Electronic Discussions of CARNet: On-line Communication Platform for Effective Public Participation in Addressing Environmental Problems

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**Geography:**

- Kazakhstan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Tajikistan
- Turkmenistan
- Uzbekistan and Russia (Altay)

**Activities:**

- Off-line – ICT trainings, regional bulletin and etc.
- On-line – www.caresd.net
Internet Portal www.caresd.net

- About 13,000 pages informational and analytical materials in the area of environment and sustainable development in Russian and English
- More than 5,000 unique visitors per month
- More than 35,000 requests per month
- Daily update of information
Internet Portal www.caresd.net structure:

- Informational content
- Services
  - Data Bases: projects, publications, research end etc.
  - E-Discussions
  - News block (not less 3 news per day)
  - Subscription
  - Tenders and Vacancies in the Region
  - Hosting for NGO and partners
  - Analytics and Best Practices
  - On-line voting
  - And more

Generate! Communicate! Share!
E - Discussions

1. Thematic discussions

2. Discussion of legislation drafts
Steps of e-discussion conduction

1. **Preparation**
   - Theme
   - Partners
   - Moderators
   - Materials

2. **Conduction**
   - Advertising
   - Involvement
   - Interim Reports
   - Moderation

3. **Summation**
   - Report
   - Recommendations
   - Dissemination
"Integrated Water Resources Management as a Basis to Prevent Conflicts in Central Asia"

Statistics:
- 3 sub-themes
- More than 30,000 browsing
- 211 responses
- Participants from 14 countries
- 2 initiation articles
- 5 additional materials

We shorten the distance!
Off-line discussion «Integrated Water Resources Management as a Basis to Prevent Conflicts in Central Asia»
**Statistics:**
- 2 sub-themes
- about 13,000 browsing
- about 100 responses
- Participants from 10 countries
- 2 initiation articles
- 67 additional materials

We shorten the distance!
«Gender aspects of Environment and Sustainable Development in Central Asia»

Statistics:
- 3 sub-themes
- Moderators from 3 countries
- More than 4,500 browsing
- 150 responses
- Participants from 9 countries
- 5 initiation articles
- More 20 additional materials

We shorten the distance!
New! «Legislative and economical mechanisms of increasing part of renewable energy resources in energy sector of the Central Asia»

2 sub-themes:
- «Improvement of legislative framework for introduction of renewable energy resources in the Central Asia» (based on the draft Law of KR on RER)
Moderator: Chudinov I.V., Minister of Industry, Energy and Fuel Resources
- «Economic prospects and possibilities of introduction of renewable energy resources in the Central Asia countries»
Moderator: Sultanov T.A., RER Project Head, UNDP, Uzbekistan
Who are participants?

- NGO
- Science
- Government
- International Organizations
- Experts
- Every Body
CARNet annual survey «Informational needs and opportunities of civil society and decision-makers in the field of environment and sustainable development in Central Asia and Russia»

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Aarhus convention implementation

The First Meeting of the Parties

Access to Justice

5 Working groups

GMO

PRTR

E-tools

CRP
E-tools potential

- CRP
- PRTR
- GMO
- Access to Justice

E-tools

www.caresd.net
Sustainable information, knowledge sharing and exchange mechanism
Agenda 21 and the Information Society

Geneva, 13 December 2007

Assessing Progress on Reduction of the Digital Divide, Access to Environmental Information and ICT for Sustainable Development
Thank you!

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