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**Third meeting of the Steering Committee of the National Policy Dialogue on Integrated Water  
Resources Management in Azerbaijan**

**23 January 2014, Baku, Azerbaijan**

*The meeting will take place at the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Azerbaijan  
Address: 100-A B. Agaev Street, Baku*

**Languages:** Azeri and English, simultaneous interpretation provided

**FINAL AGENDA**

<b>09.30-10.00</b>	<b>Registration and coffee</b>
<b>10.00-10.30</b>	<p><b>Opening. Adoption of the agenda</b></p> <p><i>Opening:</i> Mr Rasim Sattar-zada, Head of Environmental Policy Division</p> <p><i>Welcoming remarks:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Raffaella Bourdon, EU Delegation</li> <li>• Mr Xavier Leflaive, OECD</li> <li>• Mr Peep Mardiste, UNECE</li> </ul> <p><i>Purpose of the meeting and adoption of the agenda:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Mutallim Abdulhasanov, Head of Subdivision in Environmental Protection Policy Unit of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources</li> </ul>
<b>10.30-12.30</b>	<p><b>SESSION I. OVERVIEW OF NPD ACTIVITIES IN AZERBAIJAN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The recent developments in the water sector of Azerbaijan – Mr Sahib Hasanzade, State Water Agency, Ministry of Emergency</li> <li>• Status with a draft national water strategy – Mr Rafiq Verdiyev, national expert</li> <li>• Creation of working groups on legal aspects and on economic dimension of water resources management - Ministry of Ecology</li> <li>• Creation of a working group in line with EU WFD principles on water quality monitoring and evaluation - Ministry of Ecology</li> </ul> <p>Reflections by members of the Steering Committee representing different agencies</p> <p>Discussion</p>
<b>12.30-13.30</b>	<p><b>SESSION II. UNECE-WHO/EUROPE PROTOCOL ON WATER AND HEALTH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to the Protocol on Water and Health and its main provisions - Mr. Alisher Mamadzhanov, UNECE</li> <li>• Implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health in Azerbaijan - Ms. Leylakhanim Taghizade, Head of Communal Department, Center of Hygiene and</li> </ul>



	Epidemiology, Azerbaijan Discussion
<b>13.30-14.30</b>	<b><i>Lunch</i></b>
<b>14.30-15.30</b>	<b>SESSION III. ECONOMIC INSTRUMENTS REFORM IN THE WATER SECTOR OF AZERBAIJAN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Main principles of financing water resources management and key elements of the reform of economic instruments in the water sector of Azerbaijan - Mr Xavier Leflaive and Ms Tatiana Efimova, OECD</li></ul> Discussion
<b>15.30-16.15</b>	<b>SESSION IV. CROSS-FERTILIZATION WITH THE NPD PROCESS, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS IN AZERBAIJAN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• UNECE activities on the water-food-energy nexus pilot project in Alazani basin - Mr Peep Mardiste, UNECE</li><li>• EC project “Environmental Protection of International River Basins” – Mr Zurab Jincharadze and Mr Rafiq Verdiyev</li></ul> Discussion
<b>16.15-16.30</b>	<b><i>Coffee break</i></b>
<b>16.30-17.30</b>	<b>SESSION V. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE NPD WORKPLAN FOR 2014 IN AZERBAIJAN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EUWI NPD activities in Azerbaijan for 2014: suggested areas of work</li></ul> <i>The Chair will recall the decisions taken under the previous agenda items.</i>