PANEL: The Kazakhstan Presidential 100 Steps Reform: Regional Socio-economic and Scientific Implications

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Background

Kazakhstan’s strategic plan of the Nation entitled “The 100 Concrete Steps Program” was unveiled soon after President Nursultan Nazarbayev’s re-election in 2015. This plan addresses both near and long term national challenges and outlines bold initiatives to place Kazakhstan among the top 30 world developed countries by 2050.

The proposed major reforms offer the promise to restructure the judicial, civil service and educational systems. Experts are to be brought in from the private sector and as necessary, from outside of Kazakhstan to ensure that the nation is prepared to better serve its citizens, and enhance its national, regional and international, scientific and technological competiveness.

The program also outlines steps to improve the [select examples]:

1. Economy,
2. Judicial System, based on the Western legal system,
3. Banking and investment security,
4. Regional transportation development.
5. Delivery of goods and services.
6. Workers health, safety and security,
7. Health care services,
8. Graduate and undergraduate education, general population literacy, and

Learning objective: Address the complex national and international challenges surrounding the implementation of the far reaching Kazakhstan 100 steps plans and implications for the Central Asia regional development and scientific and technological competiveness.

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Moderator: Arnauld Nicogossian

1. Introduction and framing the issues: Arnauld Nicogossian, [5 minutes]
2. The comprehensive reform drive improvements on the country's socioeconomic and scientific implications. Deputy Chief of Mission Mr. Yerkin Akhinzhanov [20 minutes]
3. Discussions DCM Yerkin Akhinzhanov and Olzhas Nurgaliyev [15 minutes]

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