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FOREWORD BY THE AIFC ADVISORY COUNCIL ON GREEN FINANCE



Kairat KELIMBETOV

Governor of AIFC

“ Green finance is a strategic framework for AIFC’s further development. We understand that capital market should be developed in green direction also; and we see the interest of investors to support green projects. In Kazakhstan we build capacity and promote green finance to ensure a sustainable economic and financial growth. This is the reason we were among the founders of the International Network for Sustainable Financial Centres. ”



Sean KIDNEY

CEO of Climate Bonds Initiative

“ Internationally, there has been a major shift in the thinking of institutional investors, who have increasingly realised the benefits of investing in green projects. The green bond market is a growing source of capital for clean energy & green infrastructure investment, vital to the fight against climate change. ”



Michael SHEREN

Senior advisor of the Bank of England and Co-Chairman of G20 GFSG

“ There’s about \$100 trillion of institutional money in the world, and less than 1 percent is invested in anything green. <...> One of the challenges in the coming years is to convince bankers and investors to move capital towards ‘green projects’. ”

“ Policymakers should send strong signals about importance of green finance to boost the development of the market. Messages from the Government, Central Bank, related government institutions will support and reshape market participants expectations. Kazakhstan is sending signals already, and AIFC takes a unique position which will allow it to be the platform connecting the Asian and European market of green finance. ”



MA JUN

Director of Research Center for Green Finance Development at Tsinghua University, Chairman of the Green Finance Committee of China Society for Finance and Banking

“ We need a comprehensive approach to climate policy development, innovation and green investment. Aligning public and private financial flows with low-emission, resilient development pathways is now more critical than ever. It is important to reset the Kazakh financial system in line with long-term climate risks and opportunities. We support the steps taken by Kazakhstan on the way to a green economy. ”



Rodolfo LACY

Environment Director of OECD

“ In the framework of cooperation with the AIFC Green Finance Centre we are considering to issue green bonds and green sukuk. There is a need in the development of an instrument to attract investments into projects in renewable energy in Kazakhstan and the region. ”



Linar YAKUPOV

General Director of IFC Linova

CONCEPT FOR THE TRANSITION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN TO A GREEN ECONOMY

MAIN TARGETS



Energy efficiency

Reducing the energy intensity of GDP from the 2008 level by 50% by 2050



Agriculture

Increase in labour efficiency 3 times by 2020 and yield increase by 2030, as well as the decrease of irrigation costs



Electricity sector

Increasing the share of alternative energy sources up to 30% by 2030 and 50% by 2050



Gasification

Gasification of the central regions of Kazakhstan by 2020, and north-eastern by 2030



Water sector

Elimination of water scarcity at the national level by 2050

More than **1% of GDP** or **US \$ 3-4 billion** annual investment in the green economy



2013-2020

Optimise the allocation and efficiency of resources. Development of green infrastructure



2020-2030

Rational use of natural resources. Large-scale implementation of new renewable energy and energy-saving technologies



2030-2050

Complete transition to the model of green growth. Transformation of traditional economy sector and the development of new industrial sector based on renewable energy

KAZAKHSTAN'S KEY INSTITUTIONS WORKING ON GREEN GROWTH



Green Bridge
Partnership Program

Green Bridge Partnership Programme

(Launched in 2012)

International platform for transition to green economy



INTERNATIONAL GREEN TECHNOLOGIES & INVESTMENTS CENTER

International Centre for Green Technologies and Investment Projects

(Launched in 2018)

Accumulation and introduction of BAT and green technologies in Kazakhstan



Association of Environmental Organisations of Kazakhstan

(Launched in 2018)

National platform for discussion and promotion of environmental issues, development of recommendations to environmental legislation



AIFC Green Finance Centre

(Launched in 2018)

Introduction of financing mechanisms for green projects and development of green capital market

ASTANA INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE AND GREEN FINANCE

AIFC is a financial hub for Central Asia, the Caucasus, EAEU, the Middle East, West China, Mongolia and Eastern Europe. It operates within a special legal regime based on Common Law and is aimed at the development of the financial market.



AIFC Governor

Oversight of interaction among AIFC bodies and its officers to ensure meeting AIFC's objectives



AIFC Authority

Administrative support for AIFC bodies



AIFC Financial Services Authority

AIFC's independent regulator



AIFC Court

AIFC's independent judicial body



International Arbitration Centre

AIFC's independent commercial dispute resolution facility



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AIFC stock exchange



AIFC Expat Centre

Providing full range of services to foreign employees and their families



AIFC Bureau for Continuing Professional Development

Capacity building, training and financial certification



AIFC FinTech Hub

Support of start-up projects and companies in IT and financial technologies



AIFC Green Finance Centre

Introduction of new instruments and facilities of green financing

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International Network
of Financial Centres for
Sustainability (FC4S)



Green Finance Committee
of Asian Financial
Cooperation Association

AIFC
in global initiatives
on green finance



Green Business Working
Group of the Escap
Sustainable Business Network

BENEFITS OF SETTING UP IN AIFC

- 1 Tax preferences until 2066
- 2 Simplified visa regime
- 3 Independent regulation
- 4 Common Law principles
- 5 Single Window System

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AIFC DOCUMENTS ON GREEN FINANCE

1 Concept on introduction and development of green finance instruments and principles (October 03, 2017)

2 Strategy of AIFC regional leadership in green finance until 2025 (November 20, 2017)

3 AIX Green Bonds Rules (February 2018)

AIFC GREEN FINANCE CENTRE IS A MEMBER OF WORKING GROUPS ON DEVELOPMENT:

- ▶ New environmental code of Kazakhstan
- ▶ Low carbon strategy development of the city of Nur-sultan

Key elements:



Economic incentives for greening projects and industries



Increasing responsibility of polluters



Optimisation of energy efficiency to reduce energy demand



Electrification of fossil fuel engines, furnaces, etc.



Decarbonisation of energy supply to eliminate the use of fossil fuels

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ELIGIBLE GREEN PROJECTS

- Renewable energy
- Energy efficiency
- Pollution prevention and control
- Sustainable management of living natural resources
- Terrestrial and aquatic biodiversity conservation
- Clean transportation
- Sustainable water management
- Climate change adaptation
- Eco-efficient products, production technologies and processes
- Green buildings

EXTERNAL REVIEW

- Second opinion
- Verification
- Certification
- Rating



AIX Green Bonds Rules



Climate Bonds^{INITIATIVE}



AIFC GREEN FINANCE CENTRE

DEVELOPMENT OF GREEN FINANCE SYSTEM IN KAZAKHSTAN AND THE REGION

- 1 Drafting policies and amendments on green finance instruments to Kazakhstan's legislation
- 2 Preparing reports, surveys, studies, research on demand and supply of green finance in Kazakhstan and the region
- 3 Training and certification of specialists
- 4 Project support, starting from preparation of investment project up to post-issuance MRV
- 5 Development of green bond market



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AIFC GREEN FINANCE CENTRE'S INITIATIVES

GREEN GROWTH FORUM

Launched in 2018 by the initiative of the AIFC, the Green Growth Forum tends to become the main meeting point to discuss challenges and opportunities for green finance development in the region.

Featured topics of 2018 Forum included global networks for a sustainable financial sector, innovative financing mechanisms for green projects, circular economy, smart city solutions, urban prosperity, and new incentives for the development of the waste management industry.

The topics of the 2nd Green Growth Forum 2019 together with GFLP International Seminar on Greening the Financial System in Central and South Asia are focused on green taxonomy, low carbon development, green capital market and banking, green finance policy roadmaps, fintech solutions for green finance and regulatory framework for scaling up green financing.

AIFC GREEN FINANCE AWARDS 2019

For the first time in 2019, AIFC established the AIFC GREEN FINANCE AWARDS to be presented to individuals and companies contributing to the development of green finance and sustainable development.

As a prize for nominees AIFC has chosen flamingo figurine. This majestic, beautiful bird is listed in the Red Book of Kazakhstan and acts as a symbol of confidence and boldness.





AIFC EXPAT CENTRE

The AIFC Expat Centre was created for the purpose of providing the international labour and guests with access to a wide range of government and socially oriented services in English, at a single location. The main objective of the AIFC Expat Centre is to provide maximum support to the AIFC foreign labour and their family members, making sure that they have the so-called 'soft landing' experience.

PREFERENTIAL MIGRATION REGIME OFFERED BY THE AIFC AND EXECUTED BY THE AIFC EXPAT CENTRE:

Citizens of 45 states (OECD countries, Malaysia, Monaco, UAE and Singapore) were granted a special visa-free right to enter Kazakhstan and stay for up to 30 days

The AIFC participants were granted the right to attract foreign labour without due special work permit, required by the main Kazakhstan legislation

Work visas for the employees of the AIFC bodies and participants are issued for the period of up to 5 years

Simplified visa procedures



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SERVICES OFFERED BY THE AIFC EXPAT CENTRE:



All services, associated with obtaining Kazakhstan visas



Registration with the immigration service



Obtaining of the Individual Identification Number (IIN)



Compiling tax reports



Obtaining of the Electronic Digital Signature (EDS)



Access to more than 500 government services



Notary and translation services



Document photo station service



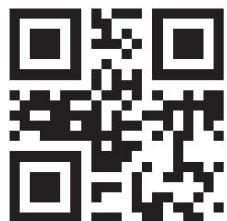
Pay terminal services



Call-centre



Assistance in search of the real estate, educational and medical facilities, insurance companies, logistical organisations, etc



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