



Eight meeting of the Steering Committee of the National Water Policy Dialogue on IWRM in Armenia

Date: 11 April 2012

Place: "Regance" hotel complex, Davit Anhaght 10/1, Yerevan

Languages: Armenian, English with simultaneous translation

09:30 Registration and Coffee

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Volodya NARIMANYAN, Water Resources Management Agency of the Ministry of Nature Protection of Armenia, Chairman of the NPD Steering Committee

10:00-10:15 Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

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

Opening statements:

Tatiana Efimova, OECD

Rainer Enderlein, UNECE

10:10-10:30 SESSION I. STATUS OF NPD ACTIVITIES IN ARMENIA

- Mr. Volodya Narimanyan
 - o Status of NPD activities, update on the recent development in water sector of Armenia and in the region:
 - Participation at the World Water Forum 6,
 - Inception of the EC funded projects "Transboundary River Management for the Kura River Basin – Phase III" and "International Protection of International River Basins"
 - OECD regional meeting in Tbilisi on the project "Strengthening the economic and financial dimension of IWRM in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia"
- Mr. Rainer Enderlein



- Achievements over the past 20 years of the UNECE Water Convention

Reflections by members of the Steering Committee representing different agencies

10:30 – 12:00 SESSION II: Economic policy instruments for water resources management

1. Presentations

Preliminary assessment of the innovative economic instruments for water management in the Debed River basin - Vahagn Tonoyan, Pierre Strosser

Review of Economic Instruments for Hydropower and illustration of the German bonus – Verena Mattheis

Innovative Economic Instruments and main lessons learned from the project on economic policy instruments - Pierre Strosser

Closing statements

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

12:00-13:00 LUNCH

13:00 – 14:30 SESSION III. OTHER ACTIVITIES SUPPORTING NATIONAL POLICY CONSULTATIONS

1. Presentations

- Learning from international experience: Review of PES and the case of Evian with the voluntary agreement – Pierre Defrance
- Outcomes of the Armenia Payment for Ecosystems Services pilot project – Benyamin Zakaryan, Geoinfo, Armenia
- OECD project on strengthening the economic and financial dimension of IWRM in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia – Tatiana Efimova and Pierre Strosser
- Forthcoming UNECE-SYKE project on “Setting Targets and Target Dates under the Protocol on Water and Health in Armenia” – Rainer Enderlein



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

14:30-15:00 Coffee Break

15:00 – 17:00 SESSION IV: CROSS-FERTILIZATION WITH THE NPD PROCESS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS IN ARMENIA

1. Presentations
 - Presentation on the European Center for River Restoration and its involvement in Armenia: “Protection and Restoration of River Ecosystems - the Arpa River basin” – Mr. Harald Leummens
 - Presentation of the UNDP/GEF "Reducing Transboundary Degradation in the Kura-Aras River Basin" regional project (Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia) - Ms. Mary Matthews
 - Presentation of the USAID Clean Water and Energy Program in Armenia - Ms. Lilit Harutyunyan
 - Presentation of the EC-funded “Transboundary River Management for the Kura River Basin – Phase III” regional project (Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia) - Mr. Anatoly Pichugin
2. Policy discussion
3. Decision(s) by the Steering Committee

17:00 – 18:00 SESSION V. DECISIONS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Mr. NARIMANYAN will moderate this session and recall the decisions taken under the previous agenda items.

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Reception