



ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM FOR NGO'S OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

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TO: Mr. Jagdeesh Puppala

Foundation for Ecological Security

Chair, Governance Committee, GEF NGO Network

Chair of the Elections Task Force

CC: Members of the Election Task Force

The Socio-Ecological Fund, a member of the GEF and accredited NGO from Eastern Europe and Central Asia region hereby would like to express its strong interest in filling the position of a Focal Point in the Eastern Europe and Central Asia region for the GEF NGO Network. I, Kaisha Atakhanova, the Director of the Socio-Ecological Fund, and the official representative for the purposes of RFP nomination, have studied the related Terms of Reference and the procedures, and would like to confirm the willingness to serve as a Regional Focal Point on voluntary base for a period of 4 years.

My organization possesses the sufficient potential to mobilize the necessary resources in order to provide information and coordination of the Network, and realize the plan of action during the four year term. The work of the NGO GEF Network is extremely important to me, and I am ready to cooperate for development and strengthening of the regional network.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Kaisha Atakhanova

Chair of NGO EcoForum of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Director of the Socio-Ecological Fund NGO

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A profile of organization – Socio-Ecological Fund NGO

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MISSION:

Support and development of social and environmental initiatives of the civic society in the Republic of Kazakhstan and the region of Central Asia with the purpose of ensuring environmentally safe and sustainable development.

AREA OF EXPERTISE:

Sustainable Development, NGO Institutional Development, Public Participation and Advocacy, Radiation and Nuclear Safety, Monitoring and Evaluation

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE: 4 years

NUMBER OF MEMBERS:

Director of the Socio-Ecological Fund – is the Chair of the National network – NGO EcoForum of the Republic of Kazakhstan, which includes over 80 NGOs. The SEF also is a member of NGO Council of the Intergovernmental Commission for Sustainable Development of Central Asia (ICSD CA), which includes 15 NGOs (three delegate NGOs from each of five countries). The SEF is also a member of the ISEU (International Socio-Ecological Union), which includes over 250 NGOs of the CIS region, and a partner of a WECF (Women of Europe Common the Future).

Experience with Network Coordination and with GEF projects or programs and other relevant information:

- In February 2009, Director of the Socio-Ecological Fund Mrs. Kaisha Atakhanova was a delegate representing Asia and Pacific at the Global Civil Forum in Nairobi. At this event she received valuable information on the activities of the GEF NGO Network, possibilities for expansion and activation of the Network by means of regional and national NGO networks.
- In Kazakhstan, the GEF program and projects are implemented through the local UNDP office, through the program of small grants (GEF\SGP). Kazakhstan NGO EcoForum together with its local partner ARGO (Association for Development of Civic Society), with the financial support of the GEF, have organized five regional seminars for stakeholders on development of network environmental projects within GEF/SGP. As a result of seminars, members of EcoForum developed projects with participation of local communities on rehabilitation of degenerated pastures, use of renewable energy resources, reforestation, and environmental tourism.
- EcoForum created a Working Group on renewable energy and resources, and its experts' have participated in developing of the National Strategy on renewable energy and resources and the Law on renewable energy and resources, signed an Agreement between the EcoForum Working Group and local executive bodies on introduction of hybrid plants with utilization of renewable energy in 321 settlements of Karaganda region.
- Socio-Ecological Fund participates in the preparation process of the Copenhagen COP15 on Climate Change, with a speech at the event in Bonne in April 2009, and planned attendance to the December event in Copenhagen representing NGO community in Asia Pacific region and the WECF.
- Director of Socio-Ecological Fund will participate in the Informal Consultative Workshop on a Community of Practice on the Evaluating Climate Change and Development, June 6, 2009, Almaty
- Participation in the OPS4 Civil Society Consultation in Almaty, June 5, 2009.

ПЛАН ДЕЙСТВИЙ

Action	Сроки	заметки
Создание базы данных членов региональной сети ГЭФ НПО и стейкхолдеров	2009	
Создание базы данных материалов касающихся реализации Планов, Отчетов, Стратегий и текущих процессов ГЭФ, документов ГЭФ-сети НПО, включая Кодекс поведения.	2009-2010 (1 кв),	в последующие 3 года пополнение БД
Создание листа–рассылки членов НПО Сети ГЭФ по региону для распространения информации среди членов Сети и связи с Секретариатом ГЭФ по мере необходимости	2009	расширение списка рассылки по мере необходимости
Координация деятельности и консультации с Центральным координационным центром и другими региональными координаторами	Постоянно	
Повышение информированности о деятельности ГЭФ Сети НПО, вовлечение новых членов в региональную Сеть через другие информационные сети - Экофорума, Общественного совета МКУР ЦА, МСОЭС и др.	С 2010 постоянно	
Участие в деятельности НПО Консультационных совещаниях перед каждым заседанием Совета, а также на сессиях Совета. Готовить и распространять доклады для общественности о Совещаниях	Согласно установленным срокам	
Содействие в проведении Оценки проектов и программ ГЭФ в регионе	По мере необходимости и где это уместно	

Plan of Action

Action	Period	Notes
Creation of database for the members of the regional GEF NGO network and stakeholders	2009	
Creation of database with information regarding realization of plans, reports, strategies and current GEF procedures, GEF NGO network documents, including the Code of Action	2009-2010 (1 st quarter)	Completion of database during the following three years
Creation of a list serve for GEF NGO network members of the region to disseminate information among members of the Network and coordination with the GEF Secretariat upon necessity	2009	Extension of the list serve upon necessity
Coordination of activities and consultations with the Central Coordination Center and other regional coordinators	Continuously	
Increase awareness about the GEF NGO Network, involvement of new members to the regional Network through other informational resources – the EcoForum, Intergovernmental Commission for Sustainable Development of Central Asia (ICSD CA), ISEU (International Socio-Ecological Union) Network of environmental NGOs in the CIS region (and some NGOs from USA, Norway, Europe), and others.	Starting from 2010 and continuously	
Participation in NGO Consultative councils before each session of the Council, as well as the sessions of the Council. Prepare and disseminate reports for the public on Council meetings.	According to the set terms	
Assistance in Project and programs evaluation by GEF in the region	Upon necessity where appropriate	

CURRICULUM VITAE

1. **Family name:** Atakhanova
2. **First names:** Kaisha
3. **Date of birth:** 18 July 1957
4. **Nationality:** Kazakhstan
5. **Civil status:** married
6. **Education:**

Institution (Date from - Date to)	Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained:
Karaganda State University, Kazakhstan, 1976-1983	M.Sc. in Biology

7. **Language skills:** Indicate competence on a scale of 1 to 5 (1 - excellent; 5 - basic)

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
Kazakh	Mother tongue		
Russian	1	1	1
English	1	1	2

8. **Membership of professional bodies:** IPEN

9. **Other skills:** Microsoft Office, Internet Explorer

10. **Present position:** Chairperson of the EcoForum of NGOs of Kazakhstan, Director of the NGO "Social EcoFund"

11. **Years within the firm:** 4 years

12. **Key qualifications:**

Ms. Atakhanova has 20 years of experience in management of environmental projects, including 14 years of experience in development and implementation of environmental policy in Central Asia. She is a member of the CAREC Board.

Working in dynamic cooperation with the officials, international and local experts and NGO networks Ms. Atakhanova demonstrates competence of the team leader and personal experience in formulation, fundraising and management of environmental policy projects in CA. The professional experience covers management and supervision of projects and grant programmes carried out by regional and international organisations including the ISAR Central Asia (1993-1998), CAREC (2004, 2006-present) and the Central Asian Interstate Commission for Sustainable Development (2006-present).

Ms. Atakhanova, Goldman Environmental Prize recipient (2005) is well known as the leader of the national campaign against the import of nuclear waste in Kazakhstan, the national team leader on projects funded by the OSCE Centre in Almaty, a number of US donors and the Hivos foundation (the Netherlands), the team leader for public participation activities on more than 100 site-specific projects, the manager of Women Policy Participation Project "Democracy in Action" (2004-2006), the leader of public consultation on implementation of the Aarhus Convention by the Government of Kazakhstan (2006),

Ms. Atakhanova has acquired a unique experience in the practical implementation of the two pillars of the Aarhus Convention (access to information and public participation) at national, Oblast, municipal and local community levels.

In line with one of the highest environmental policy priorities of the CA, Ms. Atakhanova is currently leading the project for establishing the River Basin Councils in Kazakhstan. The most recent activities include establishment of the Irtysh Basin Council (3 Oblasts) and the Ural-Caspian Basin Council (4 Oblasts).

As a member of the Kazakhstan official delegation, Ms. Atakhanova took part in the World Summit in Johannesburg, World Social Summit (2003), the 4th World Water Forum, Women Global Green Action Network Meeting (Mexico City, 2005), Consultation meeting with NGOs on Review of draft Pan-European Assessment Report for Belgrade-2007 (Copenhagen, 2006), the 5th Regional Meeting of Global Water Partnership for CA and Southern Caucasus (Tbilisi, 2006), UNEP Asia and Pacific Regional Civil Society Forum (Sydney, 2008), Global Civil Forum (Nairobi 2009), Climate Change Meeting (Bonn 2009).

Ms. Atakhanova is a highly qualified trainer. Since 1995 she has prepared and carried out over 150 training sessions including ISMA training programme for officials and lecturers of the KZ Academy of Public Service, training programs for NGOs and local authorities (10 modules in environmental policy, 15 modules in institutional development), training programme in strategic planning for lecturers and rector office of the Karaganda University, training in ISO14000 implementation for top management of commercial companies.

13. **Specific experience in the region:**

Country	Date from - Date to
Kazakhstan	1987 – present
Kyrgyzstan	1993 - 1998, 2003- present
Uzbekistan	1993 - 1998, 2006-present
Tajikistan	1993 – 1998, 2002-present
Turkmenistan	1993 – 1998, 2004- present

14. Professional experience

Date from - Date to	Location	Company	Position	Description
1998 -2000, 2005-present	Kazakhstan	Ecoforum of NGOs of Kazakhstan, NGO "Social EcoFund"	Chairperson Director	Management of the staff and specific projects for implementation of the Aarhus Convention, including the awareness raising campaign in cooperation with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection for ratification of the Convention. Management of activities for bringing the KZ Environmental Code (adopted 9 January 2007) into consistency with the Aarhus Convention and the EU Directives
2005-present	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan	OSCE Centre in Almaty	Coordinator for a number of projects on implementation of the Aarhus Convention and the Espoo Convention	Team leader for preparatory meeting of the Government, NGOs, experts to the Second Meeting of the Parties in Almaty in 2005. Management of consultations with NGOs, local governments, civil society experts and companies in Karaganda, Astana, Almaty, Atyrau on Draft Guidelines for arranging the public hearings on environmental matters in line with the Aarhus Convention (2006). Team leader for the project on public participation in decision-making in line with Espoo Convention for the gold and copper deposit "Andash" with significant negative transboundary effects (2007)
2006-present	Kazakhstan	The Council for Sustainable Development within the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan	Member of the Council	Review of the National Implementation Plan for Sustainable Development (Concept of transition of Kazakhstan to Sustainable Development) approved by the President on 14 November 2006. Review of the National Plan on Implementation of the UN ECE Strategy for Sustainable Development
2006-present	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan	The Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia	Member of the Board	Supervision of the financial management and activities of CAREC within the period of appointment of the new Executive Director Strategic planning of the roles of the Board and the regional office - in cooperation with the new Executive Director
2005-2006	Kazakhstan	UNDP/IWRM project	Coordinator of a number of river basin projects	Management of cooperation with the local governments for establishment of 2 river basin councils, namely the Irtysh and the Nura-Sarysu basins (2005-2006) Supervision of the project team on establishment of the Ural-Caspian basin council (2007) Management of programs for strengthening public participation in 4 river basin councils: Ishim, Tobol-Turgay, Aral-Syrdarya and Chou-Talas basins (2006)
2004-2005	Kazakhstan	COWI A/S, Denmark	Public Consultation Group Leader	Management of NGO team during the public consultations on the World Bank project for the Nura River mercury clean-up project component related to design of landfill and design of clean-up of Karbide Factory Site for the Committee for Water Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan
1998-present	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan	Counterpart Consortium	Trainer	Training and consultations for NGOs and governments on institutional development

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2000-2004	Kazakhstan	NGO "Ecocenter"/Karaganda	Director	Coordination of the project "Green Way" for education of NGOs and the local governments on models for practical implementation of the pillars of the Aarhus Convention on public access to information and public participation funded by Hivos (Netherlands) (2000-2004). Implementation of the EMS and ISO 14000 in Karaganda region, preparation, in cooperation with the local government, of the territorial plan for management of environment and natural resources (2000-2001)
1999-2002, 2004-2006	Kazakhstan	Center for Safe Energy, USA	National Director	Management of the national teams during the USA/KZ Leadership Women's Training & Grant Program in 1999-2002 and the Kazakhstan Women's Policy Participation project "Democracy in Action" in 2004-2006. Management of a grant program for NGOs funded by the US Department of the State.
1993-1998	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan	ISAR Central Asia	Member of the Central Asian Grant Committee	Management of a grant program for environmental NGOs. Development and implementation of trainings and consultations to NGOs on management of grant programs
1987-1992	Kazakhstan	Eco-genetic Research Laboratory	Senior Scientific Researcher	Biological monitoring of the radioactive zones in the Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test Site Biodiversity research in zones of heavy industrial pollution

15. **Other relevant information** (e.g., Publications)

Publications by Radio Europe and Radio Liberty on the ISAR press-conference in Washington D.C. regarding the campaign against import on nuclear waste to Kazakhstan (2004)

About 20 public presentations in UK and USA, including a presentation in the US Congress, within the Goldman Environmental Prize award ceremony (2005, www.goldmanprize.org) for the public campaign Government's proposal to allow import of foreign radioactive waste in Kazakhstan. As the leader of this campaign Ms. Atakhanova has coordinated the preparation of the strategy of the first public communication to the Aarhus Compliance Committee submitted by the NGO "Green Salvation" in 2004.

Publications in Kazakh, English and Russian:

- Nuclear Safety in Kazakhstan: Practical Lessons in Democracy through Public Participation
- Publications by McArthur Foundation: Radiation and environment - environmental and genetic assessment of wild life populations at Semipalatinsk Nuclear Testground (1994), Radiation safety and socio-environmental problems of Kazakhstan - presentation at international conference.
- Public environmental policy in radiation safety sphere, IREX, USA (2004)
- Brochure: "On materials of one project" - addressing social and environmental problems of population within radioactivity contamination in Kazakhstan.
- Brochure: Development and implementation of EMS at the municipal and industrial enterprise level.
- Publications in the UNDP Information Bulletin: Role of public participation in activities of the River Basin Councils
Contemporary problems of the Nura-Sarysu River Basin