

Thursday, June 15

13:00 - 14:30

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Side event organized by the Republic of Belarus

EIA as an instrument to achieve SDGs

- Opening by Natalia Zharkina, Head of Department of Analytical Work, State Policy and Regulation in the area of Environment Protection of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Protection of the Republic of Belarus
 - **Panel discussion moderated by Maryna Belavus, Manager of Project “Removing barriers to Wind power development in the Republic of Belarus” (MNREP, GEF/UNDP), presentations up to 6 minutes**
 - **Lessons learned of EIA at developing a big wind farm in Belarus**
Andrei Kotik, Vice Director General (tbc),
Belorusneft
 - **Local and vulnerable communities as important agents in EIA at the stage of planning a project – based on the case study of a project on POPs burial site removal**
Maryna Belavus
 - **Practical examples of environmental impact assessment through implementation of pilot projects on introduction of green economy principles at local level**
Piotr Sachek, Thematic coordinator of the Project “Supporting the Transition to a Green Economy in the Republic of Belarus”, funded by the EU and implemented by UNDP
 - **The Strategy and the Scheme of Conservation and Sustainable Use of Peatlands as an Instrument for Environmental Policy in Climate Change and the Sustainable Use of Natural Resources of Belarus**
Aliaksei Artsiusheuski,
 - **Experience of EIA in the framework of the Clima-East project aimed at conservation and sustainable use of lowland bog Zvanec**
Mickhail Maximenkov, scientific coordinator of the Clima-East Project
Dmitry Grummo, Deputy Director of the Institute of Experimental Botany named after V.F.Kuprevich
 - Discussion
 - Conclusions
- Sharing printed materials

Refreshments will be served