roles in a variety of NGO's and local government initiatives in the field of environment, civil participation, water management and river basin councils. He conducted inter alia regional studies of water laws and regional agreements between Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan for the World Bank.

We are sure that Vadim Ni is well qualified to pursue the work undertaken in the Compliance Committee of the Protocol. Please find attached supplementary information in his Curriculum vitae.

Looking forward to meeting you next week in Bonn and at the third Meeting of the Parties in Oslo.

Kind regards,

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Curriculum vitae of Mr. Vadim Ni, Kazakhstan

Mr. Vadim Ni is Legal Expert of Kazakh Scientific Research Institute of Ecology and Climate. He is the leading international environmental lawyer in Kazakhstan and one of his specializations is water law and policy. He worked as a legal consultant for numerous international projects on water law and management financed by EC, OSCE, World Bank, EBRD, IUCN and UK DfID. It includes projects on implementation of international water law as well as environmental due diligence in relation to water supply and water treatment facilities. In 2003-4 Mr. Ni participated in drafting of water legislation in Kazakhstan. Mr. Ni has experience of consultancy on environmental law and water management in five Central Asian countries, Azerbaijan and Ukraine. He assisted Government of Kazakhstan with ratification and implementation of the Aarhus Convention, UNFCCC and Kyoto protocol and IMO legal instruments on civil liability for oil spills. In addition to it, Mr. Ni has a profound understanding of the EU environmental and water law from his experience of working and interaction with European lawyers on international projects in Central Asia.

In 2002-2011 Mr. Ni served as a member of the Compliance Committee of the Aarhus Convention. In this capacity he participated in the review of over 50 public communications and submissions by Parties on alleged non-compliance with the Convention. Also he served as curator of a number of public communications on Armenia, Hungary, Turkmenistan and UK. In addition to it, he is very familiar with the reporting requirements on various international legal instruments, including the Aarhus Convention and PRTR Protocol, UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol, CBD.

Mr. Ni has extensive professional experience in the areas of public participation in environmental protection and river basin management. He participated in drafting of the national legislation of Kazakhstan on access to environmental information and public participation in river basin management. A number of guidance documents on access to environmental information, public participation in decision-making, access to justice on environmental matters and establishment of river basin councils were prepared in Kazakhstan under his supervision.

He holds two university degrees - one in chemistry (1993) and a second in law (2000). Mr. Ni is fluent in English, Russian is his mother tongue.

Key publications in English:

- Will Kazakhstan be the next country to establish carbon emissions trading scheme? Carbon trading, October 2012, www.carbon-tradingmagazine.com
- The Aarhus Convention: A Basis for Reforming the Legislation on Access to Environmental Information in Kazakhstan. Journal of European Environmental and Planning Law, Issue 4, 2007
- Can Kazakhstan Profit from Radioactive Waste? Domestic and International Legal Perspectives on a Proposal to Import Radioactive Waste. The Georgetown International Environmental Law Review, Volume XV, Issue 3, Spring 2003