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

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

Organizers: Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, OSCE, UNECE

Languages: Azeri and English, simultaneous interpretation provided

AGENDA

09.30-10.00	Registration and coffee
10.00-10.40	<p>Opening. Adoption of the agenda. <i>Chair – Mr. Firdovsi Aliyev, Deputy Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources</i></p> <p><i>Welcoming remarks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Nicola Di-Pietrantonio, EU • Mr. Emmanuel Huntzinger, Head of Economic and Environmental Unit, OSCE • Mr. Bo Libert, Regional Adviser for Environment, UNECE • Ms. Tatiana Efimova, Project Coordinator, OECD <p>Purpose of the meeting and adoption of the agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mutallim Abdulhassanov, Head of Subdivision in Environmental Protection Policy Unit of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources – “Status of NPD activities in Azerbaijan”
10.40-12.30	<p>SESSION I. DRAFT GOVERNMENT STRATEGY FOR MANAGEMENT OF WATER RESOURCES IN AZERBAIJAN</p> <p><i>Presentations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Arif Akhundov, Head of Division of the State Water Resources Agency – “Water Resources of Azerbaijan and their Management” • Mr. Rafiq Verdiyev, NPD National Coordinator – “National Water Strategy of Azerbaijan” • Mr. Kari Kinnunen, Finnish Environmental Institute (SYKE) – “Comments on the Azerbaijan Republic National Water Strategy” • Mr. Antti Belinskij, Finnish Environmental Institute (SYKE) – “Comments concerning the legal perspectives” <p>Discussion</p> <p>Decisions by the Steering Committee</p>
12.30-13.30	Lunch



13.30 – 14.30	<p>SESSION II. TRANSBOUNDARY WATER COOPERATION AND OTHER COMPONENTS OF THE NATIONAL POLICY DIALOGUE</p> <p><i>Presentations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Bo Libert – “20 Years Anniversary of the Water Convention. Development of an agreement on the management of transboundary watercourses shared by Georgia and Azerbaijan”• Ms. Tatiana Efimova – “Opportunities for Strengthening the economic and financial dimension of IWRM in Azerbaijan” <p>Discussions</p> <p>Decisions by the Steering Committee</p>
14.30 - 15.30	<p>SESSION III. OTHER ACTIVITIES UNDER THE NPD WORKPLAN. EXPERIENCE OF INTERNATIONAL AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN IWRM IMPLEMENTATION IN AZERBAIJAN AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR COOPERATION IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE NATIONAL POLICY DIALOGUE.</p> <p><i>Presentations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Anatoly Pichugin, Project Team Leader, EU, and Mr. Rafiq Verdiyev, Water Management Specialist, Azerbaijan - “Trans-Boundary River Management Phase III for the Kura River – Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan”• Ms. Mary Matthews, UNDP/GEF project - “Reducing transboundary degradation in the Kura-Aras river basin”• Mr. Zurab Jincharadze, EC International Waters project – “Environmental Protection of International River Basins” <p>Discussion</p> <p>Decisions by the Steering Committee</p>
15.30 – 16.00	<p><i>Coffee break</i></p>
16.00-17.00	<p>SESSION IV. CONCLUSIONS AND ADOPTION OF DECISIONS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE</p> <p><i>Chair – Mr. Firdovsi Aliyev</i></p> <p><i>Presentations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Bo Libert, Regional Adviser for Environment, UNECE – “UNECE-led EUWI NPD activities in Azerbaijan: current status and future areas of work”• Ms. Tatiana Efimova, Project Coordinator, OECD - “OECD-led EUWI NPD activities in Azerbaijan: current status and future areas of work” <p><i>The Chair will recall the decisions taken under the previous agenda items.</i></p>
19.00	<p>Dinner</p>