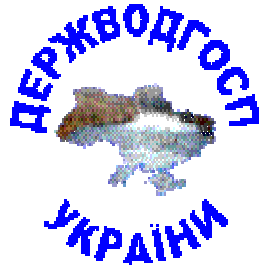




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WORKSHOP ON TRANSBOUNDARY WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT IN EASTERN AND NORTHERN EUROPE KIEV, UKRAINE, 27-29 APRIL 2010

Programme

The workshop is jointly organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) with the International Water Assessment Centre (IWAC) hosted by the Slovak Hydrometeorological Institute which also funds the workshop, and co-hosted by the Ministry of Environment Protection of Ukraine and the Ukrainian State Committee for Water Management within the framework of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (UNECE Water Convention).

DAY 1 – Tuesday, 27 April 2010

9:30–11:00 Opening session

Chairperson: Mr. Mykola Babich, Deputy Head, State Committee for Water Management, Ukraine

Welcome address and opening speeches

Mr. Mykola Babich, State Committee for Water Management, Ukraine

Mr. Grygorii Petruk, Head of Department of Water Resources, Ministry of Environment Protection of Ukraine

Mr. Rainer Enderlein, UNECE

Mr. Boris Minarik, Director, International Water Assessment Centre (IWAC)

Ms. Anna Tsvietkova, Mama-86

11:00 – 11:20 Coffee break

11:20 - 13:00 Session 1: Basin management: integrated management of transboundary waters and EU Water Framework Directive implementation

Chairperson: Ms. Adriana Dembowska, Deputy Director, Planning and Water Resources Department, National Water Management Authority, Poland (TBC)

River basin management in a transboundary context: Norwegian experience

Ms. Bente Christiansen, Head of Department of Environment

Office of the of Finnmark County Governor

Norwegian Chair of the Norwegian-Finnish Commission on Transboundary Waters

Water Framework Directive implementation in Romania: transboundary issues and cooperation with the neighbouring countries

Ms. Ruxandra Balaet, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Romania

Integrated Water Resources Management in the Seversky Donets basin

Ms. Natalia Bilotserkivs'ka, Sivers'ko-Donetsk Basin Water Resources Management Department, State Committee of Water Resources Management, Ukraine

Transboundary cooperation and public participation activities in the Management of Lake Peipsi/Chudskoe

Ms. Margit Säre, Peipsi Center for Transboundary Cooperation

The information management system for the transboundary Dniester River Basin

Mr. Ivan Ignatiev, Eco-spectrum/Ms. Tamara Kutonova, OSCE

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00- 14.50: Session 2: Climate change, its impacts on the water resources and adaptation measures

Chairperson: Ms. Bente Christiansen, Norway

Climate change and predicted impacts on hydrological regime and water resources in Ukraine

Mr. Viacheslav Manukalo, Deputy Chairman, State Hydrometeorological Service, Ukraine

Mr Volodymir Osadchyi, Director, Hydrometeorological Institute, Ukraine

Climate change in the Tisza River Basin

Mr. Boris Minarik, Director, International Water Assessment Centre, Slovakia

14:50- 18:00 Session 3: Water quality issues: impacts of new economic development, harmonization of monitoring, biological water quality

Chairperson: Ms. Heddy Riismaa, Senior Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Estonia (TBC)

Water quality problems and solutions in the Republic of Moldova
Ms. Svetlana Stirbiu, Deputy Chief of Environmental Quality Monitoring Department, State Hydrometeorological Service, Republic of Moldova

Support to evaluating transboundary pollution: towards adopting a system of surface water quality standards as a common basis for assessing water quality status
Mr. Steve Warren, Team Leader, Water governance in the Western EECCA project

15:40 – 16:00 Coffee break

Water quality issues and economic development: pressures and impacts on transboundary waters in Belarus
Ms. Alena Bahadziazh and Ms. Tatiana Semezh, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, Belarus

River water quality in transboundary waters shared by Poland: implications to coastal zone conditions in the Baltic
Ms. Małgorzata Skwarek, Head of Delegation of Lublin Voivodship Inspectorate for Environmental Protection in Zamość, Poland

UNDP-GEF Dnipro Basin Environment Programme: supporting transboundary cooperation for improved water quality
Mr. Dmytro Rushchak, Chief Technical Advisor, UNDP-GEF Dnipro River Ecological Program

19:30 Dinner/ reception to all participants of the workshop
Restaurant of the Bratislava hotel

DAY 2 – Wednesday, 28 April 2010

9.30- 18.00 Session 4: Second Assessment of transboundary rivers, lakes and groundwaters under the UNECE Water Convention

This session will identify developments regarding the status of transboundary water resources since the first UNECE Assessment of Transboundary Rivers, Lakes and Groundwater (2007) in the shared sub-basins and aquifers in Eastern and Northern Europe (see <http://www.unece.org/env/water/publications/pub76.htm>).

After an introduction in plenary on the objectives and working arrangements of session 4, participants will be split into three working groups that will discuss in

detail the assessment of all transboundary water bodies. The parallel working sessions will start in the case of surface waters with presentations on the different transboundary basins by a representative of one riparian country illustrating the basin characteristics, the main pressures and problems, the current status and trends including the transboundary impacts and the measures taken or needed. In the groundwater group, presentations are made by country, and afterwards time is reserved for bilateral or trilateral discussions, as appropriate. In the discussion following each presentation, complementary information and comments from the other riparian countries is welcomed to develop an accurate picture of all transboundary waters in Eastern and Northern Europe, both surface and groundwater. Datasheets partly filled already by UNECE for each basin will provide the background for the discussions. The information gathered during the discussion will be used for the preparation of the second assessment of transboundary waters under the UNECE Water Convention, currently being prepared upon request by the sixth Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe” (Belgrade, October 2007).

Chairperson: Ms. Larisa Yurchak, Deputy Head of the Department of Water Resources, Ministry of Environment Protection, Ukraine

Second Assessment of Transboundary Rivers, Lakes and Groundwater – Eastern and Northern Europe

Ms. Annukka Lipponen, UNECE Water Convention Secretariat

The assessment of Ramsar sites within the second Assessment of transboundary waters: cases from Eastern and Northern Europe

Mr. András Schmidt, National Ramsar focal point, Ministry of Environment and Water, Hungary

Transboundary groundwaters in the second assessment: assessment methodology and preliminary results of a UNESCO inventory of transboundary aquifers in Northern and Eastern Europe

Mr. Neno Kukuric, IGRAC & UNESCO - ISARM

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11.00- 17:00 Parallel working groups (see separate programme sheet)

Lunch at 13:00

Coffee Break 15:30

17:00 – 19:00 Excursion in Kiev, followed by dinner in hotel Bratislava for the participants staying there

DAY 3 – Thursday, 29 April 2010

9.30- 10.30: Session 5: Hydromorphological changes.
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Chairperson: Mr. Rainer Enderlein, UNECE

Hydromorphological alterations in the Danube: focus on the delta in Ukraine

Mr. Mikhail Kornilov, Deputy Head of Danube Hydrometeorological Observatory, Ukraine

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00- 12:00 Plenary session of the working groups: agreeing about the next steps for finalizing the assessments of transboundary basins and aquifers

Chairperson: Ms. Annukka Lipponen, UNECE

12:00-13:00 Session 6: Workshop conclusions: main messages for the second Assessment of Transboundary Rivers, Lakes and Groundwaters for Eastern and Northern Europe and recommendations on the way forward
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Chairperson: Mr. Rainer Enderlein, UNECE

This session will discuss the main messages for the sub-region to be brought to the attention of the Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe” through the second Assessment. It will exchange views on the recommendations on the way forward: what are the key issues to improve the management of transboundary basins in the Eastern and Northern Europe region?

How and up to what level the involvement of the international community can facilitate action?

13:00 **Closing of the workshop**