

First UNECE Subregional Workshop

"TRANSBOUNDARY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT: IMPROVING COOPERATION AMONG CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES"

9 February 2017, 9:00 – 17:30

Conference room "Nomad 1", Hotel "Ramada"

27 Baitursynov Street Corner Kazybek Bi Street, Almaty, Kazakhstan

Facilitator: Ms. Elena Egorova, Consultant to the UNECE Secretariat

- 9:00-9:30 Registration of the participants
- 9:30-9:40 **Opening of the meeting, welcome speeches**
Dr. Jerzy Jendrośka, Member of the Implementation Committee to the Espoo Convention, Poland
Ms. Rakia Kalygulova, Chief specialist, Department of the State Ecological Expertise and Management of Natural Resources, State Agency of Environment Protection and Forestry under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic
Ms. Ludmila Kiktenko, Environmental Management Program Manager
- 9:40 -9:50 **Introduction of participants and their expectations from the meeting**
Aims of the meeting
- 9:50-10:00 **Introduction to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention)**
Ms. Elena Egorova, Consultant to the UNECE Secretariat
- 10:00-10:40 **Introduction to the document "Guidelines on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in a Transboundary Context for Central Asian countries" (2005). Overview & way forward**
Mrs. Rakia Kalygulova, Espoo Convention Focal Point, Environmental Protection Agency, Kyrgyzstan
Introduction to the document "Procedure for application of EIA in a transboundary context for Central Asian Countries" (2009)
Mr. Oleg Pecheniuk, Regional Expert
- 10:40-11:00 **General obligations under the international law for application of EIA procedure in a transboundary context**
Dr. Jerzy Jendrośka, Member of the Implementation Committee to the Espoo Convention, Poland
Existing practice of the application of transboundary EIA procedures in Europe
Mr. Andriy Andrushevych, Consultant to the UNECE Secretariat

- 11:00-11:30 *Coffee break*
- 11:30-12:50 **Recent developments and experience related to the application of EIA at the national and transboundary level in Central Asian countries**
Mr. Dastan Tleubekov, Representative of Kazakhstan
Ms. Rakia Kalygulova, Representative of Kyrgyzstan
Mr. Dzhalil Khalilov, Representative of Tajikistan
Mr. Timur Khudaibergenov, Representative of Uzbekistan
Information on behalf of Mr. Ballyyev, Representative of Turkmenistan
- 12:50-13:00 **Discussion – summary by the facilitator**
- 13:00-14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00-14:30 **Conceptual differences between the EIA system under the Espoo Convention and the traditional OVOS/expertise system common for some countries in Central Asia, the Caucasus and Eastern Europe**
Dr. Jerzy Jendrośka, Member of the Implementation Committee to the Espoo Convention, Poland
- 14:30-15:30 **Brainstorming: Updating Guidelines: the most important issues in the current Central Asian context**
Summary of the brainstorming: Revising the Guidelines for Central Asia: identifying the needs
Mr. Andriy Andrushevych, Consultant to the UNECE Secretariat
Discussion
- 15:30-16:00 *Coffee break*
- 16:00-17:00 **Planning future work**
Division of responsibilities between the countries, timelines, suggestions for the agenda of the next regional meeting
Ms. Elena Egorova, Consultant to the UNECE Secretariat
- 17:00-17:30 **Conclusions & closure of the meeting**