

# High-level roundtable discussion on the analysis of national air quality legislation and National Action Plan for ratification of the UNECE Air Convention's key protocols

12 July 2021, 14.30 - 17.30h (Nur-Sultan time (online))

## Objectives of the meeting:

- To work with the country to raise the profile and awareness on the UNECE Air Convention and the benefits of joining the protocols;
- To promote activities under the Air Convention's assistance programme;
- To increase the visibility of the country's progress made in implementing the Air Convention;
- To discuss aligning the country's national legislation with the provisions of the protocols and to determine next steps for ratification.

## AGENDA

	<b>Welcome and opening</b>
<b>14.30 – 14.50</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr. Akhmetzhan Primkulov, Vice-Minister of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan</i></li> <li>• <i>Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, Regional Advisor, Environment Division, UNECE</i></li> <li>• <i>Mr. Johannes Stenbaek Madsen, Head of Cooperation, Delegation of the EU to the Republic of Kazakhstan</i></li> </ul>
<b>Session 1</b>	<b>Introduction to UNECE's Air Convention</b>
<b>14.50– 15.00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>The UNECE Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution – a tool to combat air pollution</i></b> <i>Mr. Richard Ballaman, Head of Air Quality Management Section, Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN), Switzerland and Vice-Chair of Executive Body and Member of the Bureau to the Air Convention</i></li> </ul>
<b>Session 2</b>	<b>Implementation of the Air Convention and steps forward to ratification of the Protocols</b>
<b>15.00– 16.30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Progress towards the implementation of the Convention and challenges and opportunities for the ratification of the protocols</i></b> <i>Ms. Natalya Dauletyarova, Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan</i></li> <li>• <b><i>Cost benefit analysis of ratification of the Air Convention's key protocols</i></b> <i>Ms. Julija Doktorova, SIA ELLE</i></li> <li>• <b><i>Discussion on further steps and National Action Plan for ratification of the Conventions' key protocols</i></b> <i>Ms. Olga Melničenko, SIA ELLE</i></li> <li>• <b><i>Q&amp;A followed by discussion</i></b></li> </ul>
<b>16.30 – 16.40</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>Session 3</b>	<b>Outlook and synergies with other projects</b>
<b>16.40– 17.15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>WECOOP project</i></b> <i>Mr. Valts Vilnitis, Team Leader</i></li> <li>• <b><i>Cost-effective Air Quality Management measures in Kazakhstan and their Impact on GHG emissions</i></b> <i>Mr. Markus Amann, World Bank</i></li> <li>• <b><i>Q&amp;A followed by discussion</i></b></li> </ul>
	<b>Wrap up and conclusions</b>
<b>17:15 – 17:30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr. Akzam Shiranov, Director, Department of Environmental Policy and Sustainable Development of the Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan</i></li> </ul>