



**Agenda**  
**of the Second meeting of the Steering Committee of the National Policy**  
**Dialogue on Integrated Water Resources Management in Turkmenistan**  
**(NPD)**

*Date:* 27 September 2012

**Venue:** Ashgabat, Hotel “President”

**Languages:** Russian and English, simultaneous interpretation

**Co-Chairs:**

- Mr. Ahmet Muhammedov, Deputy Minister of Water Economy of Turkmenistan
- Mr. Djumamurad Saparmuradov, Deputy Minister of Nature Protection of Turkmenistan

**09.00 – 09.30 Registration of participants**

**09.30 – 10.10 Opening of the meeting and adoption of agenda**

- Mr. Ahmet Muhammedov, Deputy Minister of Water Economy of Turkmenistan;
- Mr. Djumamurad Saparmuradov, Deputy Minister of Nature Protection of Turkmenistan;
- Mr. Andrey Vasilyev, Deputy Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE);
- Ms. Anne Suotula, Head, Liaison Office of the European Union;
- Ms. Jacinta Barrins, United Nations Resident Coordinator, Turkmenistan

10.05 – 10.10 Objectives of the meeting, adoption of agenda - *Mr. Ahmet Muhammedov, Deputy Minister of Water Economy of Turkmenistan*

**10.10 – 12.00 Session 1. Progress in implementation of cooperation between UNECE and Turkmenistan under the Programme of National Policy Dialogues in the framework of EU Water Initiative**

10.10 – 10.30 EU Water Initiative. Review of implementation of the National Policy Dialogues in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia. Work plan for 2012-2013. – *Mr. Nicola Di Pietrantonio (DG EuropeAid Development and Cooperation, European Commission) and Ms. Iulia Trombitcaia (UNECE)*

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 11.20 Report on implementation of decisions of the previous Steering Committee meeting – *Mr. Ahmet Muhammedov, Deputy Minister of Water Economy of Turkmenistan*

11.20 – 11.40 Outcome of the seminar on IWRM and results of work of the expert group –



*Mr. Arslan Berdyev, UNECE National Coordinator of the National Policy Dialogue in Turkmenistan*

11.40 – 12.00 Questions and comments

**12.00 – 13.30 Session 2. IWRM implementation in Turkmenistan: achievements and opportunities**

12.00 – 12.20 Review of water policies in Turkmenistan and proposals on IWRM implementation cooperation – *Mr. Guvanch Khanmedov, Head, Operational Department, Ministry of Water Economy of Turkmenistan*

12.20 – 12.40 River basin management approach in Turkmenistan – *Mr. Harry Liiv, UNECE expert, Ministry of Environment of Estonia*

12.40 – 13.00 Implementation of IWRM principles in environmental policy in Turkmenistan – *Ministry of Nature Protection of Turkmenistan*

13.00 – 13.30 Questions and comments, discussion on the issues addressed during sessions 1 and 2

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch

**14.30 – 17.30 Session 3. Towards IWRM: water management and environmental projects and activities in Central Asia and in Turkmenistan**

14.30 – 16.00 Activities of the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia (UNRCCA) on facilitating cooperation in water resources management – *Mr. Fedor Klimtchouk, Deputy Head, UNRCCA*

Activities of the Executive Committee of IFAS – project on climate change – *Mr. Kurbangeldy Ballyev, representative of Turkmenistan in EC IFAS*

Water resources and climate change – activities of UNDP-Turkmenistan – *representative of UNDP-Turkmenistan*

Questions and comments

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee break

GIZ programme “Transboundary water management in Central Asia”: activities in Turkmenistan – *Ms. Mayya Nurmamedova, GIZ*

Project “Capacity building in data administration for assessing and monitoring transboundary water resources in the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia” – *Ms. Manon Cassara, International Office for Water, France*



20-year anniversary of the UNECE Water Convention:  
achievements and activities in Central Asia and Turkmenistan – *Ms.  
Iulia Trombitcaia, UNECE*

Questions and comments, discussion of issues addressed during  
session 3

**17.30 – 18.00 Session 4: Discussion of future work under the National Policy  
Dialogue, proposals and recommendations**

Presentation of proposals and recommendations

Conclusions of the meeting – co-Chairs of the meeting.  
Representatives of UNECE and EU.

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**19.00 Reception in the Hotel “Azia”**