

**United Nations Economic Commission for Europe**

**State Committee on Water Management and Melioration of the Kyrgyz Republic**

**National seminar “Strengthening transboundary water cooperation and adaptation to climate change”<sup>1</sup>**

Issyk-Kul, health resort Avrora (<http://www.issyk-kul.org/avrora.htm>)  
26-27 September 2011

25 September, Sunday, 14.00, departure from Bishkek by bus	
<b>26 September 2011, Monday</b>	
09.00 – 09.30	<b>Opening session</b>  Opening remarks, <i>Mr. Chyngyz Uzakbaev, Deputy Head, State Committee on Water Management and Melioration of the Kyrgyz Republic</i>  Opening remarks, <i>Ms. Francesca Bernardini, Secretary to the Water Convention, UNECE</i>  Opening remarks, <i>GIZ (tbc)</i>
09.30 – 10.30	<b>Session 1: Climate change and its impacts on water resources</b>  Climate change impacts on water resources and adaptation needs, <i>Mr. Roman Corobov, consultant, the Republic of Moldova</i>
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 13.00	<b>Session 2: International water law and the UNECE Water Convention</b>  International water law: key principles and provisions, <i>Mr. Sergei Vinogradov, University of Dundee/UNESCO Center for Water Science, Policy and Law</i>  Principal obligations under the Water Convention, <i>Ms. Iulia Trombitcaia, UNECE</i>  Principal obligations under the Protocol on Water and Health, <i>Ms. Francesca Bernardini, Co-Secretary to the Protocol, UNECE</i>
13.00 – 15.00	Lunch
15.00 – 16.30	<b>Session 3: International water law and climate change adaptation</b>  International water law and climate change <i>Mr. Sergei Vinogradov, University of Dundee/UNESCO Center for Water Science,</i>

<sup>1</sup> The national seminar takes place in the framework of UNECE-GIZ Programme “Regional Dialogue and Cooperation on Water Resources Management in Central Asia”.

	<p><i>Policy and Law</i></p> <p>How the Water Convention and its Protocol help in climate change adaptation: the Guidance on Water and Adaptation to Climate Change <i>Ms. Sonja Koeppel, UNECE</i></p> <p>Water and sanitation in extreme weather events <i>Ms. Francesca Bernardini, UNECE</i></p>
16.30 – 17.00	Coffee break
17.00 – 17.30	Discussion
<b>27 September 2011, Tuesday</b>	
09.30 – 11.15	<p><b>Session 4: Institutional arrangements for transboundary water cooperation in adaptation: theory and practical examples</b></p> <p>Joint bodies for transboundary water cooperation and their role in adaptation <i>Ms. Iulia Trombitcaia, UNECE</i></p> <p>Programme of pilot projects on adaptation to climate change in transboundary basins under the UNECE Water Convention <i>Ms. Sonja Koeppel, UNECE</i></p> <p>Sava Basin <i>Mr. Dejan Komatina, Secretary, International Sava River Basin Commission</i></p>
11.15 – 11.45	Coffee break
11.45 – 13.30	<p>Dniester Basin <i>Mr. Roman Corobov, consultant, the Republic of Moldova</i></p> <p>Chu-Talas Basin climate change pilot project <i>Mr. Ryspek Apasov, National Manager of EU/UNDP IWRM project in Kyrgyzstan</i></p>
13.30 – 15.00	Lunch
15.00 – 16.30	<p><b>Session 4: Transboundary water cooperation of Kyrgyzstan</b></p> <p>Project activities on transboundary water cooperation <i>Mr. Erkin Orolbayev, consultant</i></p> <p>Discussion on the opportunities to strengthen transboundary water cooperation, including in adaptation to climate change <i>(moderated by Mr. Chyngyz Uzakbaev and Ms. Iulia Trombitcaia)</i></p>
16.30 – 17.00	Coffee break
17.00 – 17.15	<p>Conclusions</p> <p>Concluding remarks, <i>Mr. Chyngyz Uzakbaev, Deputy Head, State Committee on</i></p>

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*Concluding remarks, Ms. Francesca Bernardini, Secretary to the Water Convention, UNECE*

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