

High Level International Expert Conference

# 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

9.30 – 11.30 **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

11.30 – 13.00 **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 Mangwiro, Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention (10 min intro)  
Sascha Gabizon, WECF (10 min intro)  
Nicolay Klockhov, 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 Organisation / International Labour Organisation (15 min. intro)  
Alexander Mangwiro, 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

16.30 – 18.30 **DEVELOPING A STRATEGY ON ASBESTOS FOR KAZAKHSTAN**

### Panel discussion: Developing a strategy on asbestos in Kazakhstan

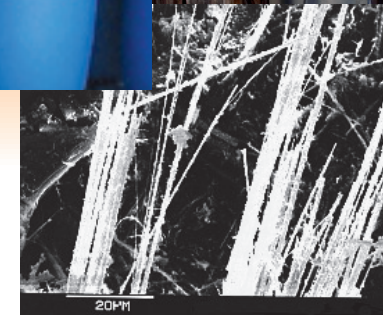
In this panel Kazakh and international experts will identify next steps and recommendations to develop a strategy on asbestos in Kazakhstan and Kazakhstan's position regarding the Rotterdam Convention.

### Participants:

Francois Lengrand, Ministry of Environment, France  
Ivan Ivanov, MD PhD, WHO/ILO  
Alexander Mangwiro, 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 Persistent 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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