

National Seminar
**Legislation and procedures for the application of the Espoo Convention in
Tajikistan**

In the framework of the UNECE-GTZ programme “Regional Dialogue and Cooperation on Water
Resources Management

Draft Program

**Venue: Center of Strategic Research, 2nd floor (press center "Ittiloot Muoshirat")
Rudaki street 40**

The major objectives of the Seminar are:

- (a) discuss results of review of national legislation for the application of the Espoo Convention in Tajikistan,
- (b) share experiences in applying the Convention by presenting concrete transboundary projects,
- (c) raise awareness and better understanding of the provisions and opportunities of the Convention among relevant ministries and agencies in Tajikistan,
- (d) propose concrete steps for the implementation of the Convention in Tajikistan’s legislation and for developing experience in its practical application.

1st Day		22 July 2010	
9.30-10.00		Registration of participants	
10.00 -11:00		Opening of the seminar and Welcome by: Rustam Latipov, Chair of the Environmental Committee of the Parliament of the Republic of Tajikistan Sulton Rahimov, First Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Melioration and Water Resources of Tajikistan Oykhon Sharipova, Deputy Director of the State Committee on Environmental Protection of Tajikistan Sandra Ruza, UNECE Espoo Convention Secretariat Marian Wojciech Szymanowicz, UNECE-GTZ programme “Regional Dialogue and Cooperation on Water Resources Management” in Tajikistan	
11:00-11.30		Introduction to the Espoo Convention - presentation on the provisions and key issues (costs & benefits, and practical approaches to implementing the Convention in OVOS/SER systems), by Sandra Ruza, the Espoo Convention Secretariat	
11.30-12.00		Coffee break	
12.00-13.00		Experiences with implementing the Convention in different subregions of UNECE - strategies and measures applied, by Wiek Schrage, international consultant. Presentation on the project results: “The Espoo Convention: Capacity building and possible application in Tajikistan” by Dmytro Skrylnikov, international consultant	

13.00 -14.00	Lunch break
14.00 – 14:30	Tajikistans view of the project results, by Malika Babadzanova, Regional Ecological Center, Tajikistan
14:30-16:00	Discussions on possible legal and administrative measures for the application of the Convention, in Tajikistan, facilitated by Dmytro Skrylnikov.
16.00-16.30	Coffee break
16.30-16:50	Brief introduction to the objectives and expected outcomes of the pilot project , by Marian Wojciech Szymanowicz, UNECE-GTZ programme “Regional Dialogue and Cooperation on Water Resources Management” in Tajikistan
16.50 – 17.30	Discussion continues with questions and answers, facilitated by Dmytro Skrylnikov on effective measures for practical application of the Convention in the subregion:
18.00	Reception

2nd Day	23 July 2010
	Practical application of the Espoo Convention in other countries:
9.30-10.00	Espoo Convention application in Kyrgyzstan, by Rakia Kalygulova, State Agency on Environmental Protection and Forestry, Kyrgyzstan
10:00-10.30	Espoo Convention application in Moldova, by Tatiana Plesco, Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Moldova
10.30 -11:00	Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment, presentation by Sandra Ruza, the Espoo Convention secretariat
11:00 -11:30	Benefits for Strategic Environment Assessment in the context of Tajikistan’s planning system, presentation by Wiek Schrage Discussions
11.30-12.00	Coffee break
12.00-13.00	Round table discussion on follow up activities of the project
13.00 -14.30	Lunch break
14.30 – 16:00	Summing up of the project results Closing of the seminar