

## REPORT

### **First Session of the Project Working Group (PWG) of the CAPACT Project: “Capacity building for Air Quality Management and the Application of Clean Coal Combustion Technologies in Central Asia” *Almaty, Kazakhstan, 10 November 2004***

The First Session of the PWG was held on 10 November 2004 in Almaty, Kazakhstan. This session was attended by 30 participants, including the delegations of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. Representatives of the following international organizations also took part in the meeting: United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and United Nations Development Programme.

The participants of the First Session agreed on the following agenda:

1. Approval of the Agenda.
2. Election of Officers
3. Presentation of the project “Capacity Building for Air Quality Management and the Application of Clean Coal Combustion Technologies in Central Asia” (UNECE Regional Advisers: E. Nadezhdin and Bo Libert).
4. Discussion of the project document of the project “Capacity Building for Air Quality Management and the Application of Clean Coal Combustion Technologies in Central Asia” (National Coordinators, national experts and consultants, UNECE secretariat).
5. Discussion of the Work Programme for the project implementation for in 2005 (UNECE secretariat, National Coordinators).
6. Approval of final documents.
7. Other business.

After discussions of all the agenda items, the First PWG Session made the following decisions:

1. To **appoint** Mr. Mr. Vladimir KLYAKIN, Deputy Director of the Electric Power and Solid Fuels Department of the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, Kazakhstan, as the Chairman of the Project Working Group for the first year of project implementation.
2. To **approve** the project document of the project “Capacity Building for Air Quality Management and the Application of Clean Coal Combustion Technologies in Central Asia” as prepared by the UNECE secretariat and approved by UN Headquarters in New York
3. To **entrust** the UNECE secretariat to continue implementation of the project in accordance with the project document. Any changes in the project implementation should be agreed upon with the National Coordinators.
4. To **request** National coordinators and experts to use the “Information-Analytical Centres for Rational and Efficient Utilization of Energy Resources” that were created in each Capital of the Central Asian countries during the implementation of the SPECA project “Rational and Efficient Use of Energy and Water Resources in Central Asia” in order to resolve communication problems and to gain access to the Internet.

5. To **approve** a Report made by the Regional Advisers of the UNECE on the Project realization up until the First PWG session, and the Work Programme for the Project until the end of 2005 (see Annex I to this Report).

6. To **organize** the Second PWG session in June 2005 in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

## ANNEX I

### **Work Programme for 2005**

#### **WP1: Implementation Plans for the LRTAP Convention Protocols**

- January-April: A1.1. Development of National Concept including one national seminar.  
May-September: A1.2. Development of National Programme and Implementation Plan, including two national seminars.

#### **WP2: Development of Sub regional Cooperation on Air Pollution Problems as part of the Regional Cooperation under the Convention**

- May-August: A2.1. Training workshop on air quality management and international legal framework.  
July-December: A2.4. Development of web information on air pollution issues in Central Asia.

#### **WP3: Linking European and Asian Air Monitoring and Evaluation Programmes**

- January-March: A3.1. Preparation and circulation of an inception report including the work plan, the draft ToR for the various studies/expert services to be procured, a tentative agenda for the workshop, etc.  
August-December: A3.3. Upgrading of one air pollution monitoring station in Kazakhstan, preparation for procurement.

#### **WP4: Development of a Sub-Regional Network for Energy Related Emission Reductions**

- February-June: A4.1. Creation of air monitoring and air quality management information system: concept development.  
September: A4.2. Development of a sub-regional network and Internet website for use by participants of the network.  
October: A4.3. First training workshops with home tasks for experts from Central Asian in order to learn how the new information analytical system can be used.

#### **WP5: Strengthening of Sustainable Energy Policies and Energy Pricing Reforms**

- February-June: A5.1. Review of energy policy, energy pricing reforms and elaboration of several scenarios of energy development.  
June: A5.4. Seminar Two: Economic, legal, environmental, institutional, and regulatory policy measures supported by appropriate energy pricing reforms needed to develop the CLRTAP National Programme (WP1) and to facilitate investments in the sub-region for deployment of appropriate, cost-effective and commercially available CCTs. This will be based on an in-depth expert review.

#### **WP6: Promotion of Investment Project Finance for the Deployment of Clean Coal Technologies**

- February-October: A6.1. Elaborate training programme that will include criteria for selecting energy efficiency projects for appropriate CCTS; review of energy inspection methods of energy installations; development of investment projects.