



**13th MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE
NATIONAL WATER POLICY DIALOGUE ON IWRM IN ARMENIA/4th MEETING OF THE NATIONAL
COORDINATION COMMITTEE OF THE EU “ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OF INTERNATIONAL
RIVER BASINS” PROJECT**

Date: December 16, 2014

Location: “Picasso Hall” of “Congress” Hotel, 1 Italia Street, Yerevan

AGENDA

09:00-09:30 Registration of Participants

09:30-09:45 Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

Purpose of the meeting and adoption of the agenda - Mr. Davit Grigoryan

Opening statements

- Mr. John Barker, International Aid/Cooperation Offices in the sphere of agricultural, rural development, forestry, water environment and climate change, EU Delegation to Armenia
- Ms. Tatiana Efimova, OECD/EAP Task Force Secretariat
- Mr. Peep Mardiste, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
- Mr. Timothy Turner, EU “Environmental Protection of International River Basins” (EPIRB) Project

09:45-10:00 Status of NPD Activities in Armenia

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

Reflections by members of the Steering Committee representing different agencies

10:00-11:30 Session 1 - Economic and financial dimension of the water sector reforms in Armenia

1. Presentations

- Towards a Development of a National Strategy on Sustainable Sanitation in Armenia- Ms. *Tatiana Efimova, OECD; Mr. Eduard Mesropyan, JINJ*
- Future work on economic dimension of water management reform in Armenia – Ms. *Tatiana Efimova, OECD; Mr. Vahagn Tonoyan*

2. Policy discussion

3. Decision(s) by the Steering Committee



11:30-12:00 Coffee break

12:00-13:30 Session 2 – UNECE project on the Protocol on Water and Health

1. Presentations

- Project “Improving Health in Armenia through target setting to ensure sustainable water management, access to safe water and adequate sanitation” – *Ms. Emma Anakhasyan, National Consultant*
- Draft national targets and target dates under the Protocol on Water and Health by different targets areas – *Ms. Nune Bakuntz, Deputy Director of National Centre for Disease Control and Prevention of the Ministry of Health of Armenia*
- Road Map to ratification of Water and Health Protocol, and Action Plan to support the implementation of targets and target dates – *Mr. Vahagn Tonoyan, Country Water Management Expert*

2. Policy discussion

3. Decision(s) by the Steering Committee

13:30-14:30 Lunch

14:30-16:00 Session 3 – EU “Environmental Protection of International River Basins” Project

1. Presentations

- Project Progress - *Mr. Timothy Turner, EPIRB Project Team Leader*
- Activities completed in Armenia since the last NCC meeting and plans for the next six months – *Mr. Vahagn Tonoyan, EPIRB Project Country Water Management Expert for Armenia*
- Environmental objectives and draft program of measures for the Akhuryan Water Basin Management Area - *Mr. Aram Gevorgyan, “Resource Management” LLC*

16:00-16:30 Coffee break

16:30-17:30 Session 3 – EU “Environmental Protection of International River Basins” Project (Continued)

1. Presentations

- Pilot Project on Refurbishment of groundwater monitoring in Aknashen village of Ararat Valley of Armenia - *Mr. Harutyun Yeremyan, Chief Specialist of the Division of National Reference Monitoring Network of Freshwater Resources, Hydrogeological Monitoring Centre of the Ministry of Nature Protection of Armenia*
- Pilot Project on Improvement of water resources management and ensuring efficient water use through development of a system for an automated, centralized, on-line control of actual water



use in Metsamor (Sevjur) River basin of Akhuryan BMA – *Mr. Benik Zakaryan, Director of “Geoinfo” LLC*

2. Policy discussion
3. Decision(s) by the Steering Committee

17:30-17:45 Session 4 – Closing of the meeting

Reflections by members of the Steering Committee representing different agencies.

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

18:00 Reception