



Uralsk

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RESOLUTION OF THE VI INTERNATIONAL ECOLOGICAL FORUM

On June 2, 2023 the VI International Ecological Forum "Uralsk Green Forum" was held in Uralsk. The forum was initiated by Karachaganak Petroleum Operating B.V. (hereinafter - KPO) and West Kazakhstan Oblast Akimat. This forum is held annually and aimed to discuss topical environmental issues through dialogue between the government, business and civil society.

- The key objective of the forum is to promote ESG ideas in the context of the current global changes, including: Contribution to the application of ESG principles for sustainable development of regions;
- Assessment of potential development opportunities for carbon offset projects in the region;
- Analysis of opportunities to improve waste management practices and application of BAT in practice.

The Forum was attended by over 170 participants, including the representatives of the Public Chamber of the Majilis of the RoK Parliament (hereinafter referred to as RoK), representatives of the companies – natural resources users, environmental associations, experts, environmental and green transformation specialists, national and regional media, and representatives of WKO students.


The following documents were signed within the framework of the forum:

- Memorandum on mutual cooperation in the area of development of potential offset projects in the West Kazakhstan Oblast between WKO Akimat (hereinafter referred to as WKO) and Karachaganak Petroleum Operating B.V., Kazakhstan branch (hereinafter - KPO).
- Memorandum on cooperation and liaison in possible using recycled industrial waste as secondary raw materials between WKO Environment Department of the Committee for Environmental Regulation and Control of the RoK Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, WKO Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management, KPO Kazakhstan Branch and West Kazakhstan University named after M. Utemissov.

The forum included the plenary session "ESG Principles in policy-making towards sustainable development of regions" and two panel sessions "Sustainability in Waste Management" with participation of contracting companies, recycling companies and students involved in the projects on waste management optimization and "Carbon offset: international experience and potential for development in WKO" with participation of experts, WKO Agricultural Department, farmers.

The forum participants emphasized the effectiveness of the event, showing commitment to the sustainable development of the West Kazakhstan region and arrived to the following agreement:

1. Implement ESG-transformation and strategy in WKO and companies operating in WKO, contributing to the achievement of sustainable development goals and the implementation of programme objectives of the RoK state environmental policy, including the Strategy for achieving carbon neutrality of Kazakhstan until 2060, the Concept on transition of the Republic of Kazakhstan to a "green economy", etc.
2. Promote WKO leadership in sustainability management through participation in national ESG rankings in Kazakhstan.
3. Foster a systematic approach to transforming companies' environmental safety, social responsibility and best corporate governance practices.

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4. Raise awareness of sustainable development best practices and ESG in WKO through training programmes of the state authorities, business, including SMEs, creating incentives for ESG implementation in development strategies.
 5. Facilitate the development of carbon offsets that contribute to sustainable agriculture and sustainable natural resource management in WKO.
 6. Promote the need to develop the guidelines on carbon offsetting in agriculture. The guideline will enable all stakeholders to understand the basic process of developing and implementing an offset project, to assess the approximate capacity and resources required.
 7. Cooperate in developing and studying the application of recycled industrial waste, in implementing the necessary tests and use as secondary material resources.
 8. Contribute to developing the national waste management standards to establish an environmentally sound and cost-effective waste management system in the country.
 9. Encourage creation of an information platform to exchange knowledge and experience on sustainable waste management.

The electronic version of the resolution is available at www.ugf.kz website

