

CURRICULUM VITAE

Family name: Ni
First name: Vadim
Date of birth: 20 March 1968
Nationality: Kazakhstan
Civil status: married

Education:

Institution (Date from – Date to)	Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained:
Kazak State University (July 1985 – June 1993)	University diploma in Chemistry
Adilet Higher School of Law (September 1997 – June 2000)	University diploma in Law

Language skills:

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
English	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent
Russian	Mother tongue		

Membership of professional bodies:

- Member of the Compliance Committee of the Water and Health Protocol to the UNECE Convention on the Protection and Use of Trans boundary Watercourses and International Lakes since 2013 till 2019;
- Member of the Compliance Committee of the UNECE Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) in 2002-2011, served as curator (rapporteur on cases on public participation and access to justice in Armenia, Hungary and UK).
- IUCN's Commission on Environmental Law since 1998

Professional experience

Years	Organization	Position	Description
2019 – currently	Socio-Ecological Fund	Chair of the Board	Navigating and developing relationships with the CEO, Board members and the community at large Overseeing the activities of the organization on raising public environmental awareness, youth engagement in environmental protection and sustainable development, promotion of environmental rights in Central Asia
2017 – September 2019	Environmental Law Institute	Legal Expert	Review of policy and legal frameworks for climate adaptation in Kazakhstan Drafting legislation on climate adaptation in the sectors of agriculture, water and forest management, emergencies Conducting trainings on climate change vulnerability assessment
2010 – 2016	Kazak Scientific Research Institute of Ecology and Climate	Expert, Head of the Group on drafting legislation and standards	Drafted legislation on implementation of the Kyoto protocol and national emissions trading scheme (ETS) for greenhouse gases Conducted stakeholder consultations on the 2011 Law on the Kazak Emissions trading scheme and drafted secondary regulations to it Provided legal consultations for Kazak delegations at UN climate negotiations

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2012	UNDP office in Belarus	Consultant (short term)	Prepared founding documents for the Aarhus Centre in Grodno Provided legal consultations and trainings on the Aarhus Convention and organization of activities of the Aarhus Centre
2012	Pöyry Finland Oy (EBRD project)	Consultant (short term)	Conducted the environmental and social audit of the water treatment and wastewater treatment facilities in Atyrau (Kazakhstan)
October 2002 – June 2011	Compliance Committee of the Aarhus Convention	Member of the Committee	Reviewed public communications and submission by Parties on alleged compliance with Aarhus Convention Served as curator on the cases from Armenia, Hungary, UK and Turkmenistan Assisted with implementation of recommendations of the Committee in Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan
2008 – 2011	UNECE Environmental Performance Team	Member of the review groups	Participated in the UNECE EPR missions to the reviewed countries Prepared chapters on legal and policy-making frameworks, compliance and enforcement, access to information, public participation and monitoring
2005-2013	OSCE	Consultant (short term)	Assisted with ratification and implementation of the Aarhus Convention and development of Aarhus centres in Kazakhstan and Tajikistan, IMO conventions on civil liability for oil spills in Kazakhstan Prepared Aarhus Centres guidelines for the OSCE Secretariat
2006-2010	Asian American Partnership (NGO)	Executive Director	Coordinated projects on ratification and implementation in Kazakhstan of the Aarhus Convention, International Maritime Organization conventions and protocols on civil liability for oil spills Prepared guidance of river basin councils and ecotourism in Kazakhstan Provided legal consultations on establishment of river basin councils
2005	World Bank	Legal Consultant	Conducted regional study of water and energy laws and regional agreements of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan Coordinated regional team of environmental lawyers
2004	MNT Consulting (Tacis/Euroaid project)	National Consultant on (short term consultancy)	Reviewed of legal and institutional framework of water management in Kazakhstan
2003-4	Mott Macdonald (UK DfID funded project)	Legal consultant	Drafted parts of Water Code of Kazakhstan and secondary regulations to it on river basin councils and public participation in water basin management Conducted trainings for river basin authorities
2002	IUCN	Regional Legal Consultant (short term consultancy)	Prepared regional review of water legislation in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan Coordinated Central Asian team of environmental lawyers
2001-2	NIRAS, DEPA funded project	Legal Consultant	Prepared inventory of environmental information sources Reviewed national legislation on consistency with the Aarhus Convention Drafted legislation on public access to environmental information

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1998-2001	International Center for Not-for-Profit Law	Regional Consultant	Coordinated Central Asian team of lawyers Drafted NGO laws in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan Provided trainings for governments, NGOs, lawyers
1995-1998	Interlegal Foundation (office in Kazakhstan)	Executive Director	Coordinated projects on the NGO and charity law Edited NGO newsletter

Other skills: Microsoft Office, Corel Draw, active use for professional activities of social networking and public communication tools

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