



**Kazakhstan Energy Week – 2025 / XVI KAZENERGY Eurasian Forum  
NEW ENERGY ORDER: FOCUS ON MIDDLE POWERS  
2-4 October 2025**

**Day 1  
2 October, Thursday**

**OPENING SESSION**

**CEO Perspectives on the Future of Energy**

**(Hosted by KazMunayGas)**

**2 October, 10.00-11.30 Caspian Hall**

Opening Remarks: **Bolat Akchulakov**, Chairman, KAZENERGY Association

Speakers: **Askhat Khassenov**, Chairman of the Board, KazMunayGas  
**Ahmet Türkoğlu**, Chief Executive Officer, Turkish Petroleum  
**Rovshan Najaf**, President, SOCAR  
**Bahodirjon Sidikov**, Chairman of the Board, Uzbekneftgaz  
**Richard Howe**, Executive Vice President, COG, Shell plc.

Moderator: **Matthew Sagers**, Vice President, Energy, S&P Global

As the oil & gas sector undergoes profound transformation driven by decarbonization, technological innovation, and geopolitical shifts, global and regional energy leaders are facing new strategic and operational challenges.

This opening session will bring together CEOs of leading oil and gas companies to share their vision for the future of the industry, discuss evolving market dynamics, investment trends, and the role of oil & gas companies in the global energy transition.

Their insights will help shape the agenda for Kazakhstan Energy Week and set the tone for dialogue across all levels of the energy value chain.

**VII KAZENERGY Women's Energy Club**

**Women in Energy: Driving Power. Shaping Progress**

**2 October 10.00-13.30 Aral Hall**

**Opening Remarks:**

**10.00-10.30**

**Zhandos Nurmaganbetov**, Director General, KAZENERGY Association

**Sungat Yessimkhanov**, Vice Minister of Energy of Kazakhstan

**Pedro Miras**, President, WPC Energy

**Aidai Kerimkulova**, Deputy Chair, Association of Women in the Energy Sector of Kyrgyzstan

**Alexandra Ryabykh**, Head of Rosatom Women Society

**Plenary Session: "Women in Energy: Driving Power. Shaping Progress"**

**10.30-11.30**

Speakers:

**Kamshat Baizhanova**, Human Resources General Manager, Tengizchevroil

**Maria Dimos**, New Developments Director, NCOC

**Faridah Che Ibrahim**, Deputy Managing Director, ExxonMobil Kazakhstan

**Aigul Akimbayeva**, Managing Director, KEGOC

**Gulzada Shakulikova**, Rector, Atyrau University of Oil and Gas

**Rysty Tasmagambetova**, Deputy Chair of the Management Board, Embamunaigas

Moderator:

**Lazzat Ramazanova**, Chairwoman, Council of Businesswomen, Organization of Turkic States



**Panel Session: «Women in Energy: From Vocational Professions to Leadership»**  
**12.00-13.15**

Opening Remarks: **Aizada Akkaisiyeva**, Chair, Women's Energy Club

Speakers: **Nurgul Nursagat**, Deputy General Director, Kazatomprom (Ortalyk Mining Company)  
**Ainagul Tulemisova**, Shift Supervisor, CNPC-AktobeMunaiGas  
**Zhamiga Adilova**, Head of the Instrumentation and Automation Service, Intergas Central Asia  
**Aisholpan Orazymbetova**, Head of Laboratory, Kazgermunai LLP  
**Gulnar Ayazbayeva**, Leading Geologist, Embamunaigas  
**Marina Larionova**, Lead Specialist, KPO  
**Fatima Galyamova**, Substation Maintenance Electrician, KEGOC

Moderator: **Lyazzat Akhmurzina**, Executive Director, KAZENERGY Association

**Award Ceremony Honoring Women in the Energy Industry on behalf of the KAZENERGY Association**

Presented by **Bolat Akchulakov**, Chairman, KAZENERGY Association

**13:15 – 13:30**

The KAZENERGY Women's Energy Club was established in 2013 and since then has united hundreds of women and young professionals in the industry, becoming a hub for networking, professional development, and international cooperation. Among its key initiatives are the research project "The Role of Women in Kazakhstan's Energy Sector", the launch of the MBA program "Women's Leadership in Energy" supported by the Atyrau University of Oil and Gas named after Safi Utebayev, and the expansion of partnerships with women's associations in Kazakhstan and Central Asia.

In line with the initiative of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, who proclaimed 2025 the Year of Vocational Professions, the KAZENERGY Women's Energy Club actively integrates programs that support women in technical and engineering specialties, while also promoting new career opportunities and professional development in the energy sector.

During the VII Forum, special attention will be given to supporting initiatives aimed at creating a more inclusive and accessible environment for women in the industry, including in skilled and technical professions.

**Coffee Break**

**2 October, 11.30-12.00 Coffee Break Area, 3rd Floor**

**OPEC PRESENTATION**

**World Oil Outlook 2025**

**(Hosted by OPEC)**

**2 October, 12.00-13.30 Caspian Hall**

Speakers: **Behrooz Baikalizadeh**, Head, Petroleum Studies Department, OPEC  
**Ali Akbar Dehghan**, Senior Oil Supply Analyst, Petroleum Studies Department, OPEC  
**Raed AlAameri**, Energy Demand Analyst, Energy Studies Department, OPEC

Moderator: **Olzhas Issabekov**, Deputy Director of International Department, KAZENERGY

For the first time in Kazakhstan, the KAZENERGY Forum will host the presentation of the World Oil Outlook 2025, OPEC's flagship publication on global oil, gas, and energy trends.

Since its first release in 2007, the World Oil Outlook has served as a key platform for assessing the balance of supply and demand, investment flows, policy impacts, and sustainable development goals, while highlighting challenges and opportunities for the industry.

The Astana presentation will give Kazakhstan's expert community and international partners access to OPEC's latest insights and forecasts.



### **IRENA Roundtable:**

#### **Accelerating Renewables in Central Asia**

**(Hosted by IRENA)**

**2 October, 12.00-13.30 Zaysan Hall**

MoU Signing Segment: **Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan and IRENA**

Signatories: **Yerlan Nyssanbayev**, Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources, Kazakhstan  
**Francesco La Camera**, Director-General, IRENA

#### **Opening Session:**

Opening Remarks: **Francesco La Camera**, Director-General, IRENA

Keynote Address: **Yerlan Akkenzhenov**, Minister of Energy, Kazakhstan

Keynote Address: **Parviz Shahbazov**, Minister of Energy, Azerbaijan

Scene-Setting Presentation: **Binu Parthan**, Deputy Director, Country Engagement and Partnerships, IRENA

#### **APRECA Ministerial Roundtable Discussion**

Speakers: **Yerlan Akkenzhenov**, Minister of Energy, Kazakhstan  
**Parviz Shahbazov**, Minister of Energy, Azerbaijan  
**Daler Juma Shofakir**, Minister of Energy and Water Resources, Tajikistan  
**Baxtiyor Mamatkarimov**, First Deputy Minister of Energy, Uzbekistan

#### **APRECA Implementation Roundtable**

**Sule Kilic**, Director of the Eurasian Energy Department, EBRD  
**Nabi Aitzhanov**, Chairman of the Management Board, KEGOC  
**Aysel Yagubova**, Executive Director, Clean Energy Centre, ECO  
**Michele Nicora**, Head of Renewables Central Asian Countries, RINA Consulting  
**Duisho Uulu Ularbek**, Deputy General Director, National Electric Grid of Kyrgyzstan

Moderator: **Binu Parthan**, Deputy Director, Country Engagement and Partnerships, IRENA

Closing Remarks: **Zhandos Nurmaganbetov**, Director General, KAZENERGY

This session is dedicated to accelerating the energy transition in Central Asia and advancing the Accelerating Renewable Energy Transition in Central Asia (APRECA) initiative launched by IRENA at COP29.

Discussions will focus on regional cooperation and practical steps to triple renewable energy capacity and improve energy efficiency by 2030. Participants will address APRECA's priorities: energy infrastructure and regional connectivity, local value creation and green industrialization, regulatory and institutional frameworks, as well as mobilizing private investment and expanding access to finance.

### **Luncheon Break**

**2 October, 13.30-14.30 Lunch Area, 3rd Floor**



## **STRATEGIC SESSION**

### **NUCLEAR POWER: PROGRESS & SECURITY**

2 October, 14.30-15.45 Caspian Hall

**Speakers:** **Timur Zhantikin**, Deputy Chairman, Atomic Energy Agency, Kazakhstan  
**Hua Liu**, Deputy Director General, International Atomic Energy Agency  
**Marat Tulebayev**, First Deputy CEO - Chief Financial Officer, Kazatomprom  
**Mao Yawei**, Director General, China National Nuclear Corporation Overseas  
**Bekbolsyn Izteleuov**, Project Director, Kazakhstan Nuclear Power Plants LLP

**Moderator:** **Dastan Kosherbayev**, Chief Strategy and International Development Officer, Kazatomprom

As the global energy transition accelerates and the world strives for carbon neutrality, nuclear energy is once again taking center stage as a strategically vital source of stable, predictable and low-carbon power. More countries are exploring nuclear energy as a key pillar of long-term energy resilience and security.

Kazakhstan, home to the world's largest uranium reserves and a well-established nuclear infrastructure, is uniquely positioned to expand its role in the global nuclear agenda. The country is now moving forward with the practical implementation of several nuclear power plant projects, marking a new phase in the development of its national energy strategy.

This strategic session will focus on high-level issues such as the role of nuclear energy in ensuring energy security and sustainability, approaches to managing public perception and expectations, the importance of international partnerships and adherence to global safety standards. Special attention will be given to the development of institutional and regulatory frameworks essential for the advancement of a national nuclear program.

The session will serve as a platform for exchanging strategic visions, learning from countries already implementing nuclear projects and exploring how nuclear energy can contribute to achieving climate goals and sustainable development.

### **Roundtable**

#### **Investment in Central Asia's Energy Infrastructure**

2 October, 14.30-15.45 Balkhash Hall

**Speakers:** **Sungat Yessimkhanov**, Vice Minister of Energy, Kazakhstan  
**Dyussenbai Turganov**, Member of Parliament, Kazakhstan  
**Maryam Al Mazrouei**, Head of Business Development (CIS), Masdar  
**Nabi Aitzhanov**, Chairman of the Management Board, KEGOC  
**Kairat Maksutov**, Chairman of the Management Board, Samruk Energy  
**Marième Travaly**, Regional Manager, International Finance Corporation  
**Andrei Mikhnev**, Country Manager for Kazakhstan, World Bank

**Moderator:** **Zhandos Nurmagambetov**, Director General, KAZENERGY

Central Asia's energy infrastructure is a vital driver of sustainable economic growth, regional integration, and global energy security. With increasing electricity demand, the need to modernize existing facilities, and the transition to low-carbon energy sources, the region requires substantial investments.

This session will explore strategies for attracting capital to Central Asia's energy sector, the development of cross-border infrastructure projects, public-private partnership mechanisms, and the role of international financial institutions and private investors in financing energy initiatives.

### **Panel Session of the Kazakhstan Investors Association**

#### **Investment Economy: Public-Private Partnership**

**(Hosted by Kazakhstan Investors' Association)**

2 October, 14.30-15.45 Aral Hall

**Speakers:** **Bolat Akchulakov**, Chairman of KAZENERGY Association, Chairman of the KIA Board  
**Rustam Zhursunov**, Chairman of the Management Board, KIA  
**Aset Irgaliyev**, Chairman, Agency for Strategic Planning and Reforms, Kazakhstan  
**Alibek Kuantyyrov**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kazakhstan  
**Talgat Temirzhanov**, Partner, BCG Kazakhstan  
**Maxim Baryshev**, Founder, Uchet.kz

**Moderator:** **Janat Berdalina**, Non-Executive Director, SolideCore Resources Plc



The President of Kazakhstan has set ambitious goals for economic liberalization, debureaucratization, and a reset of the investment framework. To support these reforms, the Kazakhstan Investors Association has been established as a new dialogue platform, serving as a strategic partner of the state and ensuring effective engagement with major businesses to improve the investment climate.

The session will focus on implementing presidential initiatives to protect investor rights, ensure macroeconomic stability, reduce administrative barriers, and promote digitalization. Special attention will be given to new regulatory approaches, including the use of AI technologies to streamline legislation and remove obstacles for business.

### **EXia Presentation**

#### **Oil & Gas Digital Platform**

**2 October, 14.30-15.45 Zaysan Hall**

Opening Remarks: **Daniyar Nassipov**, Advisor to the Chairman of the KAZENERGY Association

Scene-Setting Presentation: **Alikhan Baidussenov**, Senior Partner, Energy Insights & Analytics

Speakers: **Uzakbay Karabalin**, Deputy Chairman, KAZENERGY Association  
**Yerlan Galiyev**, Chairman, National Geological Survey  
**Matthew Sagers**, Vice President, Energy, S&P Global  
**Olga Savenkova**, Vice President, Head of Corporate Strategy Research, Rystad Energy  
**Akzhol Ospanov**, Managing Director, Situational Analytical Center of the Fuel and Energy Complex of the Republic of Kazakhstan  
**Rustem Sergaliyev**, Executive Director, KAZENERGY Association

Moderator: **Alikhan Baidussenov**, Senior Partner, Energy Insights & Analytics

The roundtable will address the digital transformation of Kazakhstan's oil & gas sector and present EXia, an innovative analytical platform for developing global solutions. Integrating data across the entire value chain – from upstream to downstream, including energy and environment – the platform enables modeling, forecasting, and benchmarking of key indicators.

Discussions will explore EXia's applications for assessing investment potential, fiscal regimes, production scenarios, budget revenues, and the integration of climate and energy agendas into socio-economic development. Special attention will be given to international cooperation and financing mechanisms for sustainable solutions.

The event will bring together representatives of government, business, investors, international organizations, and academia, ensuring a broad and practice-oriented exchange of expertise.

### **Panel Session**

#### **Domestic Manufacturers and Localization: A Strategy for Growth and Resilience**

**2 October, 16.00-17.00 Aral Hall**

Speakers: **Yerlan Mukay**, Deputy Managing Director, NCOC  
**Mukhtar Mankeyev**, Deputy General Director, KPO  
**Konilkosh Suyessinov**, Deputy General Director, Tengizchevroil  
**Dastan Abishev**, General Director, IMBC  
**John Dorffeld**, Manager, Chevron Direct Investment Fund  
**Kanysh Mambetov**, Chairman, SEZ NIPT

Moderator: **Daniel Zholdybayev**, Managing Director, PetroCouncil

Localization and support for domestic manufacturers have become key priorities for ensuring the sustainability and competitiveness of Kazakhstan's oil & gas sector.

This panel session will bring together representatives of government, national companies, international operators, and local suppliers to discuss tools for enhancing local content, promoting industrial cooperation, and creating long-term value for the national economy.

The session will explore current challenges, regulatory frameworks, and success stories in developing a resilient ecosystem of domestic production and services within major energy projects.



### ECOJER Roundtable

#### **Kazakhstan's NDC 3.0: Setting a New Climate Vector**

**(Hosted by ECOJER)**

**2 October, 16.00-17.00 Zaysan Hall**

Opening Remarks: **Mansur Oshurbayev**, Vice Minister of Ecology and Mineral Resources, Kazakhstan

Speakers: **Sungat Yessimkhanov**, Vice Minister of Energy, Kazakhstan  
**Saule Sabiyeva**, Environment Policy Department Director, Ministry of Ecology and Mineral Resources, Republic of Kazakhstan  
**Hiroshi Matsuda**, Senior Vice President, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries  
**Michele Nicora**, Head of Renewables Central Asian Countries, RINA Consulting  
**Rustem Kabzhanov**, General Director, ECOJER Association  
**Aislu Dossanova**, Director of Department, KAZENERGY Association

Moderator: **Ramazan Zhampiisov**, Advisor to the General Director, ECOJER

Kazakhstan is revising its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC 3.0) through 2035, aiming for more ambitious emission reduction targets, stronger climate adaptation, and deeper integration of the climate agenda into national development. This transition requires joint efforts from government, business, science, and civil society, with updated commitments designed to be realistic, socially just, and economically sound.

The roundtable will discuss key elements of NDC 3.0: emission reduction goals by 2035, decarbonization measures in priority sectors, financing mechanisms, a just transition, and opportunities for cooperation under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement. Attention will also be given to barriers and enabling conditions, including institutional and technological aspects.

### Coffee Break

**2 October, 17.00-17.30 Coffee Break Area, 3rd Floor**

### Panel Session

#### **Energy Tech AI**

**2 October, 17.30-18.30 Aral Hall**

Speakers: **Yerkebulan Omirzak**, Managing Director, Situational Analytical Center of the Fuel and Energy Complex of the Republic of Kazakhstan  
**Zhannat Zhakhmetova**, IT Department Director, KazMunayGas  
**Zhu Qiang**, Chief Technology Officer, Oil & Gas Unit, Huawei Technologies  
**Leonid Zhukov**, Vice President of Data Science, Director of BCG Global AI Institute  
**Artur Nigmatyanov**, President of the Board, Honeywell Central Asia  
**Zhandos Sharipov**, Deputy General Director, QazaqGaz Scientific and Technical Centre LLP  
**Hemme Battjes**, Chief Commercial Officer, Pecten

Moderator: **Nurlan Zhumagulov**, Executive Director, Energy Monitor

The energy sector is undergoing a major transformation driven by digitalization, big data analytics, and artificial intelligence. These technologies are enhancing efficiency in exploration, production, and distribution while reducing costs and minimizing environmental impact.

This session will explore cutting-edge digital solutions shaping the future of the oil and gas industry, real-world case studies, and key challenges in implementing digital technologies.

### Roundtable

#### **Petrochemicals of Tomorrow: Middle Powers' Role**

**2 October, 17.30-18.30 Zaysan Hall**

Speakers: **Temirlan Urkumbayev**, Director of the Department of Downstream and Technical Regulation, Ministry of Energy of Kazakhstan  
**Talgat Makuov**, Deputy Director, Department of Midstream & Refining, Ministry of Energy  
**Diaz Diyanov**, Chairman of the Management Board, KMG PetroChem  
**Damir Ashimov**, CEO, KPI Inc.  
**Chingiz Surtayev**, General Director, Butadiyen  
**Dulat Salimbayev**, Head of Alkilat Project, Intertrans C.A.  
**Chen Dayou**, Deputy General Director, CNPC - Aktobemunaygas  
**Khabibulla Karimov**, Department Director, Silleno



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New Energy Order: Focus on Middle Powers**

**Astana, Independence Palace  
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Moderator: **Daniyar Nassipov**, Advisor to the Chairman of the KAZENERGY Association

Amid the ongoing transformation of global energy markets, the petrochemical and gas chemical industries are becoming key drivers of industrial development. These sectors offer opportunities to increase added value, boost exports, and advance technological modernization. Middle powers, with substantial reserves of oil and natural gas, are increasingly developing both petrochemical and gas chemical capacities to secure their place in global value chains.

For Kazakhstan, the development of the petrochemical and gas chemical sector is a strategic priority. Under the direction of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, large-scale projects are being implemented to process hydrocarbons and create a modern petrochemical and gas chemical cluster. These initiatives aim to attract investment, develop high-tech, export-oriented production, and integrate advanced technologies.

This session will explore how middle powers can enhance the competitiveness of their petrochemical and gas chemical industries, the tools that support the sector's transformation, and avenues for international cooperation. Special attention will be given to localization, ESG standards, decarbonization, digitalization, and workforce development.

**Gala Dinner Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the KAZENERGY Association**

**2 October, 19.00-21.00 RIXOS President Astana Hotel**



Day 2  
3 October, Friday

**PLENARY SESSION**  
**NEW ENERGY ORDER: FOCUS ON MIDDLE POWERS**

3 October, 10.00-11.30 Caspian Hall

Keynote Speakers: **Olzhas Bektenov**, Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan  
**Haitham Al Ghais**, Secretary General, OPEC  
**Yerlan Akkenzhenov**, Minister of Energy, Kazakhstan  
**Francesco La Camera**, Director-General, IRENA  
**Jassim Alshirawi**, Secretary General, IEF  
**Ahmad Saidmurodzoda**, Deputy Secretary-General, Shanghai Cooperation Organization  
**Mahmoud R. Fath-Allah**, Director, Department of Environmental, Meteorological Affairs, League of Arab States  
**Bolat Akchulakov**, Chairman, KAZENERGY Association

Moderator: **Ryan Chilcote**, Former Fox News, CNN & Bloomberg Journalist

The main topic of discussions at Kazakhstan Energy Week 2025 will be the formation of a new energy order, in which middle powers will play a key role. Amid the global transformation of the energy system, driven by the transition to a low-carbon economy, changes in the geopolitical landscape, and the diversification of energy supplies, countries like Kazakhstan are taking center stage. They are becoming not only resource suppliers but also active participants in shaping a sustainable and secure global energy landscape.

High-level participants of the main plenary session will discuss how middle powers, with their unique combination of natural resources, industrial potential, and adaptability to changing conditions, can influence future global energy processes. Their role in the development of green energy, technological innovations, and international cooperation will be a defining factor in ensuring energy security and diversifying global energy supplies.

Particular attention will be given to Kazakhstan's strategic opportunities as one of the leading energy exporters to strengthen its position in the new energy reality. Discussions will cover infrastructure development, investment attraction, sustainable energy initiatives, and Kazakhstan's strategic role in diversifying global energy supplies.

The discussions at the plenary session will set the tone for the entire forum, highlighting the significance and relevance of middle powers in global energy policy. This will lay the foundation for further discussions and actions aimed at strengthening Kazakhstan's position on the international stage and developing practical solutions for effective integration into the new global energy order. Kazakhstan Energy Week 2025 will serve as an important platform for advancing national interests and exchanging experiences among leading global experts and energy sector participants.

**Press Conference**

3 October, 11.30-12.00 Press Center, 2 floor

**SCO & ARAB LEAGUE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING**  
**CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY**

3 October, 12.00-13.30 Balkhash Hall

Opening Remarks: **Yerlan Akkenzhenov**, Minister of Energy, Kazakhstan  
**Ahmad Saidmurodzoda**, Deputy Secretary-General, Shanghai Cooperation Organization  
**Mahmoud R. Fath-Allah**, Director, Department of Environmental, Meteorological Affairs, League of Arab States  
**Kairat Sarybay**, Secretary General, Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA)

Keynote Speakers: **Yerlan Nyssanbayev**, Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources, Kazakhstan  
**Abbas Ali-Abadi**, Minister of Energy, Iran  
**Daler Juma Shofakir**, Minister of Energy and Water Resources, Tajikistan  
**Baxtiyor Mamatkarimov**, First Deputy Minister of Energy, Uzbekistan  
**Ahmet Berat Çonkar**, Deputy Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, Türkiye  
**Orkhan Zeynalov**, Deputy Minister of Energy, Azerbaijan  
**Faisal Riaz**, Director General, Private Power and Infrastructure Board, Ministry of Energy, Pakistan



**Vitaly Kretsky**, Deputy Chairman of the State Standard of Belarus,  
Director of the Department of Energy Efficiency  
**Montasyr Abuzeid**, Ambassador of the State of Palestine to the Republic of Kazakhstan  
**Duisho Uulu Ularbek**, Deputy General Director, National Electric Grid of Kyrgyzstan

Moderator: **Zulfiya Suleimenova**, Public figure, Expert in international environmental cooperation

As global climate change accelerates and the need for sustainable development grows, the member states of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and the League of Arab States face the challenge of adapting their energy strategies.

This session will explore the prospects for transitioning to low-carbon energy, the role of renewable energy sources, international financing mechanisms for green projects, and innovative technological solutions that contribute to reducing the carbon footprint. Special attention will be given to energy security, the balance between traditional and renewable energy sources, and opportunities for regional cooperation in climate adaptation.

The session will serve as a key platform for knowledge exchange, strengthening partnerships, and developing joint solutions aimed at ensuring a sustainable energy future.

### **VIP Lunch / Luncheon Break**

**3 October, 13.30-14.30 VIP-Lunch / Lunch Area, 3rd Floor**

### **STRATEGIC SESSION**

#### **GLOBAL ENERGY TRANSITION AND HYDROCARBONS: BALANCING PRIORITIES**

**3 October, 14.30-15.45 Balkhash Hall**

Keynote Speakers: **Sanzhar Zharkeshov**, Vice Minister of Energy of Kazakhstan  
**Mohamed Jameel Al Ramahi**, Chief Executive Officer, Masdar  
**Arzybek Kozhoshev**, Member of the EEC Board – Minister in charge of Energy and Infrastructure  
**Bolat Akchulakov**, Chairman, KAZENERGY Association  
**Pedro Miras**, President, WPC Energy  
**Luca Vignati**, Upstream Director, Eni SpA

Moderator: **Chokan Laumulin**, Vice Chair, UNECE Committee on Sustainable Energy

The global energy system is undergoing a fundamental transformation, as countries strive to reconcile climate ambitions with energy security and economic resilience. Despite accelerating investments in renewables, hydrocarbons continue to play a strategic role in meeting global energy demand and supporting industrial development.

This high-level strategic session will bring together leaders from international organizations, governments, and major energy companies to explore the future of hydrocarbons in a rapidly changing world. Key topics will include the intersection of national and global energy interests, the role of hydrocarbons in a just and inclusive transition, energy access in developing economies, the geopolitical implications of market shifts and the need for international policy coordination in an increasingly complex landscape.

### **Panel Session**

#### **The Future of Gas: A Key to the Energy Transition**

**(Hosted by QazaqGaz)**

**3 October, 14.30-15.45 Aral Hall**

Speakers: **Alibek Zhamauov**, Chairman of the Management Board, QazaqGaz  
**Aydar Shakirov**, Head of the Gas Market Analysis Department, Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF)  
**Seger Hoytink**, Chairman & Managing Director, Eni Kazakhstan  
**Vladimir Rogov**, Managing director & Partner, Global Leader for IET LCPM Practice, BCG  
**Ivan Circelli**, Managing Director, ILF  
**Anton Chernikov**, Regional Manager for Gas Turbine and Compressor Repairs, Baker Hughes

Moderator: **Paulina Mirenkova**, Director, Russian & Caspian Energy, S&P Global Commodity Insights

Natural gas plays a crucial role in the global energy transition, serving as a reliable energy source and a bridge to a low-carbon future. Amid evolving energy markets, growing LNG demand, and the development of hydrogen technologies, gas remains a strategic resource that contributes to decarbonization and energy security.



Kazakhstan, with its substantial natural gas reserves, is actively fostering international cooperation in this sector. New gas projects and the diversification of transportation routes are essential for ensuring stable supplies and integrating the country into global energy value chains. Kazakhstan is strengthening partnerships with neighboring countries and key global players by expanding export opportunities, modernizing gas transportation infrastructure, and developing gas processing capabilities.

This session will explore the future of the gas market, the role of LNG and natural gas in the energy balance, the impact of climate policies on the gas industry, and innovative technologies for emissions reduction. Special attention will be given to regional and international cooperation, Kazakhstan's sustainable gas sector strategy, the country's potential in hydrogen energy, and investment opportunities in gas infrastructure.

### **Foreign Investors' Council under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan**

#### **Panel Session**

#### **Year of Vocational Professions: The Energy of People**

**(Hosted by Foreign Investors' Council under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan)**

**3 October, 14.30-15.45 Zaysan Hall**

- Opening Remarks: **Sungat Yessimkhanov**, Vice Minister of Energy, Kazakhstan  
**Cécile Rauline**, Managing Director, ExxonMobil Kazakhstan Inc.
- Keynote Speakers: **Sayasat Nurbek**, Minister of Science and Higher Education, Republic of Kazakhstan  
**Askarbek Yertayev**, First Vice-Minister of Labor and Social Protection of the Population, Republic of Kazakhstan  
**Serik Shakhazhanov**, General Director, Eurasian Group LLP  
**Gabriel Constantine**, General Director, Air Liquide Munay Tech Gases LLP  
**Waqar Ahmad**, President, Nazarbayev University  
**Aigul Barmenkulova**, Head of Finance and Corporate Relations, Shell Kazakhstan
- Moderator: **Yerlan Dossymbekov**, KFICA Board Chairman,  
EY Managing Partner in Central Asia & Caucasus
- Closing remarks: **Zhanna Baidasheva**, Director of the Kazakhstan Foreign Investors' Council Association under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan

This session will explore the role of human capital in strengthening the competitiveness and investment appeal of Kazakhstan's energy sector. Framed by the message of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan that "the energy of people is the country's most valuable resource," the discussion will focus on how government, leading companies, and international investors can jointly prepare a new generation of specialists for modernization, the energy transition, and sustainable development.

Participants will discuss the oil & gas sector's importance for Kazakhstan's long-term growth, the need for sustained efforts to build professional skills, and the importance of combining national workforce development with adherence to international standards of safety and competitiveness.

#### **Panel Session**

#### **Kazakhstan Oil: Prospects and New Resources**

**3 October, 16.00-17.00 Caspian Hall**

- Keynote Speakers: **Kudaibergen Arymbek**, Vice Minister of Energy, Republic of Kazakhstan  
**Yedil Zhanbyrshin**, Member of Parliament, Republic of Kazakhstan  
**Bekzat Abaiyldanov**, Deputy Chairman of the Management Board, KazMunayGas  
**Yerlan Galiyev**, Chairman, National Geological Survey  
**Suzanne Coogan**, Senior Vice President and Country Chair of Shell in Kazakhstan  
**William Lacobie**, General Director, Tengizchevroil  
**Giancarlo Ruiu**, Managing Director, North Caspian Operating Company  
**Marco Marsili**, General Director, Karachaganak Petroleum Operating
- Moderator: **Bolat Akchulakov**, Chairman, KAZENERGY Association

The future of Kazakhstan's oil industry is shaped by the intersection of global energy transition trends and national priorities aimed at ensuring sustainable economic growth and the country's energy security. In a world moving towards low-carbon energy, a key task is to define the prospects for the oil sector, considering its strategic role in the national economy and opportunities to expand the resource base.



The discussion will focus on the long-term prospects of the country's largest oil and gas megaprojects (Tengiz, Karachaganak, Kashagan), mechanisms to improve their efficiency and profitability for Kazakhstan, and pathways to introduce innovative technologies. A vital part of the dialogue will address the search for and development of new resources, including modern exploration approaches, digital solutions, artificial intelligence, and sustainable field development methods.

Special attention will be given to updated legislation and contractual frameworks designed to enhance investment attractiveness, simplify regulatory procedures, and stimulate innovation. The session will combine a strategic vision for industry development with practical tools for resource exploration, offering a comprehensive view of the future of Kazakhstan's oil in the face of global challenges.

### **ADB Panel Session**

#### **Building Sustainable Energy Solutions: Green Corridors and Just Transition**

**(Hosted by Asian Development Bank)**

**3 October, 16.00-17.00 Aral Hall**

Opening Remarks: **Sungat Yessimkhanov**, Vice Minister of Energy, Kazakhstan

Keynote Speakers: **Sally Axworthy**, UK Ambassador to Kazakhstan  
**Yerlan Ramazanov**, Deputy Director, EBRD Kazakhstan  
**Andrei Mikhnev**, Country Manager for Kazakhstan, World Bank  
**David Elzinga**, Principal Energy Specialist, ADB

Moderators: **Nana Gurgeniidze**, Senior Energy Specialist, ADB  
**Meutia Chaerani**, Senior Climate Change Specialist, ADB

Closing remarks: **Utsav Kumar**, Country Director, Kazakhstan Resident Mission, ADB

This ADB hosted session will explore pathways for advancing sustainable energy solutions in Central Asia, with a focus on regional cooperation, green energy corridors, and just transition strategies. The discussions will highlight ADB's regional integration initiatives, Kazakhstan's role in accelerating the clean energy transition, and international perspectives on financing and policy frameworks. A distinguished panel of experts from government, development partners, and international organizations will share insights on fostering resilient, low-carbon energy systems while ensuring equitable economic opportunities.

### **Coffee Break**

**3 October, 17.00-17.30 Coffee Break Area, 3rd Floor**

### **Panel Session**

#### **Eurasian Transport Network: Middle Corridor**

**3 October, 16.00-17.00 Zaysan Hall**

Keynote Speakers: **Bakhytzhan Khassanov**, General Director, KMG Kashagan B.V.  
**Bauyrzhan Muratuly**, General Director, Kazmortransflot  
**Mustafa Kapucu**, Ambassador of Türkiye to Kazakhstan  
**Chingiz Hajiyev**, Head of Business Development for Caspian and Central Asia, BP Plc.  
**Oleg Budargin**, Strategic Advisor to the Secretary General, World Energy Council  
**Ruslan Ibraimov**, Managing Director, KazTransOil

Moderator: **Almaz Abildayev**, Director, Energy Aspects of Kazakhstan

The development of modern transport infrastructure in Eurasia is crucial for deepening economic integration, promoting sustainable growth, and diversifying export routes. In the context of a changing geopolitical landscape, the Middle Corridor is gaining particular importance as a strategic alternative.

Middle powers are increasingly shaping new logistical solutions, contributing to the development of connectivity policies and the modernization of infrastructure.



The session will address the role of the Middle Corridor in ensuring reliable transit, including for oil and gas, the potential of multimodal routes, prospects for cooperation with international financial institutions, and the involvement of private capital in infrastructure projects.

### **GR Hub Panel Session**

#### **GR Influence Strategies: From Global Best Practices to Local Cases**

**(Hosted by GR Hub)**

**3 октября, 17.30-18.30 Zaysan Hall**

Speakers: **Haymish Paulse**, Deputy General Manager, Tengizchevroil  
**Aziz Iskakov**, Senior Advisor, Aretera Public Affairs

Moderator: **Aizhan Khamitova**, Head of GR Hub, Co-Founder of Business Advancement School

The session will focus on stakeholder engagement practices both in Kazakhstan and internationally. Participants will discuss best practices of cooperation not only with business partners and local communities but also with government bodies, emphasizing the importance of understanding their agenda. Successful case studies will be presented, showcasing how to build sustainable and trust-based relationships with key groups. The session will bring together representatives from business, industry, government, and civil society, providing a platform for knowledge exchange and the search for effective solutions.

### **Evening Cultural Program** **Premiere of Verdi's Rigoletto**

**3 October, 19.00-22.00 Astan Opera Theatre**

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