



National Seminar
**Strengthening integrated water resources management and transboundary water cooperation:
the role of UNECE conventions and of the EU Water Initiative National Policy Dialogue**
Ashgabat, 6-7 December 2010
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Program

Venue: conference hall, Hotel “President”

Co-chaired by: Mr. Akhmed Mukhammedov, Deputy Minister of Water Economy of Turkmenistan
Mr. Bo Libert, Regional Adviser on Environment, UNECE

1 st Day	6 December 2010
9.00-9.30	Registration of participants
9.30 -10.20	<p>Opening</p> <p>Mr. Annageldy Yazmuradov, Minister of Water Economy of Turkmenistan</p> <p>Mr. Babageldi Annabayramov, Minister of Nature Protection of Turkmenistan</p> <p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan (tbc)</p> <p>Mr. Marco Keiner, Director, Environment, Housing and Land Management, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)</p> <p>Mr. Alexander Nikolayenko, Regional Advisor, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) GmbH</p>
10:20-12.30	<p>Session 1: Integrated water resources management and National Policy Dialogue under the EU Water Initiative</p>
11.00-11.30	<p>Integrated water resources management: concept, major principles and examples (Gulnara Roll, Regional Coordinator on EU Water Initiative, UNECE)</p> <p>Coffee break</p>

	<p>Current European practices of IWRM at national and transboundary levels (Wolfgang Stalzer, Austria)</p> <p>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)</p>
12.30-18.00	Session 2: UNECE Water Convention
12.30-13.00	Water Convention: a sound framework for promoting IWRM and transboundary water cooperation (Francesca Bernardini, Secretary to Water Convention, UNECE)
13.00 -14.00	Lunch break
14.00-16.00	<p>Water Convention: “obligations for all Parties” (Sergei Vinogradov, University of Dundee/Legal Board of the Water Convention)</p> <p>Water Convention: “obligations for Riparian Parties” (Iulia Trombitcaia, UNECE Secretariat)</p> <p>Joint bodies: international experience and best practice (Bo Libert, UNECE Regional Adviser on the Environment)</p>
16.00-16.30	Coffee break
16.30-18.00	<p><u>Discussion</u> (Moderated by Bo Libert): <u>Advantages and challenges in the accession to the Water Convention by Turkmenistan</u></p> <p>Introduction by Mr. Ahmet Muhammedov, Deputy Minister of Water Economy</p> <p>Discussion</p>
18.30	Reception

2nd Day	7 December 2010
9.00-17.00	Session 3: UNECE legal instruments – a comprehensive framework to manage and protect our waters, environment and health
9.00-11.00	<p>Protocol on Water and Health: integrating water, health and the environment (Francesca Bernardini, Co-Secretary to the Protocol)</p> <p>UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (Lukasz Wyrowski, Officer-in-Charge, Industrial Accidents Convention, UNECE)</p>

11.00-11.30	Coffee break
11.30-13.00	UNECE Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention): obligations, procedures, application to transboundary water projects (Nicholas Bonvoisin, Secretary, Espoo Convention, UNECE)
13.00-14.00	Lunch break
14.00-15.30	Projects and activities of UNECE Conventions in Central Asia (Bo Libert, UNECE Regional Adviser on Environment)
15.30-16.00	Coffee break
16.00-17:00	<u>Discussion:</u> Priorities, needs and interests of Turkmenistan in the context of UNECE legal environmental instruments (Co-moderated by Kurbadgeldy Ballyev, Representative of Turkmenistan in EC IFAS, and Bo Libert, UNECE)
17.00-17.30	Summing up and conclusions