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Starting his professional carrier in the year 2000, Yerlan Danenov served the Multilateral cooperation department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan, contributing to peace-building and security issues through the cooperation with UN and OSCE, as well as the early development of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia. While working at the Embassy of Kazakhstan in France in 2004-2006, he was in charge of economic affairs and cooperation with UNESCO, while also contributing to political dialogue and analytics.

During the 2007-2014 period, he was working for Kazakh development institutions and the French consulting company, contributing to capacities' development, trade and investment projects. As the Director of International Cooperation Department of the National Bank of Kazakhstan in 2015 – 2017, he strengthened collaborations with financial authorities and international organizations, considering national strategies, regional developments as well as global geopolitical dynamics.

From 2017 to 2020, Yerlan Danenov worked for the International Monetary Fund, serving as Senior Advisor to the IMF Executive Director representing the Swiss Constituency, which accounts for 9 countries (Switzerland, Poland, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Serbia, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan). He was responsible for crafting position statements on IMF policies and country reports for Executive Board meetings, ensuring communications at the top level, guiding internal and external exchanges, taking into account global governance issues, risks and economic outlooks. Currently, he consults for an U.S. based company, specializing in sovereign and strategic advisory.

Yerlan Danenov is certified with DALF C2 in French, while also being fluent in English, Kazakh and Russian, and holds a Master's in advanced studies in European and International Governance from the University of Geneva, a Master's in International Relations from the Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, and studied Law at Paris I - Pantheon Sorbonne University.