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STOCKHOLM+50 NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

A HEALTHY PLANET FOR THE PROSPERITY OF ALL – OUR RESPONSIBILITY, OUR OPPORTUNITY

Concept Note

CONTEXT

In 2015, 193 UN Member States adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (hereinafter referred to as the global Agenda). This ambitious plan of action consists of targets and indicators aimed at eradicating poverty, combating inequality and injustice, as well as protecting the planet and ensuring the well-being of the entire population of the earth. Each country adapts the global list of targets and indicators to national development plans, considering its country and regional characteristics.

The Global Agenda covers 17 Sustainable Development Goals (hereinafter - SDGs), which ensure a balance of all 3 components of sustainable development: economic, social and environmental well-being. In recent years, the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic and related economic problems have negatively affected sustainable development indicators.

As a catalyst to accelerate the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals during the Decade of Action including through a sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, the UN General Assembly has agreed to convene an international meeting entitled “Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all – our responsibility, our opportunity” with the generous support of the Government of Sweden. The high-level event will take place in Stockholm on 2 and 3 June 2022 during the week of World Environment Day. The meeting will commemorate the 50 years since the convening of the UN Conference on the Human Environment, the first world conference to make the environment a major issue.

The international meeting and its preparation will provide for the effective participation of all States Members of the United Nations and UN specialised agencies and parties to the multilateral environment agreements with participation encouraged at the highest possible level. The international meeting will comprise an opening segment including a commemorative moment dedicated to the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment held in Stockholm in 1972, as well as four plenary meetings, three leadership dialogues, and a closing segment.

The leadership dialogues will be designed to be collaborative and multi-stakeholder with a focus on recommendations that contribute to the environmental dimension of sustainable development to accelerate the implementation of commitments in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development, including a sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. They will address the following themes:

Leadership dialogue 1: Reflecting on the urgent need for actions to achieve a healthy planet and prosperity of all;

Leadership dialogue 2: Achieving a sustainable and inclusive recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic; and

Leadership dialogue 3: Accelerating the implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development.

Each leadership dialogue will be presided over by two Co-Chairs, one from a developing country and one from a developed country. Participants will share experiences and initiatives to protect our planet and contribute to sustainable development.

All relevant major stakeholder groups, including women, youth, older persons, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and local communities, as well as other representatives from civil society and the private sector are encouraged to contribute to the discussions of the international meeting and its preparation including through a range of consultations at global, regional, and national levels.

NATIONAL LEVEL CONSULTATIONS

OVERALL GOAL

The objective of the national consultations is to stimulate an inclusive, bottom-up debate on Stockholm+50 themes relevant to each national context. The idea is to facilitate a consultation process which is based on people's experiences and ideas for "A Healthy Planet for the Prosperity of All". Three main pillars or themes of the meeting should allow for discussions on a wide range of topics relevant to the main national and sectoral policies adapted to each country context.

Debates at a national level are designed to help national stakeholders to formulate their own, context-appropriate, consultation processes to inform the Stockholm+50 preparations at a high level.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

UNDP facilitates national consultations and leverages existing in-country programming and partnerships around Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) processes and broader work on Nature, Climate, Energy, and other integrated Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) themes. It is important to promote inclusive consultations with government representatives, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), civil society, community-based organizations, indigenous peoples, women's and social movements, youth and children, and private sector, among others, thus there would be several in-person and virtual consultations using UNDP's community engagement platform SparkBlue.

The main groups involving in obtaining input to the Stockholm+50 process will include:

- UN accredited and non-accredited major stakeholder groups, whereby individuals are represented by organizations, NGOs, including youth and women, community-based organizations, universities and research institutions, private sector entities, interest groups (trade unions, employers' organizations, advocacy groups, coalitions etc.);
- experts on NDC processes and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), Climate Promise, Climate mitigation and adaptation, and green recovery;

- political decision makers, including government authorities, and parliamentarians such as Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural resources (MEGNR), Ministry of Energy (ME), Ministry of Industry and Infrastructural Development (MIID), Ministry of National Economy (MNE).

- private sector entities, including small businesses and local entrepreneurs.

National consultations in Kazakhstan will be built under SDGs umbrella with nation-wide discussions of the second Voluntary National Review (VNR) and Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), which are currently under development and revision respectively, with UNDP leading both processes. To demonstrate practical implementation of SDGs integration in policy planning, the discussion will cover also Green Kazakhstan National project developed with the support of UN agencies within the joint Programme UN PAGE (Partnership for action on green economy).

Voluntary National Review (VNR) is a process through which countries assess and present progress made in achieving the global goals and the pledge to leave no one behind. Kazakhstan is developing VNR to present a snapshot of where the country stands in SDG implementation, with a view to help accelerate progress through experience sharing, peer-learning, identifying gaps and good practices, and mobilizing partnerships. Kazakhstan is working now on the development of 2nd VNR.

Nationally determined contributions (NDCs) are at the heart of the Paris Agreement and the achievement of these long-term goals. NDCs embody efforts by each country to reduce national emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change. The Paris Agreement (Article 4, paragraph 2) requires each Party to prepare, communicate and maintain successive nationally determined contributions (NDCs) that it intends to achieve. Parties shall pursue domestic mitigation measures, with the aim of achieving the objectives of such contributions. Kazakhstan is revising its' NDC with introduction of climate change adaption section.

Green Kazakhstan National project aims to create a favorable living environment for the inhabitants of the country and improve the environmental situation. Project consists of 11 tasks, for which 19 indicators and 48 activities have been identified, covering air quality, biodiversity, sustainable water usage, waste management, energy efficiency and environmental education. Project envisaged quantified indicators, activities to achieve those indicators, public, private funding to achieve covered SDGs.

Consultations will take place in administrative centers of most of the regions of Kazakhstan. Using bottom-up approach, national consultations will run both in-person and virtually. In-person consultations will take place in Kyzylorda (South), Ust-Kamenogorsk (East), Pavlodar (North), Atyrau (West) and other cities in line with the schedule with participation of local authorities and relevant stakeholders from NGOs and private sector will be joined virtually.

Participants of the SDGs and Stockholm +50 national consultations will have a chance to know more about the objective of the Agenda 2030 and SDGs implementation, with deep dive into Planet¹ goals and opportunities for green recovery. Participants will also play the business game called “Mission 2030 on localizing SDGs” where they will be divided into groups and work on presenting recommendations how to achieve SDGs in the context of

¹ The SDGs set a goal to protect the planet “so it can support the needs of the present and future generations.”

current COVID-19 pandemic, including action strategies to achieve a healthy planet for sustainable development. In addition, live streaming of the consultations will be provided on SparkBlue platform with moderated discussions and inputs from the consultations' participants. The most active and inspiring participants from those regions will be invited to participate in the final expert consultation in Nur-Sultan. At the same time, all participants will be invited to also contribute to online discussions on SparkBlue. Using platform all relevant data, agendas, surveys and debates will be shared for stakeholders and available for ongoing discussions on main topics.

Final in-person expert consultation will take place in Nur-Sultan (May 2022) with most active stakeholder members and experts in the field, including governmental officials representing line ministries, as well as stakeholders from local authorities of Kazakhstan, active participants from regional consultations, representing non-governmental organizations (NGOs), civil society, community-based organizations, women's and social movements, youth and children among others, stakeholders from business and industry associations, international financial institutions.

The consultations will run from March to end of May 2022. By June 2022, the results of the national consultations are expected to have been recorded and will feed into a global report to inform the Stockholm+50 discussions and its follow-up.

NATIONAL LEVEL CONSULTATIONS AGENDA

Seminar

to discuss the VNR, identify the priorities of the SDGs and Stockholm+50 agenda

Date: March-April 2022

Location: administrative centers

Participants: local authorities, representatives of civil society, independent experts, non-governmental organizations, representatives of the private sector and other stakeholders

09:00 – 9.30	Registration of participants Demonstration of videos on the Sustainable Development Goals
9:30– 9:45	Welcome statement <i>Mayor or Deputy Mayor of Kyzylorda region</i> <i>H.E. Ambassador of Sweden to Kazakhstan</i> <i>UNDP Resident Representative</i> <i>Representative of the Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan</i> <i>Representative of the Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan</i>
9:45 – 10:00	Presentation on theme: "Sustainable Development Goals: Call for Action" <i>Moderator - Expert of the Secretariat on SDGs</i> <i>JSC "Institute for Economic Research"</i>
10:00-10:40	Presentation on the theme: “Stockholm +50: A Healthy Planet for the Prosperity of All – Our Responsibility, Our Opportunity” <i>Moderator - Expert of the Secretariat on SDGs</i> <i>JSC "Institute for Economic Research" (Gulmira Ismagulova)</i> <i>Zhibek Abildayeva (Stockholm+50:National Consultations) National Coordinator</i> <i>Gulmira Ismagulova (NDC) National consultant on climate mitigation/adaptation</i> <i>Sabyr Assylbekov (NDC) National expert on adaptation</i> <i>Dias Dunenbayev (Green Kazakhstan national project) PAGE expert</i>
10:40– 11:30	Conducting a game to involve citizens in the implementation of SDGs / Vision 2030 (Business game "Mission 2030") - Prioritization of SDG tasks for localizing the Sustainable Development Goals
11:30 – 11:45	Coffee Break
11:45 – 12:40	Continuation of the business game “Mission 2030”
12:40 - 13:10	Summing up the game
13:10 - 13:15	Voting “Priority SDGs for Kazakhstan”

13:15 – 13:25	Presentation of the draft of the second Voluntary National Review of Kazakhstan in the field of sustainable development (VNR) Expert of the Secretariat on SDGs Institute for Economic Research JSC
13:25 – 13:30	Q&A Session Summing up the voting results, recommendations Collection of opinions and cases for inclusion in the VNR and into a global Synthesis Report for the Stockholm 50+ meeting
13:30 – 13:35	Closing and debriefing
13:35 – 14:30	Lunch for participants

NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS PLAN

Consultations	March 18th	March 25	March 29	April 1	April 4	April 8	April 12	April 14	May (TBD)
Ust-Kamenogors	OFF								
Kostanay	ON								
Taraz		ON							
Petropavlovsk		ON							
Almaty			ON						
Kyzylorda			OFF						
Taldykorgan				ON					
Kokshetau				ON					
Aktau					ON				
Pavlodar					OFF				
Turkestan						ON			
Uralsk						ON			
Atyrau							OFF		
Aktobe								ON	
Nur-Sultan									Expert Conference

ON - online event (virtual)

OFF – offline event (in-person)