



**10<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE  
NATIONAL WATER POLICY DIALOGUE ON IWRM IN ARMENIA/2<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE EPIRB  
PROJECT NATIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE IN ARMENIA**

**Date:** September 26, 2013

**Location:** "Regance" Hotel Complex, 10/1 Davit Anghaght Street, Yerevan

**AGENDA**

**09:00-09:30 Coffee and Registration of Participants**

**09:30-09:40 Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda**

Purpose of the meeting and adoption of the agenda - Mr. Volodya Narimanyan

Opening statements

- Peep Mardiste, NPD Regional Coordinator, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
- Tatiana Efimova, OECD/EAP Task Force Secretariat

**09:40-09:45 Status of NPD Activities in Armenia**

Status of NPD activities, update on the recent development in water sector of Armenia - Mr. Volodya Narimanyan

Reflections by members of the Steering Committee representing different agencies

**09:45-11:15 Session 1 - EU funded "Environmental Protection of International River Basins" project**

1. Presentations

- **Main progress achieved since the 1<sup>st</sup> NCC meeting and status of current activities** – Vahagn Tonoyan, Country water management expert - Armenia (20 min)
- **Identification, delineation and preliminary classification of surface and groundwater bodies in Akhuryan Water Basin Management Area** – Aram Gevorgyan, Chairman of "Environmental Policy Analysis" NGO (20 min)
- **Workplan of the upcoming 6 months** – Zurab Jincharadze, Deputy Team Leader of the project (20 min)

2. Policy discussion

3. Decision(s) by the Steering Committee



**11:15-11:45 Coffee break**

**11:45-13:15 Session 2 – OECD: Economic instruments in water management**

1. Presentations

- ***Facilitating the reform of economic instruments in Armenia: Development and assessment of the proposed options for reform – Preliminary Results*** - Gloria de Paoli, Economist, "ACTeon" Scientific-Research Organization, and Vahagn Tonoyan
  - *Presentation on reform of abstraction and pollution fees (15 min)*
  - Discussion session (25 min)
  
  - *Presentation on reform of land/property taxes and renting system (15 min)*
  - Discussion session (25 min)
  
  - *Conclusions/wrap up of discussions (10 min)*

2. Decision(s) by the Steering Committee

**13:15-14:15 Lunch**

**14:15-15:45 Session 3 – Transition EU WFD compliancy system of water quality monitoring and assessmnet**

1. Presentations

- ***New surface water quality standards in Armenia*** - Liana Margaryan, Deputy Head of the Environmental Impact Monitoring Centre of the Ministry of Nature Protection of the Republic of Armenia (20 min)
- ***Proposal for transition from the current approaches to water quality monitoring and assess to a common approach based on the EU WFD*** - Gayane Hovsepyan, Secretary of the NPD Steering Committee (20 min)

2. Policy discussion

3. Decision(s) by the Steering Committee

**15:45-16:15 Coffee break**



**16:15-17:15 Session 4 – UNECE project on the Protocol on Water and Health**

1. Presentations

- **Baseline analysis for setting national targets under the Protocol on Water and Health in Armenia- Preliminary Results**, National Consultants
- **Workplan for the remainder of the project**, Peep Mardiste, NPD Regional Coordinator, UNECE

2. Policy discussion

3. Decision(s) by the Steering Committee

**17:15-18:00 Session 5 – Cross-fertilization with the NPD process, technical assistance projects in Armenia, closing of the meeting**

1. Presentations

- Presentation of the USAID Clean Water and Energy Program in Armenia - Ms. Lilit Harutyunyan (10 min)
- Presentation of the UNDP/GEF “Reducing Transboundary Degradation in the Kura-Ara(k)s River Basin” – Ms. Mary Matthews (10 min)
- Representatives of other organizations and projects will inform on their activities

2. Decision(s) by the Steering Committee

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

**18:00 - 21:00 Dinner for the meeting participants**