



KCBC Construction and Infrastructure Working Group Meeting Report

Date: 17 November, 2020

Location: Virtual

Co-Chairs:

- ❖ Canadian side: **The Honourable Stockwell Day**, Former Minister of International Trade Canada
- ❖ Kazakh side: **Mr. Galymzhan Mataev**, Representative of KAZAKH INVEST National Company in the US and Canada

Moderator:

- ❖ **John Sloan**, former Ambassador of Canada to Russia, Armenia, and Uzbekistan

Number of Participants: 80

Presenters:

Kazakhstan:

- Azizkhan Kudabekov, National Company Kazakh Invest, Republic of Kazakhstan, Manager of Infrastructure and Logistics Projects
- Nurzhan Dosayev, Head of Division at the Construction Committee, Ministry of Industry and Infrastructure of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- Olzhas Salykov, Director of Residential Construction Assets at Bayterek Kazakhstan
- Tuyebekova Alida, National Company Kazakh Invest
- Dinara Ibrayeva, Executive Director, JSC Kazakhstan Private - Public Partnership Center, PPP Center Kazakhstan

Canada:

- Nathan Lysons, The Embassy of Canada to the Republic of Kazakhstan, Senior Trade Commissioner
- Mark Findlay, Business Development Manager, AGI-CDCS Kazakhstan JV
- Michael Geller, Principal, Adjunct Professor, SFU Centre for Sustainable Development, Resource and Environmental Management
- Famer Engin, Senior Regional Manager, Export Development Canada (East European Division)

Main topics covered by the WG:

- Technology transfer: enhance Kazakhstan's awareness of Canada's wood-based building technology
- Modern urban environment and affordable living: collaboration on implementation of best practices for planning, design, construction, and management of affordable residential housing
- Developing partnerships with national construction companies
- Providing opportunities for industry professionals to access the best engineering and technology practices in construction and infrastructure
- Developing exporter awareness of in-country business practices, regulations and requirements applied to foreign companies

Roadmap: Next Steps

By end of December 2020 - Identify partners in Canada and Kazakhstan for each of the listed opportunities with relevant contacts responsible for cooperation

By January 15, 2021 – identify group of Kazakhstan companies and organizations interested in expanding their awareness of Canadian building technologies and participate in the CanExport supported program on the margins of BUILDEX-2021.

By end of February 2021 – develop a list of national infrastructure projects in Kazakhstan of potential interest or for partnership with Canadian companies.

Initiate exchanges for inter-regional cooperation between the Province of British Columbia and Akimat of Almaty, with mutually agreed plan of activities focused on promotion of healthy urban environment and smart cities concept.

Develop long-term program of professional knowledge-exchange in the construction and infrastructure sectors, including technologies, government support programs, financial mechanisms, and applicable federal, regional and municipal level policies.