

Agenda
of the SECOND MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON INSTITUTIONAL
AND LEGAL STRENGTHENING OF IFAS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF
ASBP-3

20-22 April 2010

Address: Almaty oblast, Karasayskiy region, Tau Samaly (ex.Kamenka),
Resort facility "Alatau"

First day (20 April 2010)

09.00 Opening statement by Saghit Ibatullin, Chairman of EC IFAS

Opening statements by representatives of UNECE and GTZ

Outcomes of the visit of the UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon to Central Asia in light of the problems in the Aral Sea basin, by Fedor Klimtchouk, Deputy Head of the UN Regional Center for Preventive Diplomacy in Central Asia

09.30 Session 1: Institutional and legal strengthening of IFAS

Moderator: Marton Krasznai

The session will focus on the identification of easy to implement first steps to improve the effectiveness and coordination of the work of IFAS and its regional organizations. A proposed list of such steps will be presented. Participants will be invited to discuss a phased approach to the improvement of the organizational structure and legal basis of IFAS: each phase could be developed and agreed upon after the successful completion and evaluation of the previous phase.

Proposals by participating countries and regional organizations

Additional statements: International experts

EC IFAS members

Representatives of regional organizations

11.00 Coffee break

11.20 Summary of discussion

13.00 Lunch

14.30 Second session: Development of ASBP-3

Moderator: Saghit Ibatullin

The session will hear a report on on-going work on the development of ASBP-3 and provide an opportunity for the donors to present their views and expectations concerning the Programme. Participants are expected to comment on the Framework Document and agree upon a shared vision of ASBP-3 that provides an overall review of on-going or planned national programs, projects funded by the donors' community and a coherent set of proposed new projects that build on and complement on-going or planned activities.

Overview of the process of development of ASBP-3: by Murat Bekniyazov, Head of the IFAS Regional Working Group.

Statements by: Heads of regional working groups on the development of ASBP-3, national experts on the development of ASBP-3, IFAS regional organizations and CAREC.

Information on the outcomes of the Workshop of EC IFAS with representatives of international and donor organizations on 17 March 2010, by Alfred Diebold, EC IFAS Technical Director

16.00 Coffee break

16.30 Continuation of the discussion

18.00 End of the session

19.00 Reception

Second day (21 April 2010)

09.00 Session 3: Development of the ASBP-3

Group A (3rd floor hall): First direction of ASBP-3: Integrated water resources management with due account of the interests of all states in the region

Co-Chairs: H. Ibodzoda, N. Sheraliev

Moderator: A.Demydenko

*The break-out session of **Group A** will offer an opportunity to discuss in more detail the needs, expectations and proposals of member States and regional organizations and to get acquainted with the activities of donors under the first direction of ASBP-3. It is expected that participants will exchange information on the ongoing work under the first direction of ASBP-3 development in their countries and will present proposals and ideas on possible regional projects under this direction.*

Group B (4th floor hall): Second direction of ASBP-3: Environmental protection

Chair: M.Kazakov

Moderator: A.Nikolayenko

*The break-out session of **Group B** will offer an opportunity to discuss in more detail the needs, expectations and proposals of member States and regional organizations and to get acquainted with the activities of donors under the second direction of ASBP-3. It is expected that participants will exchange information on the ongoing work under the second*

direction of ASBP-3 development in their countries and will present proposals and ideas on possible regional projects under this direction.

Group C (5th floor hall): Third direction of ASBP-3: Socio-economic activities

Co-Chairs: M. Narbayev, M.Omorov

Moderator: A.Krutov

*The break-out session of **Group C** will offer an opportunity to discuss in more detail the needs, expectations and proposals of member States and regional organizations and to get acquainted with the activities of donors under the third direction of ASBP-3. It is expected that participants will exchange information on the ongoing work under the third direction of ASBP-3 development in their countries and will present proposals and ideas on possible regional projects under this direction.*

Group D (6th floor hall): Fourth direction of ASBP-3: Institutional and legal strengthening

Chair: K.Ballyev

Moderator: Bo Libert

*The break-out session of **Group D** will offer an opportunity to discuss in more detail the needs, expectations and proposals of member States and regional organizations and to get acquainted with the activities of donors under the fourth direction of ASBP-3. It is expected that participants will exchange information on the ongoing work under the fourth direction of ASBP-3 development in their countries and will present proposals and ideas on possible regional projects under this direction.*

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 Continuation of the break-out sessions of Groups A, B C and D.

13.00 Lunch

14.30 Report by the chairs and moderators of Groups A, B, C and D

Groups A, B, C and D will present the developments on the directions of ASBP-3, in particular the status of preparation at national level and ideas for possible regional projects. The discussion is expected to outline an ASBP-3 composed of four well-balanced and coherent main directions, described in as much detail as possible at this stage.

16.00 Coffee break

16.30 Closing session

Moderator: Bo Libert

General discussion and summary

Participants are expected to agree upon the overall vision of a coherent and balanced ASBP-3 as well as modalities and timelines for its development, in particular substantial preparation of the Donors' Coordination Meeting (third week of May), including the timely

provision of information to EC IFAS on on-going and planned national programs, projects implemented or planned by the donors' community and new projects to be included in the ASBP-3.

18.00 End of the session

Third Day (22 April 2010)

09.0 Discussion in Groups A, B, C and D on the development of four components of ASBP-3

Group A: First direction of ASBP-3: Integrated water resources management with due account of the interests of all states in the region

Group B: Second direction of ASBP-3: Environmental protection

Group C: Third direction of ASBP-3: Socio-economic activities

Group D: Fourth direction of ASBP-3: Institutional and legal strengthening

13.00 Lunch

14.00-16.00 Continuation of discussion