

Thank you madam Moderator

Dear ladies and gentlemen,

Participants of the side event,

In a few words I will share with you the main concept of establishing the Int'l Center for Green Technologies and Investment Projects Development "Future Energy."

Slide 2. Here is a little bit history of this issue. As you know, this summer Kazakhstan has hosted the Int'l Specialized Exhibition EXPO-2017 "Future Energy." Holding this exhibition is the contribution of Kazakhstan in sustainable energy development. To keep its legacy President Nazarbayev as you watch the video of his international initiatives proposed to establish the Int'l Center for Green Technologies and Investment Projects within premises of the exhibition. This initiative was put forward at the 70th UN General Assembly in 2015. Since then to fulfill his initiative the Concept of Center's institutionalization in cooperation with relevant state authorities of Kazakhstan, UNDP country Office and Astana Int'l Financial Center was developed. The Council under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan on transition to a green economy approved it in November, 2016. This Kazakhstan's initiative was adopted by the Ministers' Declaration of the Ministerial Conference on sustainable energy held in Astana in June, 2017. UN agencies such as UNDP, UN Environment, UN ECE, UN ESCAP, and UNIDO have supported the idea to create a Green Tech Center in Kazakhstan. The joint statement of Kazakhstan and UN agencies was announced at the Ministerial conference.

Slide 3. What are the mission of the Center and its main goals? As the continuation of the Green Bridge Partnership Program and facilitation of green growth in Kazakhstan and Central Asia, the establishment of the Center will provide companies with best available practices and technological solutions to decrease CO2 emissions and pollutions into environment. The Center will focus on transformation of the energy sector, including the development of renewable sources of energy, sustainable urban development, green business and green finance. The Center will support technologies transfer and their adaptation to local conditions. Demonstration, training and consulting will be key activities of the Center for countries of Central Asia, Iran, Afghanistan, Mongolia, and

Azerbaijan. As I mentioned earlier UN agencies as well as OSCE and Astana Int'l Financial Center are our partners.

Slide 4. How will the Center work? We believe there should be three main counterparts: interested developed countries will transfer their technologies and best available practices for Kazakhstan's business with providing technical support and consulting. The role of the center will be to adapt such technologies to local climate conditions, provide expert and advisory support, demonstrate and train local companies to use transferred technologies and develop green financing. Recipient countries will obtain technologies and required skills to operate. Along with greening business, the Center will support the improvement of legislation for greening the economy and the capacity building of green growth.

Slide 5. As the legacy of the EXPO Exhibition the Center will be located at one of its buildings, namely Energy Best Practice Pavilion, which has total area of 3 thousand square meters.

Slide 6. Should you have any questions, I will be happy to answer them.

Thank you.