



Kick off meeting of the National Water Policy Dialogue on Integrated Water Resources Management in Georgia

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Date: 29 March 2011

Place: Ministry of Environmental Protection, 6 Gulua Str., 0114 Tbilisi

Languages: Georgian and English with translation

13.30 - 14.30 Introduction to the National Policy Dialogue under the EU Water Initiative

13.30 – 13.45 National Policy Dialogues on IWRM under the EU Water Initiative in countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia -
Gulnara Roll, Regional Coordinator, EU Water Initiative

13.45 – 14.00 Information on the restructuring of the Government of Georgia and how this affects water management – *Mariam Makarova, Ministry of Environmental Protection (tbc)*

14.00 – 14.15 Preparations of the seventh Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference (Astana, 21-23 September 2011) and stakes for Georgia
Zaal Lomtadze, Chairperson of the UNECE Committee on Environmental Policy

14.15 – 15.30 Policy Package 1: Institutional and legal reform in the water management sector – the new Georgian Water Law and the application of IWRM.

14.15 – 14.35 Information on the draft Water Law and institutional structure for water management in Georgia – *Malkhaz Dzneladze, National Expert, Tamuna Gugushvili, National Expert*

14.35 – 14.55 Integrated water resources management and adaptive management: concept, major principles and examples
Jan Sendzimir, Research Scholar at IIASA

14.55 – 15.10 Financing integrated water resources management and plans for the OECD activities under the NPD in Georgia - *Tatiana Efimova of the Organization for Economic Co—Operation and Development (OECD) on*

15.10 – 15.30 Discussion and planning of the future activities

15.30 – 15.45 Coffee break

15:45 – 16:40 Policy Package 2: Transboundary Water Cooperation

- 15.45 – 16.05 Presentation of proposals for the report on transboundary water cooperation to be prepared by the NPD IWRM working group on transboundary water cooperation - *Nino Chkhobadze, National Expert*
- 16:05 – 16.25 The Project “Implementation of the UNECE Water Convention and development of an agreement on the management of transboundary watercourses shared by Georgia and Azerbaijan” and its outcome and findings
Nino Malashkhia, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)
- 16.25 – 16.40 Discussion and planning of the future activities

16.40 – 18.00 Policy Package 3: The UNECE-WHO/EURO Protocol on Water and Health as a tool for integrated strategies

- 16.40 – 17.00 The implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health: methodology, challenges and advantages on the basis of the experience in other UNECE countries - *Rainer Enderlein, UNECE consultant*
- 17.00 – 17.20 Proposals for establishment of the national targets in accordance with the requirements of the Protocol “Water and Health”- *Alexander Mindorashvili, Ministry of Environment*
- 17.20 – 17.40 Introduction of water protection zones in Georgia
Nana Gabriadze, National Centre for Disease control and Public Health
- 17.40 – 18.00 Discussion and planning of future actions