

Work Plan for October 2022 - October 2023
Coordinating Council of the National Policy Dialogue
on Integrated Water Resources Management in Uzbekistan

No	Activity	Timeline	Responsible organization	Potential partners
1.	Continuation of work on accession of Uzbekistan to the Protocol on Water and Health: - briefing for interested departments on the Protocol; - consideration of the possibility of a declaration by Uzbekistan of its intention to join the Protocol at the UN Water Conference (New York, March 2023), - informing about the progress of the accession process at the next meeting of the NPD.	December 2022 March 2023 April 2023	Ministry of Health, Ministry of Water resources, State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Ecology and Environment Protection	UNECE MFA
2.	Informing inside Uzbekistan about goals and objectives of the Convention on transboundary watercourses: - listing the interested agencies, - organizing 1-2 online webinars.	January 2023	Ministry of Water resources	UNECE
3.	Informing about Uzbekistan's work to save the Aral Sea and working with upstream countries in the Aral Sea basin to increase the ecological flow: - in subsequent meetings and meetings of the ministries and agencies involved	On a regular basis	Ministry of Water resources, State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Ecology and Environment Protection, Ministry of Agriculture	IFAS Agency, SIC ICWC UNECE
4.	Redirection of part of the collector-drainage waters from the Khorezm and Bukhara oases to the lower reaches of the Amu Darya: - specification of the issue and details for the research, - identification of potential responsible organizations and sources of funding for the research	November 2022 – January 2023	Ministry of Water resources, Ministry of Agriculture	IFAS Agency Design Institute
5.	Analysis of state concepts for sectoral development: water, agriculture, hydropower, planning, environmental protection and development of recommendations for their harmonization	November 2022 – October 2023	Ministry of Water resources, Ministry of Agriculture, The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Geology and Mineral Resources, Ministry of housing and	UNECE SIC ICWC

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6.	Further development of groundwater resources accounting system: - keeping records of the groundwater use - improvement of groundwater and aquifer monitoring - the establishment of interdepartmental information exchange	November 2022 October 2023	The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Geology and Mineral Resources, Ministry of Water resources, Ministry of Agriculture, “Uzsuvta’minot”	UNECE
7.	Effects of collector-drainage runoff on the quality of water in natural waterbodies and closed reservoirs: - analysis of existing information on the topic, - development of a plan to address the issue, with a source of funding.	November 2022 October 2023	Ministry of Water resources, State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Ecology and Environment Protection, Ministry of Agriculture	Sectoral research institutes EC IFAS
8.	Revision of standards for maximum permissible discharges of wastewater into the environment for specific sources (enterprises), to ensure the implementation of IFI projects in Uzbekistan: - meeting of interested organizations, setting the task, agreeing on the implementing organizations and the plan for revising the standard, - implementation of the plan.	October- November 2022 December 2022- October 2023	State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Ecology and Environment Protection, “Uzsuvta’minot”, Ministry of Health	French Development agency, World Bank, ADB, UNECE
9.	Conducting technical meetings of the NPD Coordinating Council - online, once every three months	December 2022- October 2023	Ministry of Water resources, Ministry of Emergency Situations	UNECE OECD
10.	Holding the second meeting of the NPD Coordinating Council	April 2023 (to be confirmed)	Ministry of Water resources, Ministry of Emergency Situations	UNECE OECD