

MINUTES

Forth session of Steering committee within the frame of National Water Policy Dialogue in Kyrgyzstan in the sphere of integrated water resources management

Bishkek

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The representatives of the Kyrgyz Republic, Finland and the international donor organizations took part in the work of forth session of Steering committee. The list of participants is attached (Annex 1).

The participants of the session approved the following agenda:

1. Opening of the session
2. Welcoming speech
3. National Policy Dialogues on IWRM within the frame of EU Water Initiative
4. The activity of Steering committee to support institutional reform of water sector in Kyrgyzstan
5. The activity of Steering committee to support improvement of water sector finance in the Kyrgyz Republic
6. Experience of the international and other organizations on the introduction of integrated water resources management in the Kyrgyz Republic and prospects of cooperation within the frame of National Water Policy Dialogue.
7. Further activity of Steering committee of National Water Policy Dialogue in Kyrgyzstan in the sphere of integrated water resources management
8. Decision-making of the forth session of Steering committee
9. Closing of the session

The agenda of forth session of Steering committee is given in Annex 2.

The session participants made the following decisions and recommendations on the items of the agenda discussed:

1. To take notice of the information on National Water Policy Dialogue (NPD) on IWRM within the frame of EU Water Initiative and support mechanisms in the context of European Union directives.
2. In a view of merging of Steering committees of NPD on IWRM and water supply and sewerage (WSS), the State Committee of water resources and land reclamation (SCWR&LR) to prepare a draft of the relevant Resolution and to submit it for consideration of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic.
3. To take notice of the Recommendations made by the EU-UNDP project on IWRM principles' integration in Kyrgyzstan. The documents developed within the frame of the project are the following:
 - Draft Regulations on the National Water Council of the Kyrgyz Republic.
 - Draft Procedures of the National Water Council and its Secretariat.To be submitted to SCWR&LR for approval and application during establishment of the National Water Council.
4. To approve selection of the Issyk-Kul Lake basin as a pilot project on economic and financial aspects of basin water resources management funded by the Government of Switzerland, EU and OECD

SWG EAPCEE within the frame of EU Water Initiative. SCWR&LR confirmed its agreement to become the main partner from the part of Kyrgyzstan in the indicated pilot project.

5. To take notice of Diagnostic report and action plan on cooperation development prepared within the frame of the project of UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) „Water quality in Central Asia” and to recommend to bring it up for the discussion by the Regional working group on water quality to be held in Bishkek, on May 25-26, 2011.
6. To take notice of the information about the projects funded by the Government of Finland, and about the projects of UNECE implemented in water sector of Central Asia.
7. To take notice of the information about the projects funded by the World Bank, EBRD and GIZ implemented in water sector of Kyrgyzstan.
8. For more efficient coordination of the work of ministries and agencies involved in water resources management in Kyrgyzstan, to map national and international organizations and projects implemented in water sector and to prepare a relevant report by the next session of Steering committee.
9. To welcome sharing of experience of the international and other organizations in terms of integrated water resources management introduction in Kyrgyzstan within the frame of National Water Policy Dialogue. To enable regular sessions on the indicated topic during each meeting of Steering committee.
10. Within the frame of further activity of Steering committee:
 - To consider an opportunity to include IWRM awareness and training in the list of issues discussed within the frame of IWRM NPD.
 - To consider an opportunity to establish a working group with the support of UNECE on the development of target indicators on UNECE-WHO Protocol on water and health issues.
 - During current activity on establishment of Chu basin council withing the frame of IWRM NPD to consider an opportunity to develop basin plan for the Chu River basin with the support of UNECE.
11. To approve spelled out proposals to be included into the action plan of Steering committee in 2012. To consider action plan of the council at the next session of the council. The next session of Steering committee within the frame of National Water Policy Dialogue in Kyrgyzstan in the sphere of integrated water resources management to be held in autumn of 2011 in Bishkek.

Chairman

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