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About “OECD Day” at EXPO 2017

The OECD is participating in EXPO 2017 with a dedicated presence in the International Organisations Pavilion and a one-day conference, “OECD Day”, which will be held at the Congress Centre on 11 July. This event will showcase OECD activities related to environment and well-being, and link them with other dimensions of OECD work with Kazakhstan. Four thematic panels will bring together high-level policy makers from the Government of Kazakhstan, OECD experts and other stakeholders. The discussions will cover topics of interest for Kazakhstan and Central Asia as a whole: growth-enhancing structural policies; policies and finance for greener growth; water management in Central Asia; and innovation, education and skills development for the green economy.

There will be simultaneous interpretation in English and Russian.

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9.00 – 9.45 REGISTRATION

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9.45 - 10.00

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OPENING ADDRESS

OECD and Kazakhstan: state of the co-operation in the context of EXPO 2017

- Remarks by **Mr. William Tompson**, Head of Eurasia Division, Global Relations Secretariat, OECD
- Remarks by **H.E. Mr. Timur Suleimenov**, Minister of National Economy of Kazakhstan

10.00 - 11.00 THEMATIC PANEL

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Going for Growth: benchmarking structural policies

Policy priorities to boost real income levels and growth have been identified through the OECD's Going for Growth analysis since 2005 for OECD countries and, more recently, for a growing number of non-OECD countries.

This session will discuss the rapid gains in productivity driven by the move from agriculture to manufacturing, strong investment in physical capital, integration into the global trading system and associated technology transfer, which may have largely run their course. The discussion will also provide lessons on how to step up investment in knowledge-based capital, allocate resources more efficiently across firms and encourage a more widespread development of skills and human capital.

SPEAKERS

- **H.E. Mr. Timur Suleimenov**, Minister of National Economy of Kazakhstan
- **Mr. Yerlan Khairov**, Vice Minister of Investments and Development of Kazakhstan
- **Mr. Alain de Serres**, Head of Structural Surveillance Division, Economics Department, OECD

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- **Mr. William Tompson**, Head of Eurasia Division, Global Relations Secretariat, OECD

11.00 - 11.45 COFFEE BREAK

Lobby

Courtesy of Future Energy Forum

11.45 - 13.15 THEMATIC PANEL

Hall 2 **Policies and Finance for Greening the Economy of Kazakhstan**

Since the adoption in 2012 of the “Kazakhstan 2050 Strategy” and in 2013 of the “Green Economy Concept”, Kazakhstan has made important steps towards a more sustainable and greener model of development. Adherence to the OECD Declaration on Green Growth in 2015 was an important signal of its continued commitment to greening economic development. However, Kazakhstan remains one of the most energy-intensive countries in the world, and energy intensity has not improved during the last decade. This trajectory poses serious risks to the country’s future development path and requires urgent actions.

The OECD has worked with Kazakhstan to promote a low-carbon, climate-resilient future to safeguard the health and prosperity of Kazakh citizens. This session will consider how the current structure of Kazakhstan’s system of environmental regulation, permitting and assessment can be reformed to create incentives to reduce both environmental impact and the cost of doing business. It will also discuss essential steps towards better management of public expenditure, the greening of public finances and the development of strategies for mobilising green private investment in ways that combine “green” and “growth” and ensure that targets, policies and instruments are mutually reinforcing.

PRESENTATION

- **Mr. Krzysztof Michalak**, Senior Programme Manager, Green Growth and Global Relations Division, Environment Directorate, OECD

SPEAKERS

- **Mr. Gani Sadibekov**, Vice Minister of Energy of Kazakhstan
- **Mr. Jürgen Keinhorst**, Head of the Division for Co-operation with Eastern Europe, Central Asia, the South Caucasus and MENA, Ministry for Environment, Germany
- **Mr. Aidar Kazybayev**, Managing Director, Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC)
- **Mr. Almassadam Satkaliyev**, Chairman of Samruk-Energy JSC

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- **Ms. Kumi Kitamori**, Head of Green Growth and Global Relations Division, Environment Directorate, OECD

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13.15 - 15.00 LUNCH

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15.00 – 16.30 THEMATIC PANEL

Hall 2 **Water management in Central Asia**

The OECD has been providing policy guidance on water to OECD members and partner countries since the early 1970s, covering a wide range of issues including water quantity and quality management, the management of water-related risks, governance, and the pricing and financing of water services and infrastructure.

For over 15 years, the OECD has been working with the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) on a range of policy reforms with regard to water management. This has included work in co-operation with the European Union under the European Union Water Initiative (EUWI).

This session will discuss recent work in Central Asia including highlights from projects delivered under the recent OECD-Kazakhstan Country Programme.

SPEAKERS

- **H. E. Mr. Askar Myrzakhmetov**, Minister of Agriculture and Deputy Prime Minister of Kazakhstan
- **Mr. Karl Anzelm**, Head, South Kazakhstan Hydrogeological Agency
- **Ms. Abdybai Djailoobaev**, Manager, National Water Partnership of Kyrgyzstan
- **Ms. Yvonne Lindenlaub**, Federal Ministry for Environment, Germany
- **Mr. Vadim Kim**, Deputy Chairman of the Development Bank of Kazakhstan

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- **Mr. Matthew Griffiths**, Senior Programme Manager, Water Management, Green Growth and Global Relations Division, Environment Directorate, OECD

16.30 - 17.15 COFFEE BREAK

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17.15 - 18.30 THEMATIC PANEL

Hall 2 **Enhancing research and innovation for a diversified economy in**

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Kazakhstan

Kazakhstan's research, innovation and higher education systems are at the forefront of the country's economic diversification and greening challenge. While progress has been made over the past ten years, significant additional improvement will be required if Kazakhstan is to achieve its aims of developing high-quality, labour market-relevant skills throughout the population, and establishing research and innovation as a key driver of economic growth.

This session will discuss how Kazakhstan can respond to current challenges by strengthening its research, innovation and higher education systems to ensure that it develops the knowledge, skills and potential for innovation that are essential for economic and social well-being.

SPEAKERS

- **Mr. Gernot Hutschenreiter**, Head, Country Reviews of Innovation Policy, Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation, OECD
- **Mr. Aslanbek Amrin**, Vice Minister of Education and Science, Kazakhstan
- **Mr. Shigeo Katsu**, President of Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan (tbc)
- **Mr. Marat Omarov**, Chairman of the National Agency for Technological Development (NATD), Kazakhstan

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- **Mr. William Tompson**, Head of Eurasia Division, Global Relations Secretariat, OECD

18.30

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