



UN Development Account project

“Strengthening energy policies of Countries with Special Needs to build back better from COVID-19”

National Stakeholder Consultation Workshop

Astana, Kazakhstan

Venue: Rixos Astana, Shanyrak hall

2 February 2023, 9:30-12:30

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) are implementing jointly the UNDA project “[Strengthening energy policies of Countries with Special Needs to build back better from COVID-19](#)” (January 2022-June 2025) for eight beneficiary countries. UNECE is responsible for activities in three of them: Armenia, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan. The project is aimed at supporting national Kazakhstan obligations in the framework of the SDGs implementation. The main goal of the project is to develop a roadmap to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG7) “Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy sources for all.”

The National Stakeholder Consultation Workshop on the Development of an SDG7 Roadmap for the Republic of Kazakhstan will present the National Expert SDG Tool for Energy Planning ([NEXSTEP](#)), which is an integrated and innovative approach to policy decision-making that combines technical, economic, and socio-environmental analysis under a methodology that has been peer-reviewed by a panel of external experts. The tool supports the development of national SDG 7 roadmaps to provide policymakers with scenarios that estimate the share of different energy resources and identify the technological interventions required; economic analyses to provide insights into feasible interventions; and policy analyses to guide the development of balanced national policies.

The NEXSTEP methodology has now been demonstrated through [implementation in 11 countries](#). In the UNECE region, Georgia’s SDG 7 roadmap was completed in 2020 and that for Kyrgyzstan was finalized in 2022. The tool continues to be developed in an ongoing process of refinement and improvement. In the future, NEXSTEP will be made available as an online tool, providing easy access for policymakers to further refine their national roadmaps.

Draft Agenda

9:30-10:00	Registration and coffee	
10:00 – 10:20	Welcoming Remarks	Ms. Ainur Sospanova, Chairman of the Management Board, Qazaq Green Association Mr. Kurtmolla Abdulganiyev, Head, United Nations Resident Coordinator Office in Kazakhstan Mr. Oleg Dziubinski, Regional Adviser, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE Mr. Michael Williamson, Chief of Section, Energy Division, ESCAP
10:20 – 10:30	Introduction and Overview of the Project	Mr. Oleg Dziubinski, Regional Adviser, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE
10:30 – 10:45	Overview of the energy sector of the Republic of Kazakhstan	Ms. Alma Zhukenova, Deputy Director, Department of Renewable Energy Sources, Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Kazakhstan
10:45 – 11:15	Overview of NEXSTEP and SDG7 Roadmap	Mr. Anis Zaman, Consultant, ESCAP Mr. Vitaly Bekker, Consultant, UNECE
11:15-11:25	Implementation of NEXTEP in Kazakhstan	Mr. Yernar Bilyalov, Consultant, UNECE
11:25 – 11:40	Experience of developing and implementing of the National SDG7 Roadmap of Kyrgyzstan	Ms. Tatiana Vedeneva, National Consultant on SDG7 Roadmap Development, Kyrgyzstan
11:40 – 11:55	Analysis of the electricity and heat market for direct and indirect subsidies in Kazakhstan	Mr. Yerlan Dairbekov, Energy Portfolio Coordinator, UNDP
11:55 – 12:05	Q&A and Discussion	Moderated by Mr. Oleg Dziubinski, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE
12:05 – 12:10	Wrap-Up and closing remarks	Mr. Oleg Dziubinski, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE
12:10 – 12:30	Networking and coffee	