

Asbestos and POPs – Policies and Practices in Kazakhstan and the European Union

20 to 21 April 2009

Location: Hotel Diplomat, Astana, Kazakhstan



20 April

International Expert Conference Asbestos: Policies and Practices in Kazakhstan and the EU

9.00 – 9.30 Registration

OPENING SESSION

Keynote addresses

Norbert Jousten, Head of the EC Delegation in Kazakhstan, Welcome
Majit Turmagambetov, Vice-Minister Environment, Kazakhstan, Chair
Dr Donald Cooper, Co-Executive Secretary of the Rotterdam Convention, Co-Chair
Alain Couanon, Ambassador France
Klaas van der Tempel, Ambassador The Netherlands
DepDG Alexander Nies, Ministry of Environment, Germany
Ivan Ivanov MD PhD, World Health Organization

Coffee / tea break

ASBESTOS INVENTORY

Panel discussion: The nature and scale of asbestos production and use

In this opening session a panel of Kazakh and international experts will present the state of production and use of asbestos in Kazakhstan, the EECCA region, the EU and worldwide.

Participants:

Lydia Astanina, Greenwomen, Kazakhstan (10 min intro)
Alexander Mangwiyo, Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention (10 min intro)
Sascha Gabizon, WECF (10 min intro)
Nicolay Klochkov, Asbest Mining Company, Kazakhstan (10 min. intro)

Discussion moderated by the chair Majit Turmagambetov, Vice-Minister Environment, Kazakhstan

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch break

14.30 – 16.00

ASBESTOS AND ASBESTOS-RELATED DISEASES

Panel discussion: The potential health risks of asbestos production and use in Kazakhstan

In this panel Kazakh and international experts will present experience with health studies from asbestos, including recommendations for action.

Participants:

Kanat Sakiev, Commission of Ministry of Health, Kazakhstan (10 min. intro)
Ivan Ivanov MD PhD, World Health Organization / International Labour Organisation (15 min. intro)
Alexander Mangwiyo, Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention (10 min intro)
Nurlan Smagulov, Health Expert EcoForum (10 min. intro)
Serik Ibraev, Hygiene Laboratory Kazakhstan (7 min intro)

Discussion moderated by Sascha Gabizon, WECF, Germany

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee / tea break

DEVELOPING A STRATEGY ON ASBESTOS FOR KAZAKHSTAN

Panel discussion: Developing a strategy on asbestos in Kazakhstan

In this panel Kazakh and international experts will identify next steps and recommendations to develop a strategy on asbestos in Kazakhstan and Kazakhstan's position regarding the Rotterdam Convention.

Participants:

Francois Lengrand, Ministry of Environment, France
Ivan Ivanov, MD PhD, WHO/ILO
Alexander Mangwiyo, Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention
Kaisha Atakhanova, Eco-Forum, Kazakhstan
Vladimir Chernov, Vice-President of the Trade Union Alliance Chrysotile, Kazakhstan

Discussion moderated by Alexander Nies, DepDG of the Environmental Ministry, Germany

19.30 – 21:00 Reception

21 April

International Expert Conference Persistant organic pollutants – POPs: Policies and Practices in Kazakhstan and the EU

9.30 – 10.00 **OPENING SESSION**

Keynote addresses

Majit Turmagambetov, Vice-Minister Environment, Kazakhstan, Chair
Dr. Donald Cooper, Executive Secretary Stockholm Convention, Co-Chair

10.00 – 10:30 Coffee/tea break

10.30 – 13.00 **POPs INVENTORY**

Panel session: The nature and scale of POPs in Kazakhstan

In this panel Kazakh and international experts will present the state of POPs production, use and waste in Kazakhstan and the EU including public health impact and technologies for detecting obsolete POPs.

Participants:

Amina Beibitova, UNDP office in Kazakhstan (15 min intro)
Dr. Donald Cooper, Executive Secretary of Stockholm Convention, Geneva (15 min intro)
Lydia Astanina, Greenwomen, Kazakhstan (15 min intro)

Discussion moderated by the Majit Turmagambetov, Vice-Minister Environment, Kazakhstan

13.00 – 13.30 Press Conference

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch break

14.30 – 16.00 **IMPLEMENTING STOCKHOLM CONVENTION AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL**

Panel discussion 1: Legal and Funding Framework

In this panel Kazakh and international experts will discuss how to adopt the Stockholm Convention, ratified by Kazakhstan, into the national legislation

Participants:

Majit Turmagambetov, Vice-Minister Environment, Kazakhstan (10 min intro)
Amina Beibitova, UNDP office in Kazakhstan (10 min intro)
DepDG Alexander Nies, Ministry of Environment, Germany (10 min intro)
Dr. Donald Cooper, Executive Secretary of Stockholm Convention, Geneva (10 min intro)
Dimitry Kalmykov, EcoMuseum, Kazakhstan (10 min intro)

Discussion moderated by the Majit Turmagambetov, Vice-Minister Environment, Kazakhstan

16.00 – 16:30 Coffee / tea break

16.30 – 18.00

Panel discussion 2: Elimination of POPs

In this session experts will discuss what lessons can be learned from POPs elimination in other countries? Is it possible to speed up elimination? What role have local communities?

The panel presentations will investigate challenges and opportunities. In an interactive exchange with the participants, recommendations will be formulated for an enhanced national implementation of the Stockholm Convention as information for the upcoming Conference of Parties of the Stockholm Convention (Geneva May 2009) and at the National Level.

Participants:

Majit Turmagambetov, Vice-Minister Environment, Kazakhstan (10 min intro)
Francois Lengrand, Ministry of Environment, France (10 min intro)
Dr. Donald Cooper, Executive Secretary of Stockholm Convention, Geneva (10 min intro)
Lyudmila Petrova, Eco-Forum, Kazakhstan (10 min intro)

Discussion moderated by the Kaisha Atakhanova, EcoCenter, Kazakhstan

18.00 Closing of the Meeting

Reception optional

Organizers:

WECF – Women in Europe for a Common Future, Netherlands/France/Germany
EcoCenter, Kazakhstan
Greenwomen, Kazakhstan



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