

MINUTES
of the Steering Committee meeting on reviewing draft document «Strategy of water sector reformation» under
National Policy Dialogues on IWRM in Tajikistan

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Members of the Steering Committee, representatives of national working group on elaboration of legal and institutional documents on preparation to water sector reform in the Republic of Tajikistan of the Ministry of Melioration and Natural Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan, as well as Ms Elle Bekma, Head of the working group of the project «Supporting the Ministry of Melioration and Natural Resources and Water-Energy Council in elaboration of the Water Sector Strategy, plan of realization and investments in irrigation sub-sector» participated in revision of the draft document «Strategy of water sector reformation». List of participants is attached (Annex 1).

Participants of the meeting adopted the following agenda:

- 1.Revision of the draft document «Strategy of water sector reformation»;
- 2.Establishment of the working group and coordination of its targets and objectives;
- 3.Presentation of principle of payment, mechanism of coordination and non-irrigational issues of the draft strategy document;
- 4.Discussion of the principle «payment for service – service for payment» (for e.g. water-users associations, drinking water supply associations);
- 5.Discussion of proposed mechanism of coordination in the draft water sector reformation strategy document;
- 6.Discussion of different non-irrigational elements of the draft strategy document;
- 7.Proposal of changes and additions to the draft strategy;
- 8.Conclusions of the meeting and discussion of the next meeting.

Agenda of the Steering Committee meeting is in Annex 2.

The main presenter Ms Elle Bekma put in the draft document «Strategy of water sector reformation» with regard to all items of the agenda. Following discussion of the agenda items participants of the meeting made the following decisions and recommendations:

1. It is required to make substantial changes in the document including all comments and recommendations of the members of the Steering Committee.
2. To establish a working group on finalizing the draft document «Strategy of water sector reformation» on the level of representatives of the Steering Committee in order to finalize the document including all stakeholders.
3. To Ms Elle Bekma, Head of the working group of the project «Supporting the Ministry of Melioration and Natural Resources and Water-Energy Council in elaboration of the Water Sector Strategy, plan of realization and investments in irrigation sub-sector», to elaborate a Technical task for the members of the working group.
4. To ask UN ECE for funding of the working group under the National water policy on IWRM in Tajikistan project in 2012.
5. To the working group to submit finalized draft document «Strategy of water sector reformation».

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