

**Child Labour Seminar**  
**«Kazakhstan: Activities of National Partners within the framework of ILO-IPEC project in 2005-2008»,**  
**Dedicated to the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ILO and the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First ILO Child Labour Convention**  
**Place of Venue: “Alatau” Sanatorium**  
**Almaty**  
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On May 5-6, 2009 in “Alatau” Sanatorium, Almaty, the International Labour Organization (ILO) and its International Programme for Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC), the Committee for the Protection of Children’s Rights under the Ministry of Education and Science of Republic Kazakhstan, «Union of Women of Intellectual Labour» public association organized a national seminar «Kazakhstan: Activities of National Partners within the framework of ILO-IPEC project in 2005-2008», which was dedicated to the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ILO and the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First ILO Child Labour Convention. The goal of the seminar was to assess results of activities of national partners who have been working on CL issues in Kazakhstan for the past 3, 5 years. During the seminar participants presented and discussed reports from all regions of the country on activities carried out by partners in the sphere of effective elimination of worst forms of child labour (WFCL) and activities within the national awareness raising campaign during the past three years. The seminar was attended by representatives from the President’s Administration Office, Parliament of RK, representatives of all regional Departments for the Protection of Children’s Rights, key Ministries and governmental Agencies dealing with social, law-enforcement issues, NGOs, and international organizations (OSCE and a series of UN Agencies).

Throughout three and a half years national partners carried out the following activities: conducted various types of research on CL, carried out CL trainings; assisted in preparation of reports on implementation of ILO’s major CL Conventions, organized and implemented direct actions for children and adults, and so on. The moment has come to sum up the results and see what else is needed to do and, most importantly, whether national partners are sustainable enough to carry out activities in the sphere of elimination of child labour independently, without the assistance from the side of international organizations, particularly ILO-IPEC. It is also important for the partners to analyze strong and weak points of work in the past, as well as positive and negative aspects of partners’ activities throughout the country.

The purpose of national CL awareness raising information campaign against WFCL is to inform the public at large concerning child labour problems and attract all people to find ways for their solving. In 2008 the third national CL awareness raising campaign has been conducted. During the seminar partners assessed the last campaign and awarded the best journalist who participated in the nation wide contest for the best publication among journalists.

One of the main conclusions made by participants was that partners significantly raised their capacity in the sphere of CL elimination, and already started to propose their own initiatives and funding of certain activities. Nevertheless, the presence of ILO-IPEC gives a strong ground in terms of rendering a real technical consultation on a range of issues related to children’s protection issues in the sphere of CL. Therefore participants expressed their hope to continue this strong and productive cooperation in the future.