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## Final Round Table

### Strengthening environmental assessment systems in Kazakhstan in line with the UNECE Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment

Radisson Hotel Astana, 14 November 2018

**9:00-09:30**    **Registration of participants**  
**Video on the UNECE Protocol on SEA**

**9:30-09:50**    **Opening remarks**

*Mr. Sabit Nurlybai*, Vice Minister of Energy of the Republic of Kazakhstan

*Victor Badaker*, Economic Affairs Officer, Energy Adviser for the Project, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE Secretariat

*Ambassador György Szabó*, Head of the OSCE Programme Office in Astana

*Mr. Johannes Stenbaek-Madsen*, Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation to Kazakhstan

**Moderator:** *Ms. Madina Ibrasheva*, UNECE Team Leader, SEA and EIA pilot project in Kazakhstan

**09:50–11:20**    **Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment and other international standards of environmental assessment. Challenges of their implementation in the countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia**

*Mr. Jerzy Jendrośka*, key international expert on EIA and SEA legal drafting

**Experience of Ukraine in reforming the national environmental assessment system**

*Ms. Maryna Shimkus*, Head of the EIA Unit Department of State Ecological Expertise and Auditing, Monitoring and Technical Regulations, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine

**Experience of Georgia in reforming the national environmental assessment system**

*Ms. Giga Gigashvili*, Head of the Municipal service for Environment Protection, Tbilisi City Hall

**11:20-11:30 Overview of the project ‘Strengthening environmental assessment systems in Kazakhstan in line with the Espoo Convention and its Protocol on SEA’: Project implementation stages and lessons learnt**

*Ms. Madina Ibrasheva*, UNECE Team Leader, SEA and EIA pilot project in Kazakhstan

**11:30 -12:40 International standards for national EIA systems and transboundary procedure as set out in the Espoo Convention, the EIA legislative reforms in Central and Eastern Europe countries**

*Mr. Jerzy Jendrośka*, key international expert on EIA and SEA legal drafting

**Overview of the legislative reform of EIA in Kazakhstan in light of the Espoo Convention:**

- Chapter of the Environmental Code on "Environmental Impact Assessment";
- Chapter of the Environmental Code on "Environmental impact Assessment in a transboundary context".

*Ms. Leila Makhmetova*, national expert on EIA and SEA legal drafting

**Questions and answers**

**12:40–13:00 Provisions and requirements of the UNECE Protocol on SEA, the SEA legislative reforms in Central and Eastern Europe countries**

*Ms. Elena Laevskaya*, international expert on SEA and EIA legal drafting

**13.00-14.00 Lunch**

**14:00–14:30 Overview of the legislative reform related to development of SEA system in Kazakhstan in light of the Protocol on SEA:**

- Chapter of Environmental Code on "Strategic Environmental Assessment"
- The law of the Republic of Kazakhstan "On amendments and additions to some legislative acts of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Strategic Environmental Assessment"
- Proposals for secondary legislation

*Ms. Leila Makhmetova*, national expert on EIA and SEA legal drafting

**Questions and discussion**

**14:30-14:50 Introduction to SEA pilot of the Concept for Development of Fuel and Energy Complex of the Republic of Kazakhstan until 2030: objectives, approach and procedure.**

*Mr. Martin Smutny*, consultant to UNECE

*Ms. Marina Khotuleva*, consultant to UNECE

## **Questions and answers**

### **14.50-14.55 Introduction to the Concept for Development of Fuel and Energy Complex of the Republic of Kazakhstan until 2030: content, planning process, and further steps.**

*Ms. Olga Melnik*, Department of „green” economy, Ministry of Energy of Kazakhstan, member of the Working Group of the Ministry of Energy of Kazakhstan on revision of the Concept for Development of Fuel and Energy Complex of the Republic of Kazakhstan until 2030

## **Questions and answers**

### **14.55-16.00 Main findings and results of the SEA pilot: the key issues and significant environmental, including health, effects which are likely to occur further to the Concept implementation**

*Mr. Vitaliy Kuzin*, EIA national expert

*Mr. Rustem Vagapov*, biodiversity national expert

*Mr. Mikhail Kim*, health protection national expert

*Mr. Adletbek Bekeev*, policy analysis national expert

*Mr. Nurzhan Begalin*, key policy analysis national expert

*Mr. Sergey Katyshev*, energy key international expert

### **16:00-16:30 Coffee-break**

### **16.30-17.00 Main SEA recommendations**

*Mr. Nurzhan Begalin*, key policy analysis national expert

*Ms. Marina Khotuleva*, consultant to UNECE

## **Questions and discussion**

### **17:00-17:30 Way forward and proposals for follow up**

Concluding remarks by the Ministry of Energy of Kazakhstan