

1st Central Asian RE Conference



For the first time in Central Asia, more than 100 people met to discuss renewable energy on November 7-8, 2005 in Karaganda, Kazakhstan. Participants from Kazakhstan, Kyrgystan, and Uzbekistan discussed development of renewable energy in the region and abroad. They heard about the development of windpower in Kazakhstan, where soon the first 5-MW wind park in the region will be in operation; about biogas in Kyrgystan, where a number of biogas plants are in operation on farms; and about the new “Azur Flame” Biogas Educational Center at Ecomuseum in Karaganda.

Speakers also highlighted the political interest in Kazakhstan, which, despite its large fossil-fuel resources, can benefit from renewable energy to provide power locally in remote areas, and to improve the environment; e.g., use of biogas can improve manure management and reduce water pollution.



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The declaration from the Conference calls for cooperation and political support for renewable energy in the region.

The Conference was organised by Ecomuseum in Karaganda in cooperation with INFORSE-Europe, and REA in Kiev as part of the 2-year “Azur Flame” project supported by EuropeAid, Norwegian Society for Conservation of Nature, and HIVOS. *Read more: www.inforse.org/europe/kz_biogas.htm*