

CURRICULUM VITAE

Family name: Ni
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Date of birth: 20 March 1968
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Education:

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

Language skills:

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
English	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent
Russian	Mother tongue		

Professional experience

Years	Organization	Position	Description of relevant activities
2017-present	Socio-Ecological Fund	Chair of the Board of Trustees	Preparation of the 2019 report 'Dangerous Work: Reprisals against Environmental Defenders', available in English and Russian languages Assistance with the protection of environmental defenders at imminent threat of penalization, persecution, or harassment in post-Soviet countries
2016-2020	Ecoforum of NGOs of Kazakhstan	Chair	Preparation of the 2017 report 'Dangerous Work: Increasing Pressure on Environmental NGOs and Activists in the Countries of the Former Soviet Union and the U.S.' available in English, Russian and French languages
2001-present	Freelance consultancy	Legal Consultant, Consultant on Communications and Outreach Activities	Providing consultancy on environmental, climate and water law for the Ministry of Environment of Kazakhstan, and numerous projects in Central Asia funded by international and donor organizations Assistance with implementation of the Aarhus Convention in Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Belarus Drafting national environmental policies and laws in Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan
2011 – 2015	JSC "Zhasyl damu" of the Ministry of Environment of Kazakhstan	Expert, Head of the Group on Drafting Legislation and Standards	Drafting national climate change law in Kazakhstan Conducting stakeholder consultations on national climate policy and law in Kazakhstan Providing legal consultations for the delegations of Kazakhstan at the UN climate negotiations in 2011-2015
October 2013 - present	Compliance Committee of the UNECE Water and Health Protocol	Member of the Compliance Committee	Monitoring, assessment, and facilitation of the implementation of and compliance with requirements of the Water and Health Protocol Participation in the Consultation Process with a few Parties to the Water and Health Protocol
October 2002 –	Compliance Committee of	Member of the Compliance	Review of public communications and submissions by Parties on alleged non-compliance with the Aarhus

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June 2011	the Aarhus Convention	Committee	Convention Assistance with implementation of recommendations of the Compliance Committee in Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan
2009-2012, 2017, 2020-2022	UNECE Environmental Performance Reviews	Expert	Participation in the UNECE EPR expert review missions to Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan Drafting chapters of Environmental Performance Reviews on regulatory and compliance assurance mechanisms, environmental monitoring and information, public participation, legal, policy and institutional framework
1998-2001	International Center for Not-for-Profit Law	Regional Consultant for Central Asia	Drafting NGO laws in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan Conducting stakeholder consultations and providing trainings on NGO law for governments, NGOs, lawyers in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan

Examples of publications in English:

- Opinion: Net zero a remote prospect for unsettled Kazakhstan, The Third Pole, January 18, 2022, <https://www.thethirdpole.net/en/climate/net-zero-kazakhstan-remote-prospect/>
- Will Kazakhstan be the next country to establish carbon emissions trading scheme? Carbon trading, October 2012, <https://shiftingparadigms.nl/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Carbon-Trading-October-2012-JH-and-DC-article.pdf>
- 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