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First Policy Dialogue under the Kazakhstan GREEN Action Platform
20th October 2016 at the Rixos President hotel (Kunayeva St. 7, Astana 010000)
Meeting room "DHALL" 15:00-17:00 p.m

Objectives of the meeting

Following the launch of the OECD-Kazakhstan Country Programme in January 2015, Kazakhstan became adherent to the OECD Declaration on Green Growth in November 2015. This is an important political signal of the country’s commitment to accelerate the transition to a greener economy. In order to turn this into concrete action, the government of Kazakhstan and the OECD have agreed to launch the Kazakhstan GREEN Action Platform. The Platform aims to support high-level cross-Ministerial policy dialogues on priority issues and political action identified by various initiatives on green economy, low-carbon, climate-resilient development and environmental law reform in Kazakhstan.

The Ministry of National Economy will host the Kazakhstan GREEN Action Platform. This first policy dialogue under the Platform will discuss the following two issues, supported by short discussion notes prepared by the OECD Secretariat, in consultation with the Kazakh government and international partners:

a) Mobilising green finance; how to ensure alignment of climate and non-climate policies?
b) Development of indicators for measuring progress towards green economy.

The GREEN Action Platform is intended to help bring work by the OECD and other partner organisations to the attention of high-level policy makers for substantive discussions to support policy reforms and decisions. The Platform could also support the deliberations of the Council on Green Economy.

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| Session 3 | Topic (a) Mobilising green finance; how to ensure alignment of climate and non-climate/sectoral policies |
Presentations

- **Mr. Takayoshi Kato**, OECD Environment Directorate
- EBRD Kazakhstan Office (TBC)
- **Ms. Aliya Shalabekova**, Director of Green Economy Department, Ministry of Energy (TBC)

Discussion

- What political and public policy challenges does Kazakhstan face in introducing climate change policies and reaching the long-term targets under the INDC and the Green Economy Concept?
- What are the policy levers that the Kazakh government can use to mobilise finance for climate actions? How such policies can be better aligned to encourage the emergence and scaling-up of business models that support a green economy?
- What are the key steps to reinforce the co-ordination across different ministries and government agencies, and different levels of the government (e.g. central and sub-national) to shift towards a green economy?

Coffee Break

(20 min)

Session 4  
**Topic (b) Development of Green Growth Indicators (GGIs) for Kazakhstan**

Presentations

- **Mr. Krzysztof Michalak**, OECD Environment Directorate
- **Mr. Rassul Rakhimov**, Programme Officer, Sustainable Urbanization and Energy & Environment Portfolio manager, UNDP Office Kazakhstan
- **Mrs Aigul Yepbayeva**, Head of Production and Environment Statistics Department, National Committee on Statistics under the Ministry of Economy.

Discussion

- What are the key challenges and obstacles in developing a system for measuring progress towards green economy?
- How can a comprehensive strategy for green economy-related data collection, analysis and regular publication be developed to showcase progress towards green growth at the EXPO 2017? How to address the issues related to access and data sharing between stakeholders?
- What in particular needs to be done to integrate the results of green growth/economy measurement into the government decisions? How to enhance and improve transparency when gauging the results of green growth policies for gaining more public support for these actions?

Session 5  
**Next steps**

(20 minutes)  
Wrap-up of this Policy Dialogue by:

- Summarising key issues emerging from the Policy Dialogue;
- Discussing a future direction of work on topics (a) and (b);
- Agreeing to key steps/actions to be taken.

Any other business
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