

Uralsk, West Kazakhstan Oblast

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RESOLUTION

Second International Environmental Forum - Uralsk Green Forum

“Environmental megatrends: Green economy and environmental protection”

The Initiator of the Forum is the International Consortium Karachaganak Petroleum Operating b.v. (KPO) supported by the RK Ministry of Energy and West Kazakhstan Oblast Akimat.

International Environmental Forum “Uralsk Green Forum” is a major event in Kazakhstan in the field of sustainable subsoil use, environmental protection and innovations, contributing to resource conservation, strengthening environmental safety, and improving the quality of people’s life.

Forum objective: establish effective communication and business platform in the oil and gas industry to address environmental and energy saving issues, share experience for further cooperation to implement Green Economy Concept, promote an intensive development of the environmental discipline across the oil and gas sector in accordance with the RK Strategic Development Plan until 2025.

Forum participants: Members of RK Government, Senate and Mazhilis, representative and executive authorities, major oil and gas companies, environmental public organizations, specialized non-governmental associations and societies.

The forum was organized in the form of plenary and breakout sessions:

- **Plenary session** «State policy and environmental megatrends in the field of environmental protection and renewable energy in the RK»
- **Session 1.** Improvement of environmental legislation in accordance with the RK Strategic Development Plan until 2025.
- **Session 2.** RK State Policy in the area of Renewable Energy.
- **Session 3.** Partnership between business and society for green development and healthy environment.
- **Session 4.** Role of the International Center for Green Technologies and Investment Projects in the development of Country’s green economy.
- **Session 5.** The RK environmental regulation main directions for 2018-2019.
- **Session 6.** The concept of the Environmental code from the perspective of the new realities of the modern development of Kazakhstan
- **Panel session:** Environmental improvement. “Development of Waste Processing and Recycling Industry”
- **Interactive discussion on the topic:** “Prospects and effective stakeholder interaction for addressing current environmental and energy saving issues”

The Forum participants recognise the necessity for all stakeholders – *business, authorities and society* - to combine efforts for addressing current issues for intensive development of environmental orientation in oil and gas industry in accordance with the RK Strategic Development Plan until 2025.

Efforts in the field of energy saving and «Green Economy» concept implementation:

- Current energy consumption limits are differently understood by the State Energy Register entities and state regulatory authorities.
- Carry out explanatory work on the legislation requirements and involve all stakeholders in drawing up the limits through 'round-table' sessions and workshops;
- Develop economic incentives for energy management system implementation and greenhouse gas emissions reduction and, perhaps, integrate the process of energy management system implementation with greenhouse gases quotas allocation;
- Continue promoting implementation of renewable energy sources and develop economic incentives;
- Sign Memorandum of cooperation between the International Centre for Green Technologies and Investment Projects and West Kazakhstan Akimat and KPO;
- Support development of innovations in the field of energy saving and energy efficiency and production of modern materials and renewable energy sources in the West Kazakhstan Oblast;
- Cooperate with public environmental and energy organizations to raise public awareness on environmental and energy saving issues and develop environmental culture.

Efforts in the field of production and consumption waste management:

- Development of infrastructure in regional centers to allow waste segregation, processing/recycling;
- Setting up specialized enterprises dealing with food waste processing;
- Approval of standards for using food waste in business;
- Initiate making amendments to Item 3-1, Article 288 of the RoK EC in terms of increasing the duration of temporary storage for waste to be recycled or converted into the recyclable material;
- Development and approval of statutes and regulations for using construction waste as recyclable material in construction activity to exclude their attribution to the unauthorized waste storage in the environment;

Participants of the International Environmental Forum "Uralsk Green Forum" have made the following decision:

1. Recognise initiative and extend thanks to Karachaganak Petroleum Operating b.v. for organising the environmental forum and company's commitment to environmentally-friendly attitude;
2. Endorse conducting the 3rd International Environmental Forum in 2019 in contemplation of the World Environment Day;

3. Carry out work on enhancing the interaction with the state authorities, non-governmental nature-oriented/environmental associations and business sector;
4. Work towards simulating the activities of the state authorities and non-governmental nature-oriented/environmental associations in the field of environmental education of communities (separate collection of waste);
5. Non-governmental nature-oriented/environmental associations and business representatives jointly with the competent state authorities to develop the annual joint action plan aimed at continuous improvement of the RK environmental legislation;
6. Increase the role of society and business sector in harmonizing the legislation and implementing the infrastructure projects in the area of waste management and energy saving;
7. Cover outcomes of the International Environmental Forum in the mass media to promote awareness of all interested parties, including the public.

By this Resolution, participants of the International Environmental Forum “Uralsk Green Forum” address to:

I. Governmental regulatory and oversight authorities and their regional divisions:

- Develop the plan of joint discussion of the amendments in the RK legislation with non-governmental nature-oriented/environmental associations and business sector;
- Consider the opinions of non-governmental nature-oriented/environmental associations and business sector when formulating new laws and statutory acts;
- Develop the criteria which, when followed, help ensure that an entity is considered to be “clean”;
- Educate people and raise their environmental awareness in terms of energy consumption by using mass media, social advertisements and lessons in schools;
- Look into the possibility to subsidize the development of the infrastructure, and production and consumption waste management;
- Consider an opportunity to create the system of “green” environmental indicators.

II. Nature users:

- Jointly with competent authorities and non-governmental nature-oriented/environmental associations take active part in improving the environmental legislation;
- Consider possibilities for bringing renewable sources of energy into use and promote development of the alternative energy sources;
- Develop the activities aimed at sustainable use of the nature resources;
- Introduce the best available technologies in terms of waste management and energy saving.

III. WKO non-governmental nature-oriented/environmental associations and high education institutions:

- Take an active part in improving the environmental legislation;
- Educate people and raise their environmental awareness in terms of energy consumption by using mass media, social advertisements and lessons in schools.

The Forum participants express their confidence that practical implementation of the above recommendations will become an important step in building social, environmental and economic platform for successful delivery of “Green Economy” concept, transition of Kazakhstan to the sustainable development model and achieving the goals of the RK Strategic Development Plan until 2025.