



Sixth meeting of the Steering Committee Meeting of the National Water Policy Dialogue in Armenia

Date: 25 February 2011

Place: Picasso Conference Hall of the Congress Hotel, 1 Italy str., Yerevan

Languages: Armenian, English with simultaneous translation

Agenda

09:30 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 OECD and UNECE

SESSION I: STATUS OF NPD ACTIVITIES IN ARMENIA

10:15-11:30

1. Introductory statements

- Mr. Volodya NARIMANYAN
Status of NPD activities

- Follow up to the policy packages drawn up under the NPD process
Policy package “Action plan on improving health in Armenia through target setting to ensure sustainable water management, access to safe water and adequate sanitation”

- Update on implementation of a pilot project on payments for ecosystem services supported by the UNECE – Benyamin Zakaryan, Director of “Geoinfo” LLC, and Seyran Minasyan, Deputy Head of Environmental Impact Monitoring Center



2. Policy discussion
3. Decision(s) by the Steering Committee

11:30-11:45 Coffee Break

SESSION II: STATUS OF NPD ACTIVITIES IN ARMENIA - FINANCIAL DIMENSION OF WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT IN ARMENIA

11:45-13:15

1. Introductory statements
 - Mr. Volodya NARIMANYAN
Purpose of launching the activities related to issues of financing water resources management in Armenia
 - Mr. Xavier Leflaive
OECD work on financing the water resources management
 - Ms. Tatiana EFIMOVA
Financing water resources management in Armenia. Achievements of the Policy Dialogue in 2010
 - Mr. Vahagn TONoyAN
Financial dimension of water resources management in the Marmarik River Basin
2. Policy discussion
3. Decision(s) by the Steering Committee

13:15-14:15 LUNCH

SESSION III: NPD ACTIVITIES IN 2011 AND BEYOND

14:15-15:45

1. Introductory statements
 - Presentation on draft Debed River basin management plan, prepared within the EU Kura River phase II project – **Mr. Aram Gevorgyan**
 - Presentation on vulnerability of water resources in Khrami-Debed River basin due to climate change, prepared within the UNDP Climate Change project – **Mr. Benyamin Zakaryan, Director** of "Geoinfo" LLC
 - OECD work on financing water resources management – Mr. Xavier Lefailve, OECD



- Project idea on economic and financial aspects of integrated water resources management of Debed River basin – **Ms. Tatiana Efimova**, OECD
 - Representatives of Northern water basin management authority, Lori regional administration, local industrial enterprises and other representatives
2. Policy discussion
 3. Decision(s) by the Steering Committee

15:45-16:00 Coffee Break

SESSION III: CROSS-FERTILIZATION WITH THE NPD PROCESS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS IN ARMENIA

16:00 -16:30

Other projects and initiatives

SESSION IV: DECISIONS OF THE SG MEETING

16:30-16:50

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