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**Fourth meeting of the Steering Committee of the National Policy Dialogue on Integrated Water  
Resources Management in Azerbaijan**

**27 February 2015, Baku, Azerbaijan**

*The meeting will take place at the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Azerbaijan  
Address: 100-A B. Agaev Street, Baku*

**Languages:** Azeri and English, simultaneous interpretation provided

**FINAL AGENDA**

<b>09.30-10.00</b>	<b><i>Registration and coffee</i></b>
<b>10.00-10.30</b>	<p><b>Opening. Adoption of the agenda.</b> Opening: Mr Rasim Sattar-zada, Head of Environmental Policy Division</p> <p><i>Welcoming remarks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Parviz Yusifov, EC Delegation</li> <li>• Ms Tatiana Efimova, OECD</li> <li>• Mr Peep Mardiste, NPD Coordinator, UNECE</li> <li>• Mr Zurab Jincharadze EPIRB Project Deputy Team Leader</li> </ul> <p>Purpose of the meeting and adoption of the agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Mutallim Abdulhasanov, Head of Subdivision in Environmental Protection Policy Unit of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources</li> </ul>
<b>10.30-12.30</b>	<p><b>SESSION I. Joint National Policy Dialog and EU “Environmental Protection of International River Basins(EPIRB)” Project National Coordinating Committee session on developments in the water sector in Azerbaijan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The recent developments in the water sector of Azerbaijan, State Water Agency, Ministry of Emergency / Ministry of Ecology</li> <li>• Status with a draft national water strategy Arif Akhundov, Water Agency, Mr Rafiq Verdiyev, National expert</li> <li>• EPIRB Project Progress - Zurab Jincharadze EPIRB Project Deputy Team Leader</li> <li>• EPIRB project activities in Azerbaijan, including development of IRBMP for Central Kura Pilot area, Rafiq Verdiyev, EPIRB project Country Water Management Expert, Azerbaijan</li> </ul> <p>Reflections by members of the Steering Committee representing different agencies Discussion</p>
<b>12.30-13.15</b>	<p><b>SESSION III. UNECE-WHO/EUROPE Protocol on Water and Health</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planned process for setting of national targets under the Protocol on Water and</li> </ul>



	Health, Mr Peep Mardiste, UNECE and Ms. Leylakhanum Taghizade, Republican Centre of Hygiene and Epidemiology Discussion
<b>13.15-14.15</b>	<b><i>Lunch</i></b>
<b>14.15 – 15.15</b>	<b>SESSION IV. Multi-purpose water reservoirs in Azerbaijan: to make its operations sustainable achieving water policy objectives</b> <i>Presentation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• During this session a new project will be presented, which will be aimed to address the following aspects: (i) How to minimize competition among multipurpose water uses of reservoirs; (ii) How to set an appropriate governance to allow coordinated water uses management, and (iii) How to address the financing, as well as economic issues, of operating such multipurpose reservoirs - Ms Tatiana Efimova, OECD</li></ul> Discussion
<b>15.15 - 16.30</b>	<b>SESSION V. CROSS-FERTILIZATION WITH THE NPD PROCESS, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS IN AZERBAIJAN</b> <i>Presentations:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• UNECE project on pilot assessment of the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus in the Alazani/Ganikh basin. Ms. Annukka Lipponen, UNECE and Ms. Lucia de Strasser, UNECE consultant for KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden</li></ul> Invited interventions from the concerned ministries in Azerbaijan Discussion
<b>16.30 – 16.45</b>	<b><i>Coffee break</i></b>
<b>16.45 - 17.45</b>	<b>SESSION V. DISCUSSION OF THE NPD ACTIVITIES FOR 2015 AND BEYOND IN AZERBAIJAN</b> <i>Presentations:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Direction EUWI NPD activities in Azerbaijan for 2015 and beyond.</li></ul> Joint presentation of OECD and UNECE of the three main pillars of EUWI EECCA work in 2016-2019, priorities for Azerbaijan.  <i>The Chair will recall the decisions taken under the previous agenda items.</i>