

THE UNECE CONVENTION ON ACCESS TO INFORMATION, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE IN ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS (AARHUS CONVENTION)

TASK FORCE ON ACCESS TO INFORMATION

ELECTRONIC INFORMATION TOOLS: CASE STUDY BY KAZAKHSTAN

[NAME OF THE TOOL AND A ONE SENTENCE DESCRIPTION]

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ONLINE INTERACTIVE VERSION OF THE 2016 AND 2017 EDITION OF KAZAKHSTAN NATIONAL STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT REPORT (NSOER)

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I. Description

1. Brief description: Online interactive versions of the 2016 and 2017 editions of Kazakhstan NSOER were produced to foster broader dissemination of assessment findings. Both NSOERs are data-rich summaries of 500-page reports, structured under the DPSIR approach that also integrates with interactive tools for enhanced data visualization, covering 36 environmental indicators out of the ECE list. The list is produced and published by the Committee on Statistics, as well as inputs from a variety of stakeholders organized by themes and by region. These online interactive NSOERs were produced with support from UNEP and technical guidance from the Zoï Environment Network.

- **2. Type:** [governmental, non-governmental, municipal, other] Governmental, Non-governmental
- **3. Scope:** [international, sub-regional, national, local] National
- **4. Working language(s):** Kazakh, Russian
- **5. Target users:** Public
- **6. Starting year:** 2018
- **7. Budget and funding source:** THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM (UNEP) AS WELL AS WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION
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II. Implementation

- **9. Policy, legal and institutional context:** The online interactive version of Kazakhstan NSOER was produced through the project’s technical support and available online in both Russian and Kazakh for broader use and public dissemination.
- **10. Partner organizations involved:** The United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and The Zoï Environment Network, European Commission, RSE on REM “Informational and Analytical Center of Environmental Protection” of the Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- **11. Stakeholders involved their expected benefits:** Governmental and Non-governmental organizations.
Expanding access to environmental information.
- **12. User needs and methods of their assessment:** Uses the best tools available to expand access to environmental information, maps, infographics, and graphs.

III. Evaluation

- **Results:** Publicly accessible easy-to-understanding interactive environmental report
- **Efficiency gains:** Continue publishing using the best technology
- **Risks:** Publication depends on financial supports
- **Lessons learned:**
 - promotes the development of other systems in the field of access to environmental information
 - expanding the information field
 - increased awareness.
- **Overall assessment of the tool:** In the summer of 2018, the Russian-Language version of the report was presented on the Popular Advisory Board of the Ministry of Energy of Kazakhstan. The Kazakh edition was further presented at a national meeting dedicated to the implementation of the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters and featured in several national publications. Online interactive versions of report obtained a high positive assessment.