



EAP Task Force

**National Policy Dialogue
on Financing the Integrated Water Resources Management
in Armenia**

First meeting of the Steering Committee
04 March 2010
Picasso Conference Hall of the Congress Hotel
1 Italy str.,
Yerevan

AGENDA

for the first meeting, starting on 04 March 2010 at 9:30 hours with the registration

The meeting will be chaired by Mr. V. NARIMANYAN, Agency for Water Management, Armenia.

Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

10:00-10:15

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

- Opening statements by representatives of the European Commission, OECD and representatives of other international and national organizations, institutions and programmes

SESSION I: FINANCIAL DIMENSION OF WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT IN THE MARMARIK RIVER BASIN

10:15-11:30

1. Introductory statements

- Mr. Volodya NARIMANYAN

Purpose of launching a new activity related to issues of financing water resources management in the Marmarik river basin. Achievements of the policy dialogue in 2007-2009.

- Mr. Peter BORKEY
OECD work on financing water
- Ms. Tatiana EFIMOVA
Financing water management in the Marmarik river basin - Approach applied

A. Strategy for the Marmarik river basins: Assessment of water related costs

- Mr. Vahagn TONoyAN
Baseline scenario v.s. Improvement scenario - assessment of costs, including O&M and capital costs in all relevant sub-sectors in the Marmarik river basin
2. Policy discussion
 3. Decision(s) by the Steering Committee

11:30-11:45 Coffee Break

11:45-13:00

B. Strategy for the Marmarik river basins: Available financing and existing financing gap

1. Introductory statements
 - Mr. Volodya NARIMANYAN
Water management financing in Armenia: main instruments etc
Status with financing the existing river management plans
 - Marmarik River Basin Organisation representative
Principles of RBO financing, activities, annual budget etc.
 - Mr. Vahagn TONoyAN
Estimated total available financing in the Marmarik river basin.
Existing financing gap.
2. Policy discussion
3. Decision(s) by the Steering Committee

13:00-14:00 LUNCH



SESSION II: TOWARDS DEVELOPMENT SCENARIOS

14:00-15:45

1. Introductory statements
 - Mr. Volodya NARIMANYAN
Need for regulatory reform: transfer of revenue-raising responsibilities from the national to the basin level, creation of the incentives for private investments
 - Mr. Rainer ENDERLEIN
Innovative financing mechanisms: Ecosystem taxes
 - Representatives of the working group will present development scenarios options which might imply a variety of possible water allocation trade-offs, and which result in improving of water quality and minimizing of seasonal water scarcity in the Marmarik River basin.
2. Policy discussion
3. Decision(s) by the Steering Committee

15:45-16:00 Coffee Break

SESSION III: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS IN ARMENIA

16:00 -17:00

1. Introductory statements
 - Representatives of the WB, UNDP/country office, USAID, the EU/Tacis team on water governance for the Western EECCA region and the WHO/country office in Armenia will inform the Steering Committee about their activities
2. Policy discussion
3. Decision(s) by the Steering Committee

SESSION IV: DECISIONS OF THE SG MEETING

17:00-17:20

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

Participants are most welcome to a reception after the meeting.