

2.5. Kazakhstan



<i>NPD launched</i>	2013
<i>Present NPD Chair(s) and strategic partners in government</i>	Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources Committee Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Energy
<i>Sources of funding for NPD</i>	European Union, Government of Germany, Government of Norway Government of Switzerland

PRIORITY AREAS OF WORK AND MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Accession to the UNECE-WHO/Europe Protocol on Water and Health and setting of national water and health targets.
- Sustainable business models for WSS in rural areas and small towns.
- Increasing contribution of multi-purpose water infrastructure (MPWI) to economic development, water, food and energy security.
- State support to agriculture, rural development and water-intensive industries impacting the water sector.
- Strengthening bilateral co-operation with neighbouring countries on the use of transboundary watercourses.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE NPD

- Following the request by the Government of Kazakhstan, and preparatory work in 2012, the NPD on IWRM was launched in June 2013.
- Both OECD and UNECE provided comments on Kazakhstan's draft **State Programme for Water Management to 2040**. The programme was adopted in April 2014. It provides a set of targets and priority activities, some of which will be supported through the NPD process.
- The OECD-Kazakhstan co-operation programme signed in 2015, including two water projects that inform the NPD.
- In October 2015, a Kazakh-Russian bilateral committee on transboundary waters decided to launch a joint assessment on Ural river and Kigac tributary of Volga river. UNECE provides support to the work of bilateral group of experts.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

- Water is a key pillar of the Kazakh Green Economy Concept and this will drive future work. The OECD will advise on options for reform of state support to agriculture, rural development and water-intensive industries impacting the water sector; and on options for increasing the contribution

of MPWI to economic development, water, food and energy security.

- Joint Kazakh-Russian assessment and strategy for rational use of water resources in the transboundary Ural river and Kigac tributary of Volga river will be prepared by 2017.
- UNECE will organise a series of trainings for national and local stakeholders in 2015-2018 on transboundary water co-operation and basin management, as well as teacher trainings for many universities on IWRM.
- A target setting process in the context of the Protocol on Water and Health is to be completed by the end of 2016 in the framework of the NPD process.

"From its launch, the NPD on water policy became a recognised platform for all interested stakeholders to discuss and develop recommendations on various priority issues, including on transboundary rivers. Particularly valuable is a project on assessment of the present state of the Ural river, conducted jointly by Kazakh and Russian experts with financial support from the EU in the framework of the NPD."



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PROGRESS IN MAIN WORK AREAS

