

**Action Plan
for implementation of the Kazakhstan Capacity Development Strategy aimed at meeting obligations against international
environmental conventions for 2007-2009**

#	Actions	Output	Responsible parties	Implementat ion period	Expected expenses (KZT mln)	Funding sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1. Establishment of institutional capacities and instruments of intersector/intergovernmental coordination to achieve Conventions' goals in forestry, agriculture and energy sectors of Kazakhstan						
1	Examine a question of authorized body to be responsible for the Conventions' implementation at the SDC / IGC meeting	Minutes of the decision meeting of IGC / SDC	MEP, MOA, MEMR, ALM, MFA, MES, MEBP	Q1 2007	No expenses	-
2	Specify mandates of the central executive bodies and their agencies (MEP, MOA, MEMR, ALM, MFA, MES, MEBP), responsible for policies, planning and implementation of Conventions	Draft Law or Draft Regulation of GOK	MEP, MOA, MEMR, ALM, MFA, MES, MEBP	Q1 2007	No expenses	-
3	Analyze existing programs and plans for Conventions' implementation and eliminate all the drawbacks in accord with international recommendations.	Draft Regulation of GOK	MEP, MOA, MEMR, ALM, MFA, MES, MEBP	Q2 2007	0,24	Foreign grants
4	Develop comments/guidelines, aimed at effective management of existing provisions of the Budget Code of the RK dealing with environment protection based on the requirements of the Conventions ratified by the country, for stakeholders (central and local executive bodies and their agencies)	Comments	MEBP, MEP, MOA, MEMR, ALM, MFA, MES,	Q2 2007	0,20	Foreign grants

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5	Develop and endorse Guidelines for national coordinators on the Conventions’ implementation	MEP Draft Regulation	MEP, MOA, MEMR, ALM, MES, MFA	Q2 2007	0,60	Foreign grants
6	Improve the Conventions goals’ registration system in the course of development and implementation of national, sectoral and regional programs.	Draft Normative-legal act	MEP, MOA, MEMR, MES, ALM, MFA	Q3 2007	No expenses	
7	Include consideration of problematic issues on building the capacity for Conventions’ implementation in SDC, IGC Action Plans and prepare corresponding commissions/ recommendations	Action Plan SDC, IGC; Minutes of decision meetings of IGC, SDC, recommendations	MEP, MOA, MEMR, MES, ALM, MFA	Annually, according to the approved SDC, IGC Plans.	No expenses	-
8	Establish and maintain database on organizations and specialists in selected areas (out of governmental bodies, science and NGO representatives) to improve efficiency of their involvement in working groups’ activities	List of organizations and data on specialists approved by the authorized body	MEP, MOA, MEMR, MES, ALM, MFA	regularly	0,30	Foreign grants
9	Increase efficiency of performance of the working groups being established and commissions on Conventions’ implementation	Information for MEP, recommendations for stakeholders	MEP, MOA, MEMR, MES, ALM	quarterly	No expenses	-
10	Set up work on Cooperation memoranda between MEP, MOA, ALM, MEBP, MEMR, MES, MFA with a view of Conventions’ implementation.	Memoranda signed	MEP, MOA, ALM, MEBP, MEMR, MES, MFA	Q2 2007	No expenses	-
11	Arrange for control over execution of Cooperation memoranda with a view of Conventions’ implementation.	1)MEP information 2)Recommendations for state bodies	1) MOA, ALM, MEBP, MEMR, MES, MFA; 2) MEP	1) June 20, December 20 2) as necessary	No expenses	-
13	Study the issue of cooperation between government and NGO’s for Conventions’ goals and ways to address it basing on international experience.	Information for MEP, recommendations	MEP, MES	Q2 2007	0,30	Foreign grants

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14	Liven up the work of the Public Council under MEP, territorial departments of environmental protection in the area of the Conventions’ implementation.	MEP Resolution	MEP	Q2 2007	No expenses	-
15	Envisage a budget program or sub-program of social order (environmental) in the area of fulfilling the obligations under Conventions given public opinion on the most effective activities.	Budget applications	MEP, MOA, ALM, MEBP, MEMR, MES, MFA	annually	No expenses	-
16	Develop thematic directions for public authorities on the ways and instruments to engage civil society in the process of implementation of Conventions’ provisions and introduce them under the skill-improvement course for employees of environment protection agencies.	Training materials	MEP, MES	Q1-4 2007	0,50	Foreign grants
17	Arrange for and conduct trainings, seminars, and round-tables on cooperation of public authorities with civil society in the area of joint implementation of Conventions’ provisions	1) Seminars, round-tables 2) MEP information	1) MEP, MOA, MEMR, ALM, MES 2) MOA, MES, MEMR, ALM,	1) regularly 2) annually on December 10	0,80 0,50	Foreign grants Republican Budget
18	Create and implement a self-assessment system for stakeholders involved in fulfillment of Conventions’ provisions.	Guidelines	MEP, MES	Q1 2008	1,0	Foreign grants
2. Improvement of system of incentives for public authorities’ and environment users’ performance with a view to achieve the Conventions’ goals in forestry, agriculture and energy sectors						
19	Analyze legislation in order to agree it with the Conventions’ requirements. Introduce necessary changes in the national legislation in accord with the Conventions’ requirements.	Draft BLA, Governmental Regulations	MEP, MOA, ALM, MES, MEBP, MEMR	Q4 2007	0,40	Foreign grants
20	Strengthen the system of environmental incentives in agriculture, forestry and energy sectors to facilitate global environmental protection in these sectors given the conventions’ requirements.	Proposals to the government, methodical recommendations	MEP, MEBP	Q4 2007	0,50	Foreign grants

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21	Conduct seminars and trainings for target groups – environment users – on problems of stimulating activities under Conventions.	Seminars and training conducted	MEP, MES	annually	0,90	Foreign grants
3. Increase awareness and knowledge of decision-makers working on corresponding activities in agriculture, forestry and energy sectors in the issues and practical approaches to achieving Conventions’ goals.						
22	Study international experience in knowledge management in thematic areas connected with Conventions.	Recommendations to authorities	MEP, MES	Q2 2008	0,40	Foreign grants
23	Create and maintain databases (including IT-based) on advanced practices in the area of Conventions’ themes.	Database, MEP information for involved government bodies	MEP, MES	Q2 2008	1,50	Foreign grants
24	Conduct monitoring and create database of the country scientific institutions (staff) that have capacity for development of innovation technologies facilitating achievement of Conventions’ goals.	MEP information for involved government bodies	MEP, MES	Q1 annually	0,30	Foreign grants
25	Draft proposals for state order for scientific developments connected with the Conventions’ themes.	proposals to the government	MEP, MOA, MEMR, ALM, MES, MEBP	Q2-3 2007	0,40	Foreign grants
26	Establish institutional limits for use and exchange of domestic scientific developments connected with Conventions’ themes.	Information and proposals to the government	MEP, MOA, MEMR, ALM, MES, MEBP	Q4 2008	0,35	Foreign grants
27	Develop and implement training programs for skill-improvement courses (by sectors) aimed at registration of goals of the Conventions ratified by the country.	Training programs	MEP, MOA, MEMR, ALM, MES	Q4 2008	0,50	Foreign grants
28	Ensure that the developed skill-improvement courses connected with the thematic areas of the Conventions (by sectors) are held for teachers of environmental disciplines.	MEP information	MES	February, annually	0,50 0,50	Republican Budget Local Budget

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29	Perform analysis of corresponding educational standards for specializations necessary for peopleware for Conventions’ execution in the country and propose necessary amendments/addenda with a view of such standards’ improvement.	MEP information	MES, MEP	November annually	0,50	Foreign grants
30	Improve methodologies for economic assessment of application of the Conventions’ provisions (including those by sector).	Evaluation practices approved by MEP	MEP, MEBP, MES	Q1-4 2009	0,45	Foreign grants
31	Publish materials/develop video-materials/digital publications, Web-sites aimed at raising awareness of professionals and publicity in the area of actual ecological problems, scientific achievements, innovation technologies connected with ecological and economic aspects of the Conventions ratified by the country	MEP information for involved government bodies	MEP, MOA, MEMR, MES, ALM	March annually	0,60 0,60	Republican Budget Foreign grants

Conventions – (RIO Conventions) – Conventions, adopted in Rio-de-Janeiro and ratified by the republic of Kazakhstan (UN Convention on tackling desertification, UN Convention on Bio-Diversity, UN Framework Convention on Climate Change);

MEP – Ministry of Environmental Protection

MOA – Ministry of Agriculture

MEMR – Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources

MES – Ministry of Education and Science

MEBP – Ministry of Economy and Budget Planning

MFA – Ministry of Foreign Affairs

IGC – Intergovernmental Commissions on environment stabilization (working body - MEP) and tackling breaches of environmental legislation and preservation of bio-diversity of global flora and fauna (working body – Committee for Forestry and Hunting Grounds of MOA), established by Governmental Decree #776 as of August 1, 2003, and #202 as of March 3, 2005, correspondingly;

IEC – International Environmental Conventions;

SDC – Sustainable Development Council; of the RK (working body - MEP), established by the Governmental Decree #345 as of March 19, 2004.

1 \$ USA = 128 KZT (on 20 October 2006)