



12th MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL WATER POLICY DIALOGUE ON IWRM IN ARMENIA

Date: May 6, 2014

Location: "Regance" Hotel Complex, 10/1 Davit Anhaght Street, Yerevan

AGENDA

09:00-09:30 Coffee and Registration of Participants

09:30-09:40 Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

Purpose of the meeting and adoption of the agenda - Mr. Volodya Narimanyan

Opening statements

- Ms. Tatiana Efimova, OECD/EAP Task Force Secretariat
- Mr. Alisher Mamadzhanov, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
- Karri Eloheimo, Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE)

09:40-09:45 Status of NPD Activities in Armenia

Status of NPD activities, update on the recent development in water sector of Armenia - Mr. Volodya Narimanyan

Reflections by members of the Steering Committee representing different agencies

09:45-11:15 Session 1 - Economic and financial dimension of the water sector reforms in Armenia

1. Presentations

- ***Future work on economic dimension of water management reform in Armenia – Mr. Vahagn Tonoyan, Country Water Expert, Ms. Tatiana Efimova, OECD (15 min)***
 - Discussion session (25 min)
 - Conclusions/wrap up of discussions (10 min)
- ***Towards a Development of a National Strategy on Sustainable Sanitation in Armenia- Mr. Eduard Mesropyan, JINJ, Ms. Tatiana Efimova, OECD***



- *Overview of key sanitation issues in Armenia. Options for reforming the sanitation sector (15 min)*
- Discussion session (25 min)

2. Policy discussion

3. Decision(s) by the Steering Committee

11:15-11:45 Coffee break

11:45-13:00 Session 2 – Transition towards EU WFD compliant system of water quality monitoring and assessment

1. Presentations

- ***New surface water quality standards in Armenia*** – Ms. Gayane Shahnazaryan, Deputy Head of the Environmental Impact Monitoring Centre of the Ministry of Nature Protection of the Republic of Armenia (30 min)
- ***Working group for transition from the current approaches to water quality monitoring and assess to a common approach based on the EU WFD*** – Ms. Gayane Hovsepyan, Secretary of the NPD Steering Committee (20 min)
- ***Status of the working group*** – Ms. Araksya Davoyan, Deputy Head of Water Resources Management Agency of the Ministry of Nature Protection of Armenia (10 min)

2. Policy discussion

3. Decision(s) by the Steering Committee

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-16:00 Session 3 – UNECE project on the Protocol on Water and Health

1. Presentations

- Outcomes of the NGO Coordination meetings and their inputs to draft national targets - *Ms. Emma Anakhasyan, AWHHE NGO*
- Draft national targets and target dates under the Protocol on Water and Health by different targets areas – *Mr. Vilik Sargsyan, Mr. Tigran Oganezov, national consultants*
- Overview of possible process of finalization and adoption of national targets -- *Mr. Matthew Kahane, UNECE consultant*

2. Policy discussion

- Discussion session on the process of adoption of national targets by Armenia

3. Decision(s) by the Steering Committee

16:00-16:30 Coffee break



16:30-18:00 Session 4 – Cross-fertilization with the NPD process, technical assistance projects in Armenia, closing of the meeting

1. Presentations

- USAID Clean Energy and Water Program, Ms. Lilit Harutyunyan, 15 min
- EU “Environmental Protection of International River Basins”, Mr. Vahagn Tonoyan, 15 min
- “Establishment of Decentralized Wastewater Treatment System in Paraqar Community of Armavir Marz of Armenia”, Mr. Hovhannes Ghazaryan (15 min)
- “Project for Construction of Kaps Reservoir and Gravity Irrigation System” of the German Bank “Credit Institute for Reconstruction” - Mr. Gunther Redmer (15 min)
- Representatives of other organizations and projects will inform on their activities

2. Decision(s) by the Steering Committee

Mr. Narimanyan moderated the session and recalled decisions taken under previous agenda items.