

Report

Regional workshop on review of the draft Program for Development of Forest Sector of Kazakhstan till 2020 with a focus on green economy principles

5 December 2014, Petropavlovsk, Kazakhstan, Hotel Kyzyl zhar, 54 Constitutsia str. <http://kz-hotel.kz/index.php?page=contacts>

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The basic common principles of "green economy", concept of transition to a "green economy" of Kazakhstan, as well as the draft Programme for the forest sector of Kazakhstan till 2020, developed by the Forestry and Fauna Committee of Kazakhstan were presented to the participants.

The participants made a critical review of the draft program through formulation of the key questions/clarifications and answers, as well as its evaluation against key green economy criteria by using "post it" and "quick assessment" methods.

Participants made also an in-depth analysis of the program draft on the basis of the key green economy principles in order to identify possible improvements with the use of the SWOT-analysis, problem analysis, as well as analysis of the rights, responsibilities and income in the forest sector of Kazakhstan.

As a result of group work participants discussed analysis results and proposals on improvement of program draft through debates in an "Aquarium".

According to the workshop results the following improvements were proposed to the draft program:

- develop a regulatory framework for the settlements planting;
- develop settlements greening program;
- develop recommendations on creation of a green zone;
- increase in the nurseries area for urban greening;
- introduce a ban on the use of planting material imported for the landscaping;
- organize training courses for professionals involved in landscaping;
- develop recommendations on conservation, protection and restoration of the forest on a perfect level (KazNIILKh);
- develop protective afforestation;
- oblige farmers to create shelterbelts planting;
- develop recommendations on a list of tree species for artisanal regions;
- review the rules for Avialesookhrana;
- ensure satisfactory forest health;
- strengthen services of engineers – forest pathologists;
- conduct forest auctions on final forest felling;
- deep processing of forest residues;
- wood processing, production of briquettes and pellets;
- promote and develop state forest owners;
- develop public-private partnerships to increase forest cover;
- transfer forest resources to the long-term use and provide government support;
- simplify documents issuance procedures for participation in the tenders;
- provide state support to sales;
- create training centers for the specialists involved in forest and forest processing industry;
- provide market with the consumer goods from local hardwood and create new jobs, new technologies.

In addition, as a result of priority ranking procedure participants proposed following recommendations to the draft:

- develop financial instruments for the development of forestry and wood industry;
- improve forest legislation;
- enlarge forest cover through removing and redemption of useful for forests lands, including lands with the renewed self-seedings;
- Forestry exclusively by state forest owners considering increasing the forest;
- transit gradually from public to private property in the forest sector, since forest users today are not ready for full ownership of the SFF.

This one-day workshop provided an opportunity for participants to raise awareness of the "green economy" principles, review thoroughly the forest development program draft, as well as ensure reflection of the realities and needs of the north region, local stakeholders in the draft, to bring it into compliance with the "green economy" principles.

Participants received certificates upon completion of workshop. The participants noted that the workshop was very useful for the exchange of views and discussion of the program draft.

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	Break 11.15-11.30
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Critical review of the Forestry Programme draft asking key questions/clarifications and receiving answers, then assessing the draft against key Green Economy criteria. (Using poster with post-it method and target scoring). Group work
	Lunch 12.30 - 13.30
P M	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. In-depth analysis of the draft forestry Programme against key green economy principles, and identifying possible enhancements. Group work. (Using SWOT analysis and other methods).
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presentation of enhancements with justifications in a debate (Using fishbowl debate). 15.15 - 16.15 2. Assessment of the enhancements by a panel of experts representing different stakeholders. Next steps in the review and revision process 3. Workshop evaluation and closing remarks
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Photo materials of workshop



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According to the workshop results the following improvements were proposed to the program draft:

- To strengthen the material and technical base according the modern requirements;
- Increase funding for the forest sector;
- To cancel fees for the forest tending cuttings, sanitary cuttings, since these cuttings are forestry and forest protection activities;
- To introduce the use of fire-extinguishing agents for fighting forest fires and create mineralized zones;
- To create an e-card with the forest quarterly network to implement an effective forest fires monitoring system;
- To develop nurseries growing species those are in demand;
- To develop forest tourism;
- To increase the powers of inspectors;
- To provide subsidies for forestry works (sowing, planting);
- To increase wages in forestry;
- To improve the forestry regulatory framework;
- To apply more biological agents for the forest protection;
- To pay more attention to the private nurseries;
- To change the standards established by the Government Decree No 53;
- To provide allocation of funds from the republican budget for forest protection activities;
- To divide forestry into categories;
- To ensure timely conduction of forest management activities;
- To improve forest protection image;
- To develop space-based forest fires monitoring, that locks area of 0.1 ha;
- To plan reforestation in reasonable volumes (based on the presence of the surveyed volume of forest funds, its availability, level of material and technical equipment of institutions).

In addition, as a result of priorities ranking procedure participants proposed following recommendations to the draft:

- to develop the regulatory framework in the field of forestry;
- to increase wages in the forestry sector;
- to develop tourism;
- to develop private forest due to unoccupied lands;
- to increase the stumpage fees for timber which is selling in stand;

This one-day workshop provided an opportunity for participants to raise awareness of the "green economy" principles, review thoroughly the draft program for the development of the forest sector, as well as ensure reflection of the realities and needs of the southern region, local stakeholders in the draft, to bring it into compliance with the "green economy" principles. Participants received certificates upon completion of workshop. The participants found the workshop a very interesting and noted that the interactive form of discussion is very useful for the exchange of views.

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Regional workshop on review of the draft Program for Development of Forest Sector of Kazakhstan till 2020 with a focus on green economy principles

22 December 2014, Kokshetau, Kazakhstan, Hotel Dostyk, 69 Abai str.

Kazakhstan is a leader in Central Asia in developing a strategy for the transition to a green economy. The green economy concept was adopted by the Government of Kazakhstan in 2013. The concept defines a green economy as "the economy with high living standards, careful and rational use of natural resources for present and future generations." The concept includes the transition to a more sustainable environmentally friendly development that aims to increase GDP to 3% and create more than 500 thousand new jobs, develop new industries and services, and in general, provide a higher level and quality of life. Ideally forestry could meet these requirements and play an important role in the transition to a green economy in Kazakhstan, but forestry is not paid attention in the green economy concept. However, there are many opportunities from forestry related to increasing sources of renewable materials and energy, environmental services, more green jobs and improved livelihoods whilst enhancing biodiversity, water and soil. To fully realize the potential of forestry requires a responsive and inclusive forest sector, enabling policies and supportive institutions to help broaden opportunities related to forest management, products and services.

This workshop was organized by the Forestry and Fauna Committee of the Ministry of Agriculture of Kazakhstan in partnership with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO). UNECE with FAO provide training and advisory services to assist countries in the region develop context specific strategies to more fully harness the potential of sustainable forest management for greener economies.

The workshop purpose was to raise awareness of green economy principles, review the forestry sector program draft and propose improvements to the draft based on local realities, needs and aspirations.

The workshop was held in Kazakh/Russian languages, in an informal and interactive form. The leaders and specialists of leskhozoes, business sector and non-governmental organizations, as well as representatives of Akmolola oblast akimat attended the workshop (total 24 pers.).

The basic common principles of "green economy", concept of transition to a "green economy" of Kazakhstan, as well as the draft Programme for the forest sector of Kazakhstan till 2020, developed by the Forestry and Fauna Committee of Kazakhstan were presented to the participants.

The participants made a critical review of the draft program through formulation of the key questions/clarifications and answers, as well as its evaluation against key green economy criteria by using "post it" and "quick assessment" methods.

Participants made also an in-depth analysis of the program draft on the basis of the key green economy principles in order to identify possible improvements with the use of the SWOT-analysis, problem analysis, as well as analysis of the rights, responsibilities and income in the forest sector of Kazakhstan.

As a result of group work participants discussed analysis results and proposals on improvement of program draft through debates in an "Aquarium".

According to the workshop results the following improvements were proposed to the draft program:

- create conditions for reproduction of forests, including wage increases in the forestry sector, material and technical equipment, funding;
- develop forestry science;
- provide grants for the training of young specialists and Ph.D.;
- conduct researches on the development of fast-growing plantations;
- introduction of modern technologies to ensure the effectiveness of creating cultures;
- review the existing regulations established by the Government Decree No 53;
- revise the regulations related to provision of leskhozoes with the equipment;
- make an inventory of forest lands under the forest management;
- consider opportunity of purchase of lands with the self-sowing plants;
- simplify procedure of land grant;
- eliminate legal barriers to cultivation of forest plantation;
- develop cooperation with neighboring areas for reproduction of forests;
- mobilize donor resources for development of the concept of forest industry development, cross-border cooperation on pests combat, etc;
- build a cordon for young professionals and develop forest villages.

This one-day workshop provided an opportunity for participants to raise awareness of the "green economy" principles, review thoroughly the forest development program draft, as well as ensure reflection of the realities and needs of the north region, local stakeholders in the draft, to bring it into compliance with the "green economy" principles.

Participants received certificates upon completion of workshop. The participants noted that the workshop was very useful for discussion of the program draft.

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Monday, 22 December 2014	
A M	<p><u>Start 9.00.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presentation of workshop objectives, rules and norms, introduction. 2. Presentation of Forest Development Program draft.
	Break 11.15-11.30
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Critical review of the Forestry Programme draft asking key questions/clarifications and receiving answers, then assessing the draft against key Green Economy criteria. (Using poster with post-it method and target scoring). Group work
	Lunch 12.30 - 13.30
P M	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. In-depth analysis of the draft forestry Programme against key green economy principles, and identifying possible enhancements. Group work. (Using SWOT analysis and other methods).
	Break 15.00- 15.15
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presentation of enhancements with justifications in a debate (Using fishbowl debate). 15.15 - 16.15 2. Assessment of the enhancements by a panel of experts representing different stakeholders. Next steps in the review and revision process 3. Workshop evaluation and closing remarks
	Close 17.30

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In accordance with the implementation plan for the Green Economy Concept the Forestry and Fauna Committee of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan developed a draft program for the forest sector of the economy of Kazakhstan until 2020. It aimed at creating conditions for sustainable development of the forest sector of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

This workshop is organized by the Forestry and Fauna Committee of the Ministry of Agriculture of Kazakhstan in partnership with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) in order to provide a comprehensive discussion of the Program draft.

UNECE\FAO is assisting the Government of Kazakhstan in the development of the strategy in the specific conditions in order to better utilize the potential of sustainable forest management for a green economy through the provision of training and advisory services.

The workshop objective was to review the program draft and development proposals on its improvement in accordance with the green economy principles.

The workshop was held in Kazakh/Russian languages in an interactive form. Experts of concerned government agencies of Kazakhstan, including the ministries of national economy, finance, investment and development, agriculture, education and science, energy, as well as the representatives of the National Chamber of Entrepreneurs of Kazakhstan, "Atameken" Union, Association of Forestry and Forest Products Organizations of Kazakhstan "Zhasyl Orman," Natural Resources Union, Kazhydromet, Water Initiatives Center took part in workshop (total 21 participants).

Basic common principles of "green economy", Concept of transition to a "green economy" of Kazakhstan, Forest Development Program draft were presented to the participants. Following the discussion of the draft program, which was sent for review in advance, participants proposed following:

- use the PPP schemes for the development of the forestry sector;
- provide comprehensive use of forest resources;
- program should not be limited with the woodworking industry, it has to interconnect all the chains of industry, including woodworking, hunting, tourism, etc;
- deadline for the development of program must be extended, it is necessary to involve relevant experts to its development, develop necessary calculations for the activities of the program, to ensure cross-sectoral coordination in its development.

The workshop participants agreed to submit concrete proposals to the draft program in written form to the official request of the Forestry and Fauna Committee.

The workshop provided an opportunity for participants to review and discuss the draft program and to exchange views.

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Agenda

- 15.00 – 15.10 **Opening remarks**
*Kairat Ustemirov, Deputy Chairman, Forestry and Fauna
Committee of the Ministry of Agriculture of Kazakhstan*
- 15.10 – 16.30 **Basic principles of sustainable forest management for «green
economy»**
Zhanar Mautanova, National Expert
- Draft Forest Development Program of Kazakhstan**
Abzal Baltabayev, National Expert, GIZ
- discussion
- 16.30 – 16.45 Coffee-break
- 16.45 – 17.00 Summary and closing

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