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# Olga Sokol United Nations Australia Member in Kazakhstan

**Sokol and Petrova for UNSDG 17**

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**USPA NEWS -** "After seeing the carnage and destruction in December of the January revolution unrests in Kazakhstan I made this my mission to support SDG #17 "Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development within my community to encourage others also to build responsible habits for our children's futures. I started to communicate with friends and flew from Australia to coordinate this massive clean-up", said Olga Sokol United Nations Member from Sydney Australia.

With an area of 2,724,900 sq. km, Kazakhstan is the world's largest landlocked country and the ninth largest country in the world. It is also the most economic dominant Nation of Central Asia.
Kazakhstan is a very diverse country with more then one hundred nationalities and ethnic groups living here. "We are very different but we all love our home!" - smiled Sokol.
During Muslim Ramadan and Orthodox Lent , which is a sacred time of humility, purification and renewal, Karabulak (Kljuchi) local environmentalists got together again to encourage neighbours to rally together for a massive clean-up - Spring Subbotnik which was held on 16th of April 2022. Subbotnik - is an old tradition known by locals since the Soviet Union times.
Within just two hours Sokol and Petrova were able to mass a team of more than 50 volunteers across five ravines where over 120 bags were filled with garbage removing almost 2 short tons of waste material from the environment.

" Big thanks to Akimat of Panfilov area - our local government that assisted in clean-up by providing garbage bags and removing the waste we all collected. It's so great to see more and more people all around the world being concerned about the environment and supporting the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of United Nation", said Sokol who went on to say, " It was especially pleasant to see children participating in this Subbotnik as they are the future of the Planet!

There are more volunteer projects planned for 2022 and with the help of Karabulak activists Galina Arzamassova, Ekaterina Petrova, Olga Sokol (the UN Australia member), Lubov Litvinova, Lubov Zamoreva and great support of local residents we will keep on improving the environment of our suburb and make difference to the future of our children and our planet."
Olga Sokol encourages people from around the world to join her community in supporting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGS), to do what you can for our Planet. "Start consuming and disposing wise! Support our efforts to make difference in your own community! Join us! Do better than we do!"

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