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Aslan Sarinzhapov is Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan (since September 2013), and an international economics expert.

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He began his career in 1996 as an assistant at the Executive Committee of the Interstate Council of Central Asia. In 1997 he worked in the central office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 1998-2002 Sarinzhapov served as economic affairs attaché for the Embassy of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United States (Washington, DC).

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