

Legal Perspectives on the Azerbaijan Water Strategy

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Context

- Current legislation
 - Complex set of legislative enactments and legal standards on water sector
 - Water Code, Environmental Protection Act
 - Water use and discharge permits, payments / tariffs
 - Scarcity of water and the economic value of water are not fully taken into account
- Strategic and legislative objectives
 - Protection of water resources and eco-systems
 - Sustainable and efficient use of water resources
 - Meeting and prioritizing the needs of different water uses
 - Promotion of water saving and cost recovery
 - Improvement of transboundary cooperation



Development of legislation

- Realistic and applicable legislation
- Objectives: Short-, mid- and long-term
 - Implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive and national priorities
 - Legislative timetable and transitional provisions
- Themes
 - Integrated Water Resources Management
 - Water use
 - Water Protection
 - Water Services
- Role of water and general environmental legislation



Possible legal priorities

- Clear defined rights for water use
 - Water use permitting
- Order of priority for different water uses
 - Drinking water, necessary food production...
 - Alternative water sources,
 - Sustainable use and environmental flows
- Water protection
 - Point-source water pollution permitting
- Access to water and sanitation
 - Safe water services, basic needs and recovery of costs
- Co-operation on the use of international water resources



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