



## THE LEGAL BASIS FOR TRANSBOUNDARY WATER COOPERATION

Hotel Dzhherelo, Kyiv, 22-24 November 2004

### WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

#### **Day 1, Monday 22 November**

Session 1, 13.00-15.00, Coffee break 15.00-15.30:

##### **Introduction**

*Moderated by Natalia Zakorchevna, Ministry for Environmental Protection, Ukraine*

- Opening (30 minutes)
  - Ms. *Natalia Zakorchevna*, Head of Department for Water Resources and Ecosystems, Ministry for Environmental Protection, Ukraine
  - Mr. *Mikola Babich*, Deputy Chairman, State Committee for Water Management
  - Mr. *Rainer Enderlein*, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
  - Ms. *Stina Lundberg*, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency
- Introduction to the Workshop objectives and programme (10 minutes)  
*Bo Libert, UNECE*
- Transboundary Water Cooperation in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia: An Overview (20 minutes)  
*Nikolaj Grishin, Director of the NGO ECOTERRA*
- Introduction to international law of water resources (45 minutes)  
*Sergei Vinogradov, International Water Law Research Institute, Dundee University*

Session 2, 15.30-18.00:

##### **Cooperation on the Dnipro and Dniester rivers basins**

*Moderated by Lubomyr Markevych, Manager of the UNDP/GEF Dnipro Basin Environment Programme*

- Development of cooperation on the Dnipro river (45 minutes)  
*Lubomir Markevych, UNDP/GEF Dnipro Basin Environment Programme*
- Cooperation between the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine in the Dniester river basin (20 minutes)  
*Mikola Babich, State Committee of Ukraine for Water Management and Mikhail Volk, State Water Concern Apele Moldova*
- Project presentation: Sustainable Management of the Dniester River Basin (15 minutes)  
*Annica Carlsson, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe*
- Expert and NGO views on the Dnipro and Dniester cooperation (20 minutes)  
*Sergei Vinogradov, IWLR and Ilya Trombitsky, Executive Director of the NGO ECO-TIRAS*
- Discussion

Evening 18.30: Reception in Hotel Dzhherelo

## **Day 2, Tuesday 23 November**

Session 3, 09.00-12.30, Coffee break 10.30-10.45:

### **International legal framework**

*Moderated by Rainer Enderlein, UNECE*

- The 1997 UN Convention on the Law of the Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses (30 minutes)  
*Sergei Vinogradov, IWLRI*
- The 1992 UNECE Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (25 minutes)  
*Francesca Bernardini, UNECE*
- The latest development in the Convention's regime, including the protocols on Water and Health and Civil Liability (25 minutes)  
*Rainer Enderlein, UNECE*
- Transboundary Groundwaters: Legal Aspects of Internationally Shared Aquifer Resources Management (20 minutes)  
*Rainer Enderlein, UNECE*
- Country interventions (1 h 15 minutes; 5-7 minutes per country)  
Participants will exchange information on their transboundary water agreements and their implementation, including the application of the Water Convention principles.
- Conclusions: use and impact of Conventions (15 minutes)  
*Sergei Vinogradov, IWLRI*

Session 4, 14.00-19.00, Coffee break 15.45-16.00:

### **Basin-specific agreements: recent experiences**

*Moderated by Mikhail Volk, State Water Concern Apele Moldova*

- Basin-specific legal and institutional frameworks (1 hour)  
*Sergei Vinogradov, IWLRI*
  - Europe: The Rhine river basin agreement
  - Africa: The Incomaputo agreement
  - Asia: The Mekong river agreement
  - River basin institutions
  - Legal framework under river basin agreements (Protocols, Commission Statutes, Monitoring, Exchange of information, etc)
- The Danube river basin agreement (30 minutes)  
*Karoly Futaki, the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River*
- Work in groups: Needs and opportunities in the development of the legal framework in different sub-regions (Caucasus, Central Asia, Transboundary waters shared with EU countries, Other transboundary waters) (2 hours)

### **Day 3, Wednesday 24 November**

Session 5, 09.00-12.00, Coffee break 10.30-10.45:

#### **Needs and recent experiences of transboundary water cooperation in the EECCA**

*Moderated by Bo Libert, UNECE (each of the four regions/working groups 45 minutes)*

- Transboundary cooperation EECCA - EU Member States including Legal framework for cooperation in the Neman (Nemunas) and Zapadnaya Dvina (Daugava) river basin (country representatives)
- Bilateral cooperation on transboundary waters: Russia Federation -Kazakhstan or Russia Federation -Ukraine (country representatives)
- Approaches to integrated water resources management in the Aral Sea basin (country representatives)
- Transboundary water cooperation in the Caucasus (country representatives)
- Reports from the groups of the previous day: strategic and concrete proposal for future development of transboundary legal framework

Session 6, 13.00-15.00:

#### **Future transboundary water cooperation in the EECCA Region: prospects and challenges**

*Moderated by Mikola Babich, State Committee of Ukraine for Water Management*

- Conclusion on needs and opportunities for development of the legal framework for transboundary cooperation
- Discussion of general and basin-specific conclusions/recommendations
- Workshop evaluation
- Next stop St Petersburg: Introduction to the next Workshop on Access to and exchange of information, and public participation (June 2005)

A visit to Kyiv city centre will be arranged after the final session.