



Project “Improving water, sanitation, hygiene and health through implementation of the programme of work of the Protocol on Water and Health”

Launching event

Dates: 4 – 5 September 2024

Venue: hotel venue to be confirmed, Astana, Kazakhstan

Provisional agenda

High-level segment 4 September 2024, Wednesday (9:30 – 12:30 Astana time)	
9.00 – 9.30	Registration of participants and welcome coffee Remote connection testing
Opening remarks and objectives of the launching event	
9.30 – 10.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Nurkan Sadvakasov, Chairperson of the Committee on Sanitary-Epidemiological Control, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan • Representative of the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation of the Republic of Kazakhstan (tbc) • Mr. Dmitry Mariyasin, UNECE Deputy Executive Secretary (video message) • Dr. Skender Sylva, Head of the WHO Country Office in Kazakhstan • Ms. Michaela Friberg-Storey, UN Resident Coordinator for Kazakhstan • Representative of the International Water Assessment Centre (IWAC) <p><i>Introduction to the event objectives:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Leonid Kalashnyk, Environmental Affairs Officer, Protocol on Water and Health, UNECE
Session 1: Status, priorities and needs of Kazakhstan in the area of water resources, WASH and health	
10.10 – 11.20	<p>Presentations by representatives of ministries and departments (participation of ministries/departments tbc) of the Republic of Kazakhstan concerning issues of access to drinking water, water supply and sanitation in urban and rural areas, environmental status of water resources, public health in the context of water-related diseases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation of the Republic of Kazakhstan • Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan • Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan • Ministry of Industry and Construction of the Republic of Kazakhstan <p>Questions and answers, discussion with the audience</p>

Session 2: Benefits of accession to the Protocol on Water and Health and its key provisions	
11:20 – 12:00	<p>Objectives, scope, benefits and obligations of the Protocol on Water and Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Leonid Kalashnyk, Environmental Affairs Officer, Protocol on Water and Health, UNECE • Representative of the WHO Country Office in Kazakhstan (tbc) <p>Questions and answers</p>
Session 3: Introduction to the project “Improving water, sanitation, hygiene and health through implementation of the programme of work of the Protocol on Water and Health”	
12:00 – 12:30	<p>Project objectives, planned activities and expected results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Leonid Kalashnyk, Environmental Affairs Officer, Protocol on Water and Health, UNECE • Representative of the WHO Country Office in Kazakhstan (tbc) <p>Questions and answers, discussion with the audience (interventions by partners and representatives of civil society are welcome)</p>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break
Technical segment 4 September, Wednesday (13:30 – 17:30 Astana time) and 5 September, Thursday (09:30 – 12:00 Astana time)	
Opening of the technical segment and tour de table	
13:30-14:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative of the Ministry of Health of Kazakhstan (tbc) • Mr. Leonid Kalashnyk, Environmental Affairs Officer, Protocol on Water and Health, UNECE • Representative of the WHO Country Office in Kazakhstan (tbc) <p>Getting to know each other and wishes for the meeting (and the project)</p>
Session 4: An overview of technical work areas under the Protocol on Water and Health	

14:00-14:30	<p>Brief presentation of the technical areas in the Protocol's programme of work and examples of activities in selected areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Leonid Kalashnyk, UNECE • Representative of the WHO Country Office in Kazakhstan (tbc) <p>Questions and answers</p>
Session 5: Target setting and review of progress (reporting requirements) under the Protocol on Water and Health	
14:30-15:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the step-by-step process of baselining, target-setting and action planning under the Protocol, Ms. Nataliya Nikiforova, Environmental Affairs Officer, Protocol on Water and Health, UNECE • Example of experience of the Parties to the Protocol in target-setting, representative of one of the Parties to the Protocol (name tbc) • Work done so far in the context of the Protocol on Water and Health in Kazakhstan, representative of the International Centre for Water Assessment (name tbc) • Draft targets developed in Kazakhstan in 2016 and an overview of the current situation, national experts who participated in the development of the targets • Reporting requirements under the Protocol, Ms. Nataliya Nikiforova, UNECE • Questions and answers
15:45 – 16:15	Coffee break
16:15 - 17:25	Moderated discussion on follow-up steps towards baselining and setting/review of targets in Kazakhstan: a draft roadmap for preparing a baseline analysis and targets is expected based on the discussion
17:25-17:30	Closing remarks for Day I

Technical segment (cont'd)	
5 September, Thursday (09:30 – 12:00)	
9:00 - 9:30	<p>Welcome coffee</p> <p>Remote connection testing</p>
Session 6: An interactive group exercise to discuss possible targets on water, sanitation and health in selected priority areas	
9:30 – 11:45	<p>Group exercise with a brief presentation of the results of the discussion by rapporteurs of each group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitated by Mr. Leonid Kalashnyk, UNECE and a representative of IWAC (tbc)
Сессия 7: Circle back to the expectations from the technical segment of the launching event and closing remarks	

10:45 –11:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Leonid Kalashnyk, UNECE• Representative of IWAC (tbc)
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch break