



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

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Hotel Kempinski Badamdar, Baku, Azerbaijan

Agenda

8.30-9:00 Welcoming coffee and registration

9.00 – 9.30 Opening remarks

- *Mr. Vaqif Abdullayev, Ministry of Health*
- *Mr. Mutallim Abdulhasanov, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources*
- *Mr. Peep Mardiste, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)*

9:30-10:15 Session 1: Progress in the process of setting the national targets under the Protocol on Water and Health

- Introduction round of all participants
- The Protocol on Water and Health and its main obligations: target setting and reporting, *Ms. Nataliya Nikiforova, UNECE*
- Questions and answers

10.15-10.30 Morning coffee break

10.30-12.30 Session 2: Progress in implementation of the Protocol in Azerbaijan since becoming a Party

- Activities of Azerbaijan for the implementation of the Protocol since becoming a Party
 - *Ms. Leyla Taghizade, Ministry of Health*
 - *Ms. Aytan Rzayeva, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources*
- The step-by-step process of setting targets following the Target Setting Guidelines
Ms. Nataliya Nikiforova, UNECE
- Examples of targets set by other countries in the different areas of work
Mr. Peep Mardiste, UNECE
- Moderated round-table discussion on the next steps in the target setting process

12:30-14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 15:30 Session 3: Launch of the self-assessment exercise of equitable access to water and sanitation

- International obligations related to ensuring equitable access to water and sanitation and main challenges faced
Ms. Chantal Demilecamps, UNECE
- Situation of equitable access to water and sanitation in Azerbaijan
Mr. Ahmad Mammadov, Scientific expert on water issues
Moderated discussion
- Introduction of the *Equitable Access Score-card*
Ms. Chantal Demilecamps, UNECE

15:30 – 16:00 Afternoon coffee break

16:00 – 17:30 Session 3 (cont.): Launch of the self-assessment exercise of equitable access to water and sanitation

- Plans for the equitable access self-assessment exercise:
 - Objectives and expected outcomes of the equitable access self-assessment
 - Process and schedule*Ms. Leyla Taghizade, Ministry of Health*
- Linking the equitable access self-assessment exercise with the target setting process under the Protocol
Ms. Nataliya Nikiforova, UNECE
- Interactive discussion focusing on possible sources of information and the mapping of stakeholders to be involved in providing data on the following items:
 - Steering governance frameworks to enable delivery of equitable water and sanitation services
 - Reducing geographical disparities
 - Ensuring access for vulnerable groups
 - Keeping water and sanitation affordable for all

17:30 – 18:00 Wrap-up of the discussion and concluding remarks