

Assessing equitable access to water and sanitation in Albania

Findings workshop

27.03.2024, 09:00 – 16:00

Hilton Garden Inn, Tirana, Albania

9:00-9:30	Welcome coffee and registration of participants
9:30-9:55	Opening remarks <u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Arduen Karagjozi, <i>Director, Directory of Strategic Management, Water Resource Management Agency</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Gerta Lubonja, <i>General Director, Water Resources Management Agency</i> - <i>High-level representative from the Ministry of Health and Social Protection (tbc)</i> - Ms. Fiona McCluney, <i>UN Resident Coordinator in Albania</i> - Ms. Geraldine McWeeny, <i>WHO Representative in Albania</i> - Ms. Diane Guerrier, <i>Environmental Affairs Officer, UNECE</i>
Session 1 – Setting the stage <u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Arduen Karagjozi, <i>Director, Directory of Strategic Management, Water Resources Management Agency</i>	
9:55-10:05	Introductory tour-de-table <i>All participants</i>
10:05-10:20	Equitable Access to Water and Sanitation under the UNECE-WHO/Europe Protocol on Water and Health <i>Mr. Armin Bigham Ghazani, Associate Environmental Affairs Officer, UNECE</i>
10:20-10:30	Driving action on access to water sanitation for all under the Protocol: experiences from other countries <i>Ms. Diane Guerrier, Environmental Affairs Officer, UNECE</i>
10:30-10:45	Coffee break
Session 2 – Assessing Equitable Access to Water and Sanitation in Albania <u>Moderator:</u> Ms. Ermela Kraja, <i>Head of Water Resources Sector, Water Resources Management Agency</i>	
10:45-11:00	Assessing equitable access in Albania: background, objectives and methodology <i>Mr. Arduen Karagjozi, Director, Directory of Strategic Management, Water Resources Management Agency</i>

11:00-13:00	<p>Main findings of the Equitable Access self-assessment in Albania</p> <p>Steering governance frameworks for equitable access to water and sanitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Ermela Kraja, <i>Head of Water Resources Sector, Water Resources Management Agency</i> <p><i>Questions and answers</i></p> <p>Reducing geographical disparities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Zhaneta Miska, <i>Sanitary engineer, Ministry of Health and Social Protection</i> <p><i>Questions and answers</i></p> <p>Ensuring access for vulnerable and marginalized communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Ana Majko, <i>Consultant</i> <p><i>Questions and answers</i></p> <p>Keeping water and sanitation affordable for all</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Enkelejda Gjinali, <i>Lead consultant</i> <p><i>Questions and answers</i></p>
13:00-14:00	Lunch break
14:00-14:45	<p>Interactive brainstorming in breakout groups</p> <p>Discuss a preliminary roadmap to address gaps and challenges identified during the assessment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Steering governance frameworks for equitable water and sanitation (<i>Facilitated by Ms. Ermela Kraja</i>) 2. Reducing geographical disparities (<i>Facilitated by Ms. Zhaneta Miska</i>) 3. Ensuring access for vulnerable and marginalized groups (<i>Facilitated by Ms. Ana Majko</i>) 4. Keeping water and sanitation affordable for all (<i>Facilitated by Ms. Enkelejda Gjinali</i>)
14:45-15:00	Coffee break
15:00-15:45	<p>Discuss a preliminary roadmap to address gaps and challenges identified during the assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestions from Group 1 • Suggestions from Group 2 • Suggestions from Group 3 • Suggestions from Group 4 <p><i>Wrap-up by the facilitator</i></p> <p>Facilitator of the discussion: Ms. Ermela Kraja, <i>Head of Water Resources Sector, Water Resources Management Agency</i></p>

15:45-16:00

Conclusions of the workshop, ways forward, and closing

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