



The UNECE-WHO/Europe Protocol on Water and Health: supporting progress to set targets and achieve equitable access to water and sanitation in Azerbaijan

29 September 2015

Hotel Kempinski Badamdar, Baku, Azerbaijan

Information note on organizational and logistic aspects

The national workshop “The UNECE-WHO/Europe Protocol on Water and Health: supporting progress to achieve equitable access to water and sanitation in Azerbaijan” is co-convened by the Ministry of Health of Azerbaijan, the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Azerbaijan and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), with logistical support from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Azerbaijan.

The workshop is organized under the framework of the United Nations Development Account project “Strengthening Governments’ and water operators’ capacity to ensure equity of access to water and sanitation in countries with economies in transition in the Economic Commission for Europe region”, which aims to strengthening capacities of national governments to develop policies to ensure equitable access to water and sanitation.

Organization of the work

The workshop will be held on Tuesday, 29 September 2015 from 8:30 till 18:00.

8.30-9:00	Welcoming coffee and registration
9:00-13:00	<i>First session: Progress in the process of setting national targets under the Protocol and discussion of the initial findings of the baseline analysis on the situation of water and health in Azerbaijan including coffee break</i>
13:00-14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00-18:00	<i>Second session: Launch of the self-assessment exercise of equitable access to water and sanitation including coffee break</i>

The workshop will combine presentations and facilitated plenary discussions to allow exchanges between participants. All participants will be encouraged to contribute actively to the discussions.

Venue

The meetings will take place at:

Kempinski Hotel Badamdar
1c Mushfig Street, Baku 1006, Azerbaijan
www.kempinski.com/en/baku/hotel-badamdar/welcome/

Interpretation

The working language will be English and Azerbaijani.
English / Azerbaijani simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

Key stakeholders

Representatives of the following institutions and other stakeholders that play a role in water and health are expected to attend the workshop: Ministry of Health; Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources; Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population; Minister of Internal Affairs; Ministry of Emergency Situations; Ministry of Justice; Ministry of Education; State Statistical Committee; Water and sanitation service provider; Human Rights Ombudsman; Azerbaijan Amelioration and Water Management; Consumer associations; Civil society organizations; Academics and independent experts; Representatives from donors, cooperation agencies and international organizations, and other relevant organizations and partners.

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Webpage of the meeting: www.unece.org/env/water/workshop_Protocol_AZ_2015

Annex - Provisional list of background documents

1. *Protocol on Water and Health to the 1992 Convention on the protection and use of transboundary watercourses and international lakes* (UNECE and WHO/Europe, 2000): www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/documents/2000/wat/mp.wat.2000.1.e.pdf
2. *Guidelines on the setting of targets, evaluation of progress and reporting under the Protocol on Water and Health* (UNECE and WHO/Europe, 2010): www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/water/publications/documents/guidelines_target_setting.pdf
3. *Guide on public participation under the Protocol on Water and Health* (UNECE, 2013): www.unece.org/index.php?id=34075
4. *No one left behind: Good practices to ensure equitable access to water and sanitation in the pan-European region* (UNECE and WHO/Europe, 2012): www.unece.org/index.php?id=29170
5. *The Equitable Access Score-card: Supporting policy processes to achieve the human right to water and sanitation* (UNECE and WHO/Europe, 2013): www.unece.org/index.php?id=34032
6. *The Right to Water*, Fact Sheet no 35 (OHCHR, UN-Habitat and WHO, 2010): www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/FactSheet35en.pdf
7. Terms of reference of self-assessment exercise of equitable access to water and sanitation in Azerbaijan