

MINUTES
of the meeting of the Working group of the Ministry of Melioration and Water Resources
of the Republic of Tajikistan

15 September 2011

Dushanbe

Participants:

S.Rahimov	First Deputy Minister of Melioration and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan
Sh.Nazifov	Head of the Monitoring of Hydraulic Power Station and Water Economy Facilities Administration
D.Kimsanov	Head of the Economy and Forecasting Administration
R.Khotamov	Head of the Mechanization, Transport and Industry Department, expert on mechanization, transport and industry in water sector
M.Sharipov	Main specialist of the Water Resources Science and Technology Administration
G.Rasulov	Main specialist of the Law and Personnel Administration, lawyer
N.Urunov	Main specialist of the Irrigation Systems Exploitation Administration
B.Gafarov	National manager of the National Water Policy Dialogue on IWRM in Tajikistan project
M.Shakirova	Project Assistant “National Water Policy Dialogue on IWRM in Tajikistan”

Agenda:

1. Establishment of a national expert group on legal and institutional issues of the Ministry of Melioration and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan for preparation of water sector reformation.
2. Elaboration of draft legal and institutional documents on preparation to the water sector reform.

On the first item of the agenda Mr Sulton Rahimov, the First Deputy Minister of Melioration and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan, pointed out that according to the item 3 of the decisions adopted on the first Steering Committee meeting on the National Water Policy Dialogue on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) in Tajikistan on 16 March 2011, Dushanbe, a national expert group on preparation to implementation of the National water sector reformation strategy, including legal and institutional aspects, has been established. With this regard in order to implement this decision and establish a national expert group the participants gathered for this meeting. Objectives of the national expert group will include elaboration of the draft legal and institutional documents on preparation to water sector reformation. All work will be carried out under implementation of a joint project of UN ECE, Ministry of Melioration and Water Resources and «DEPAS», LLC “National Water Policy Dialogue on IWRM in Tajikistan”.

Following discussion of the agenda items participants of the meeting made the following decisions and recommendations:

1. To establish a national working group chaired by Mr Sulton Rahimov, the First Deputy Minister of Melioration and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan, consisting of:

Sh.Nazifov Head of the Monitoring of Hydraulic Power Station and Water Economy Facilities Administration

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2. To the project national manager Mr B.Gafarov to prepare contracts and technical task for the national working group for the period 15-30 September 2011.

3. To the national coordinator of the project Mr A.Kamoliddinov who supports the work of the national working group through consultations on legal and institutional aspects of implementation of IWRM principles.

4. To project assistant of the National Water Policy Dialogue in Tajikistan project Ms M.Shakirova to carry out preparatory activities for the meeting of the expert group of the Ministry and writing the minutes of these meetings.

On the second item of the agenda Mr A.Kamoliddinov, national coordinator of the project, presented the main legal and institutional documents that need to be prepared in the first place in order to successfully implement IWRM.

Following discussion of the agenda items participants of the meeting made the following decisions and recommendations:

1. To the experts of the national working group in agreed deadline to elaborate the following draft legal and institutional documents on preparation to the water sector reformation in the Republic of Tajikistan:

- New management structure and scheme of the Ministry of Melioration and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan including transition to basin management approach.
- Draft decree of the Republic of Tajikistan on reorganization of the Ministry Melioration and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan.
- Management structure and scheme of the "Mirob" agency of the Ministry Melioration and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan.
- Draft decree of the Republic of Tajikistan on the "Mirob" agency of the Ministry Melioration and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan.
- Draft provision on the Ministry Melioration and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan and its new structure.
- Draft provision on the "Mirob" agency of the Ministry of Melioration and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan.
- Draft provision on the Administration of special control on use and protection of water resources of the Ministry of Melioration and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan.
- Model project of provision on the Administration of river basins water resources.

- Model project of provision on Basin organizations.

2. Drafts of the documents listed above to be submitted for preliminary revision to the Chair of the national working group by 25 September 2011.

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