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NATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP ON THE UNECE-WHO/EUROPE PROTOCOL ON WATER AND HEALTH FOR UZBEKISTAN

Tashkent, 23–24 June 2015

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

TUESDAY, 23 June 2015

09.00 – 09.30 Registration

9.30 – 10.00 Opening remarks

- *Name, Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan*
- *Name, Ministry of Public Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan*
- *Ms. Ilaria Dali, Director of Cooperation, Swiss Cooperation Office, Uzbekistan*
- *Mr. Pierre Studer, Chair, Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health*
- *Ms. Nataliya Nikiforova, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)*
- *Mr. Asmus Hammerich, World Health Organization (WHO) Representative and Head of Country Office, Uzbekistan*

10.00 – 11.30 Session 1: Introduction to the Protocol on Water and Health and to its main obligations

- Introduction round of all participants
- Introduction to the Protocol on Water and Health and its 2014-2016 programme of work
Mr. Oliver Schmoll, WHO Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe)
- Legal issues and main obligations of the Protocol
Ms. Nataliya Nikiforova, UNECE
- Questions and answers

11.30 – 12.00 Morning break

12.00 – 13.30 Session 2: Water and health situation in the Republic of Uzbekistan

- Overview of the situation with water resources in the Republic of Uzbekistan
Name, Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources
- Overview of the situation with water and health in the Republic of Uzbekistan
Name, Ministry of Public Health
- Bridging Water and Health: Implementing solutions for the rural population
Ms. Feruza Madalieva, International Secretariat for Water, SDC Implementing partner

- Moderated discussion related to water and health issues in the Republic of Uzbekistan and usefulness of the Protocol on Water and Health to address the related challenges

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch

14.30 – 16.00 Session 3: Sharing of Parties' experiences in implementing the Protocol on Water and Health

- Implementation of the Protocol of Water and Health in Switzerland
Mr. Pierre Studer, Chair of the Bureau of the Protocol, Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office, Switzerland
- Implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health and the target setting process in Hungary
Ms. Marta Vargha, National Institute for Environmental Health, Hungary
- Questions, answers and discussion on what lessons-learned can be exchanged between the countries

16.00 – 16.15 Afternoon break

16.15 – 16.30 Session 4: Other UNECE multilateral environmental agreements and partners

- Overview of the main obligations under other UNECE multilateral environmental agreements
Ms. Nataliya Nikiforova, UNECE

16.30 – 17.30 Session 5: Way forward towards accession to the Protocol

- Discussion on the legal, institutional, financial aspects, benefits and further steps for acceding to the Protocol on Water and Health
Conclusions for Day One

WEDNESDAY, 24 June 2015

09.30 – 10.45 Session 6: Introduction to the Water Safety Plan (WSP) approach

WSPs in the context of WHO framework for safe drinking-water
Mr Oliver Schmoll, WHO/Europe

- Introduction to WSPs: key steps and benefits
Mr. Oliver Schmoll, WHO/Europe
- WSPs is in the context of the Protocol on Water and Health
Mr. Oliver Schmoll, WHO/Europe
- Questions and answers

10.45 - 11.15 Morning break

11.15 - 12.30 Session 7: Country level implementation of Water Safety Plans

- Experience from England and Wales: Creating a regulatory environment for WSP implementation
Mr. Shaun Jones, Drinking Water Inspectorate, United Kingdom
- Experience from Hungary in WSP implementation
Ms. Marta Vargha, National Institute for Environmental Health, Hungary
- Road map to support country level implementation of WSPs
Mr. Oliver Schmoll, WHO/Europe
- Questions and answers

12.45 – 14.15 Lunch

14.15 - 16.30 Session 7: Country level implementation of Water Safety Plans (continued)

- Group work (or moderated discussion) on WSP uptake and implementation in Uzbekistan and support needs
- Conclusions and way forward