

National Aarhus center

National Aarhus center of the Republic of Kazakhstan is created in June, 2009 by the Ministry of environmental protection of the Republic of Kazakhstan on the basis of Republic State Enterprise «Informational and analytical center of environmental protection» with a view of realization Aarhus convention on access to the information, public participation in decision-making and access to justice in environmental matters.

Aarhus center is guided by: Aarhus Convention; Ecological code of the Republic of Kazakhstan; Concept of ecological safety of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Concept of transition of the Republic of Kazakhstan to sustainable development, programs and strategies of the Republic of Kazakhstan and Ministry of environmental protection of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Center supports web-portal www.aarhus.kz, information-consulting service is functioning, State fund of ecological information is conducted, electronic database of legal documents in the field of environmental protection and nature usage «EcoInfoPravo» is being supported, at training courses are studied NGO, mass media and public organizations representatives.

Our partners: OSCE Office in Kazakhstan; World bank office in Kazakhstan; Supreme court of the Republic of Kazakhstan; NGO Ecoforum; Regional Aarhus center in Atyrau city; Public Organization "International juridical center"; Regional ecological center in Central Asia; Ecological union of associations and enterprises of Kazakhstan "Tabigat"; Euroasian national university after L.N.Gumilev.

Aarhus center:

- is a link between the state bodies and civil society of Kazakhstan;
- promotes the observance by Kazakhstan of obligations under Aarhus convention;
- promotes realization of ecological policy in Kazakhstan;
- promotes in realization of measures on increasing the system effectiveness in environmental protection management of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
- promotes realization the Concept of transition of the Republic of Kazakhstan to sustainable development;
- promotes in the decision of priority environmental problems of the Republic of Kazakhstan (biodiversity savings, combat desertification, problems of Caspian sea, Aral sea, Balkhash lake, Semipalatinsk city, etc.).

Main functions of Aarhus center:

- giving the available ecological information according to the inquiries of physical and legal persons;
- carrying out of actions (round tables, conferences, seminars) within the limits of realization Aarhus Convention;
- publications in mass-media, interviews on radio and TV, carrying out of advertising campaigns;
- informational maintenance of planned and conducted public hearings;
- distribution of ecological information on web-portal of Aarhus center www.aarhus.kz.

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