

Status of the Water Sector Reform Strategy and support to its preparation

Initial Stage (2009 - March 2011)

Parallel approaches & Agricultural reforms:

- Main Focus on Irrigation and Drainage Sub Sector in relation to Agricultural Reforms;
- Lack of joint approach e.g.
 - Primary focus on Trans Boundary Issues by various projects supported by GIZ, Swiss Cooperation and UNDP (through EU funding);
 - Primary Focus on quick (poverty reduction) impact works through PAMP
- Analysis of Institutional Structure of MoLRWR supported by USAID, FAO;
- DCC WG on water formed and involved in discussion and preparations of Strategy;
- First formal agreement reached on principles on basis of first NPD Steering Committee Meeting (16 March 2011) and written MoU with MoLRWR (endorsed after a meeting on 29 March 2011); projects start to align better;

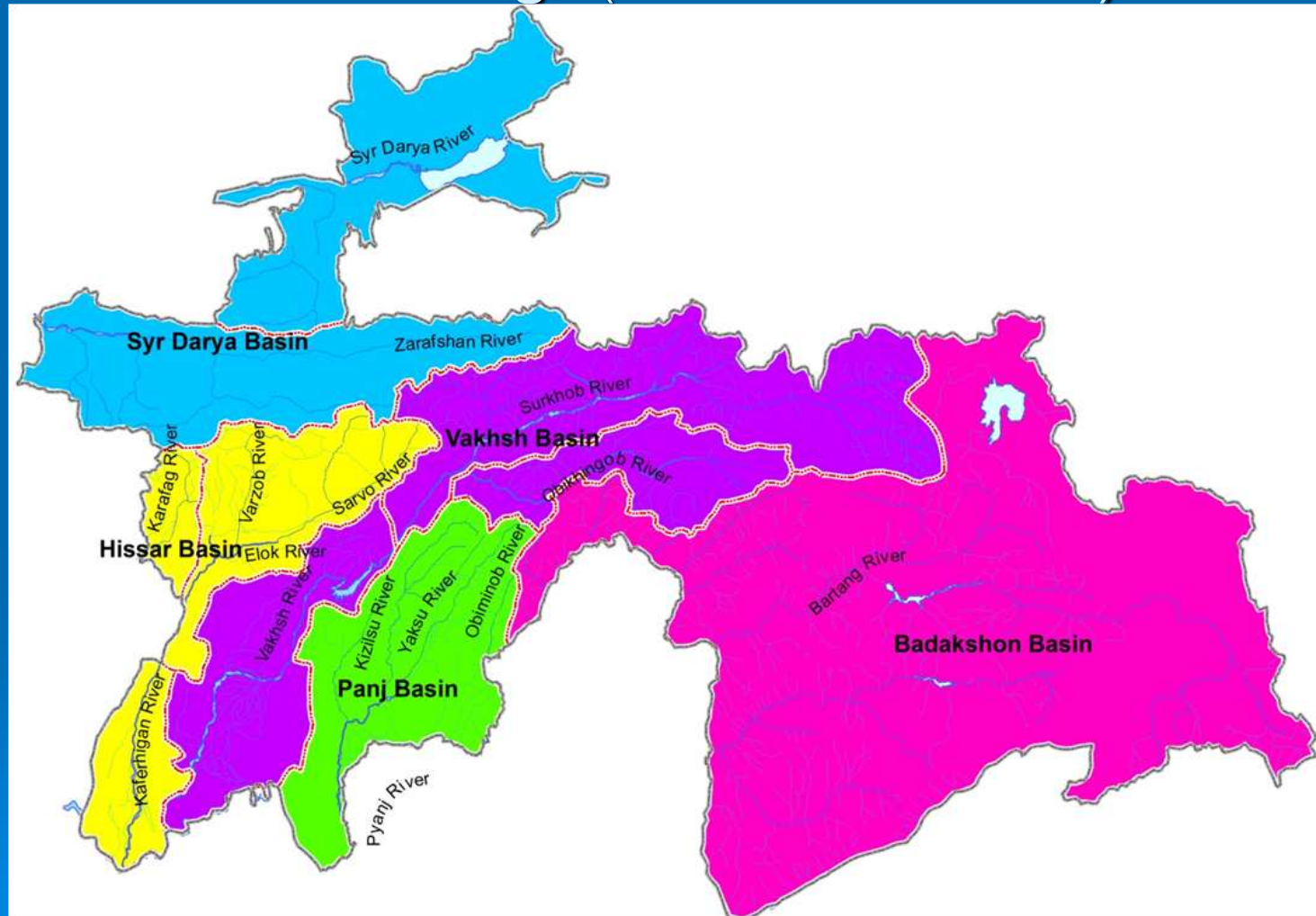
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Agreed Principles;

1. **Water management units** in Tajikistan will be based on hydrological boundaries, i.e. basins and sub-basins.
2. **Separation of functions**: the functions of different institutes active in water management will be clearly subdivided into Policy and Regulatory at the national level; regulatory and organizational at the basin level and operational functions at various other levels;
3. **Adoption of IWRM approach**: Water management will apportion the needs of all water users, all subsectors, and their interrelations with a focus on **economic development, social equity** and **without compromising the ecosystems**. In other words, Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) will be practiced in Tajikistan

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Second Stage (April 2011- February 2012)

Converging approaches:

- PAMP TA focuses on support to new institutional set up of MoLRWR split into policy and strategic guidance functions (Ministry) and Operational and Maintenance tasks (MIROB) in Irrigation and Drainage;
- NDP Steering Committee on 18 October 2011 agrees to the formation of an IWRM Working Group under the leadership of the DM MoLRWR and supported by UNECE;
- Other Sub-sectoral Coordination bodies function in Water Supply and Sanitation (IMCC) and Water and Energy (NEWC + WG), but tendency of lacking an overarching coordination;
- MoLRWR prepares decree and regulations for split into Ministerial and Operational organisations MIROB, final version and long-term objectives still under discussion between DCC and GoT;
- EU supported FWC TA develops new draft Water Sector Reforms Strategy and Investment and Implementation Plan (IIP), coordinates first IWRM WG meetings – later taken over by UNECE - resulting in 4

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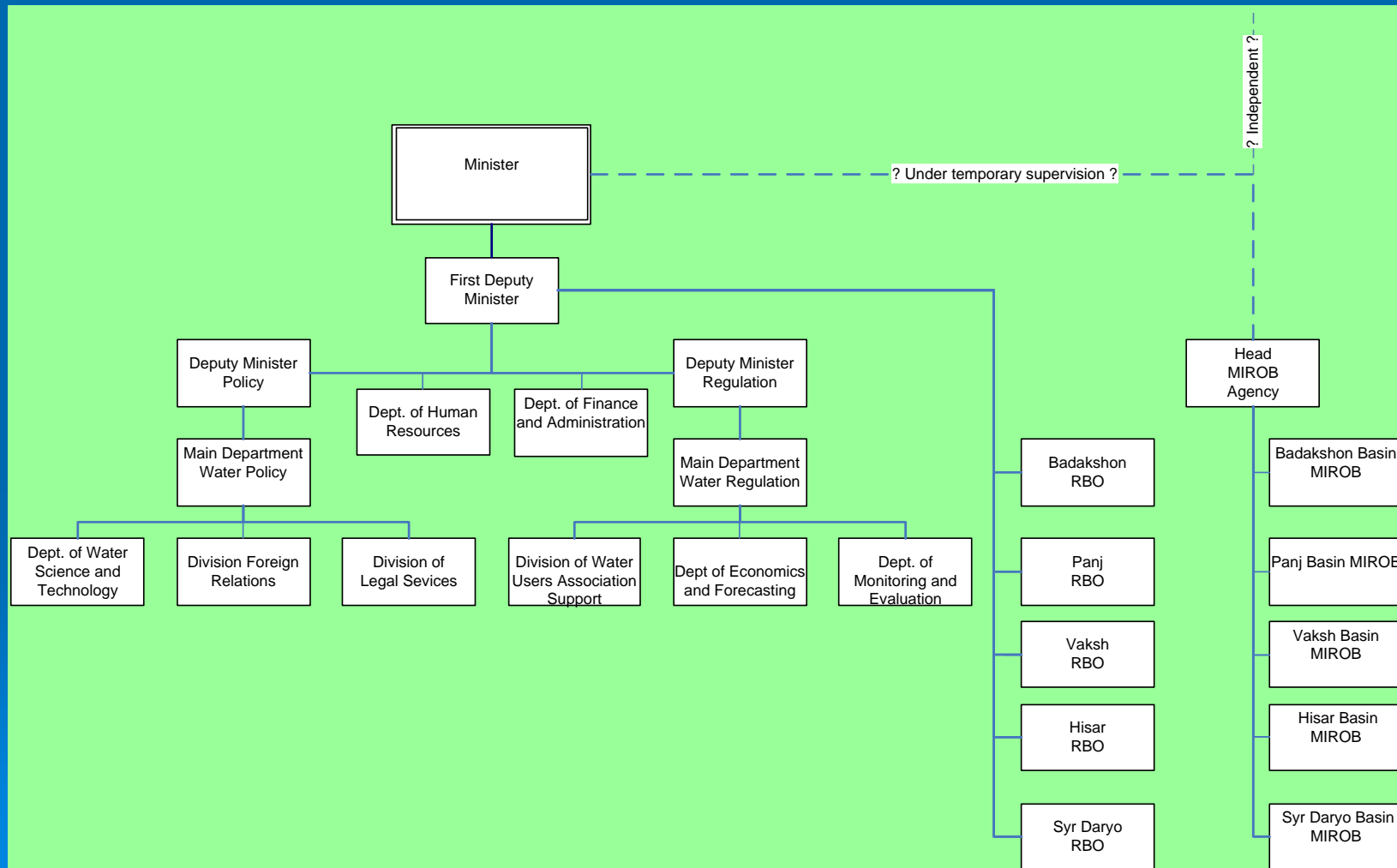
Main Developments and Agreements:

- General Institutional Structure for the Separation of tasks of MoLRWR and MIROB;
- Various Working Groups to prepare technical issues for and report to a high level governmental apex body, National Water and Energy Council (NWEC)
- IWRM Working Group provided detailed feedback on the sector strategy, which will be consolidated and further proposed for agreement and formal endorsement;
- Follow-up of PAMP TA (USAID/WB) may focus more on practical implementation of Irrigation and Drainage Sub-sector Reforms and first steps of IWRM/RBM Institutional Reforms, other TA projects as well (EU framework, Swiss Cooperation etc.);

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Separation of tasks MoLRWR-MIROB:



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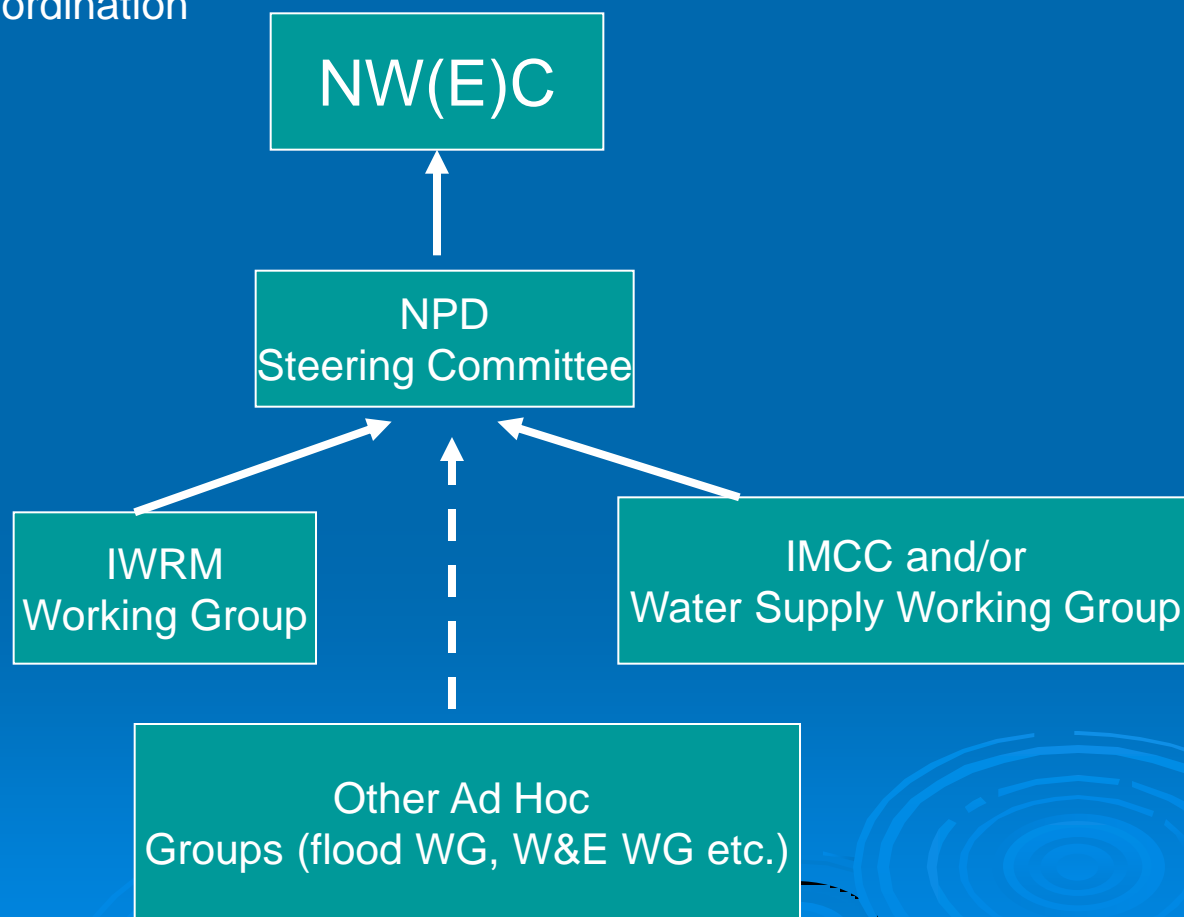
Towards Implementation - IWRM:

- Development of a **Tajik IWRM vision** within IWRM WG to be agreed at NPD SC (and NWEC) platforms;
- Agreement on general principles for water sector reforms and institutional functioning and application to other sub-sectors, specifically WSS;
- Increased ownership through active participation of IWRM WG members in finalisation of Water Sector Reforms Strategy and submission for approval by NWEC, parliament and GoT;
- Coordination needed for IWRM and strategy development (UNECE support to IWRM WG, UNDP support to NWEC, Swiss Govt support to IMCC), including clear role and responsibilities of the different bodies – **for improved coherence, better efficiency and coordination purposes, re-think IWRM Coordination arrangements;**

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Proposal for IWRM Coordination



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Towards Implementation – WSS Sub-sector:

- Develop proposals, probably through the IWRM WG, for the required changes in the legal framework to form an enabling environment for the reforms (But maintain the excellent enabling character of the water code)
- Water Supply & Sanitation requires **detailed institutional reforms plan as well.**
- Development of an **Implementation, Investment and Financing Plan for the WSS Sub-sector** could be envisaged through a **Working Group** gathering main stakeholders, with the help of TA from existing programmes (EBRD, OXFAM/Swiss Govt, OECD intervention under EU-Water Initiative), **within the frame of a revisited IWRM Coordination Arrangement (coherence with the Water Sector Strategy).**

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Towards Implementation – I&D Sub-sector:

- TA, funded by various donors for practical implementation of institutional reforms, initial focus on Irrigation and Drainage Sub-sector and first steps of RBM/IWRM reforms;
- **Finalisation of Implementation, Investment and Financing Plan (incl. debt issue) for Irrigation and Drainage Sub-sector;**
- Develop tools for implementation of Reforms e.g. structured database including asset inventory and management, institutional reforms, fee collection and monitoring of service delivery;
- Reforms probably to be started in Pilot Basin (to be determined):
 - Practical support to set up, staff and prepare training and capacity building plans for new institutions;
 - Parallel support to improvement of Infrastructure in order to function effectively and efficiently;
 - Support to WUAs to be intensified in order to prepare for management transfer/transfer of assets;
 - Pilot Fee Collection and Performance-based payments to service suppliers

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Proposed Schematic for Institutional Framework

