



Seventh meeting of the Interagency Coordination Council for the National Dialogue on Water Policy in Kazakhstan

14 December 2022, Astana, Sheraton-Astana Hotel

AGENDA

Chairman: Mr Serikaliy Mukataev, Vice Minister of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan

09:00 – 09:15	Registration of participants
09:15 – 09:30	Opening session Welcome remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Serikaliy Mukataev, Vice Minister of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan• Dr Johannes Baur, Head of the Cooperation, the European Union Delegation to Kazakhstan• Ms Tamara Kutonova, National Policy Dialogue Programme Manager, UNECE
09:30 - 10:30	Session 1. Strengthening cooperation on the protection and use of groundwaters in Kazakhstan On the state and prospects for the use of groundwater in Kazakhstan, Mr Shonan Zhankylysh, Chief Expert of the Department of Hydrogeology and Engineering Geology of the Committee for Geology of the Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan On GGRETA project and Roadmap for the joint sustainable management of the Pretashkent transboundary aquifer, Mr Serikzhan Atanov, staff member of the UNESCO Almaty Office Joint mathematical model of the Pretashkent transboundary aquifer, Ms Valentina Rakhimova, UNESCO consultant Questions and answers, discussion
10:30 – 10:50	Coffee break
10:50 – 12:00	Session 2. Cooperation of Kazakhstan with neighboring countries on the protection and use of water resources On the Chu and the Talas Strategic Action Programme and investments ideas, Ms Indira Akbozova, the Chu-Talas Water Management Commission

	<p>Regulation of the Water and Energy Complex of Central Asia, <i>Dr Arman Ahunbayev, Head of the Center for Infrastructure and Industrial Research, Eurasian Development Bank</i></p> <p>Sources and Risks of Accidental Pollution of the Syrdarya River, <i>Mr Erkin Orolbaev, UNECE consultant</i></p> <p>Food security, trade and the water footprint in Kazakhstan and Central Asia, <i>Dr Bo Libert, UNECE consultant</i></p> <p>UNECE tools for transboundary cooperation, <i>Ms Tamara Kutonova, National Policy Dialogue Program Manager, UNECE and Mr Alexander Belokurov, Environmental Affairs Officer, UNECE</i></p> <p>Questions and answers, discussion</p>
12:00 – 13:00	<p>Session 3. Water, sanitation and health</p> <p>Protocol on Water and Health: benefits of accession and obligations upon becoming a Party, <i>Ms Nataliya Nikiforova, Environmental Affairs Officer</i></p> <p>Information on the status of Kazakhstan's accession to the Protocol on Water and Health, <i>Ms Maral Rakhimzhanova, Deputy Chairman of the Committee for Sanitary and Epidemiological Control of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan</i></p> <p>On the next steps in the implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health in Kazakhstan, <i>Mr Seitkarim Tastanbaev, Head of the Department of Sanitary and Hygienic Monitoring of the Scientific and Practical Center for Sanitary and Epidemiological Expertise and Monitoring</i></p> <p>Prospects for the development of safe drinking water supply in the Kyzylorda region, <i>Mr Amirkhan Kenshimov, Chief Specialist of the Department of Water Resources of the Executive Directorate of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea in the Republic of Kazakhstan</i></p> <p>Questions and answers, discussion</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15.20	<p>Session 4. Water resources projects and programs implemented in Kazakhstan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr Matthew Griffiths, Senior Program Manager and Mr Takayoshi Kato, Environmental Economist, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) (online)</i> - <i>Ms Rahel Gobel-Bosch, Deputy Head of Mission, Head of Cooperation, Embassy of Switzerland in Uzbekistan</i> - <i>Ms Gulzada Azhetova, Regional Specialist for Water Resources and Environment in Central Asia, USAID Mission in Central Asia</i> - <i>Ms Larissa Kogutenko, Coordinator of the “Integrated Water Resources Management” master program, Kazakh-German University</i> <p>Questions and answers, discussion</p>
15:20 – 16:00	<p>Final session</p> <p>Discussion of the draft Work Plan for National Dialogue on Water Policy in Kazakhstan for 2023</p>

	Summary Closing
16:00	Coffee