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**The Eighteenth Steering Committee Meeting of the National Policy Dialogue  
on Integrated Water Resources Management in Kyrgyzstan**

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**AGENDA**

*Chairman - Mr. Abdybai Jailoobaev, Deputy Director of the Water Resources Service under the  
Ministry of Agriculture of the Kyrgyz Republic*

<b>9.00-9.30</b>	<b>Registration of participants</b>
<b>9.30 - 9.45</b>	<p><b>Opening of the meeting</b></p> <p><b>Greeting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr. Abdybai Jailoobaev , Deputy Director of the Water Resources Service under the Ministry of Agriculture of the Kyrgyz Republic</i></li> <li>• <i>Mr. Hans Farnhammer, Head of Cooperation, Delegation of the European Union to the Kyrgyz Republic</i></li> <li>• <i>Ms. Tamara Kutonova, National Policy Dialogue Programme Manager, UNECE</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Presentation of the goals, agenda and participants of the meeting</i></p>
<b>9.45-10.15</b>	<p><b>Session 1: Legal and institutional aspects of water management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>On the development of the Water Strategy of the Kyrgyz Republic. Ms. Gulnara Zhunushova, Lead Specialist of the Section for Water Management, Ministry of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>On the new version of the Water Code of the Kyrgyz Republic. Mr. Nurlan Baibosunov, World Bank PIU Specialist</i></b></li> </ul> <p>Questions and answers Discussion</p>
<b>10.15-11.15</b>	<p><b>Session 2: International and cross-border cooperation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>UN Water Conference 2023. Participation of Kyrgyzstan. tbc</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>National Action Plan for the Chu and Talas River Basins. Short info. Ms.</i></b></li> </ul>

*Gulnara Zhunushova, Lead Specialist of the Section for Water Management, Ministry of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision*

- **Proposal for investment project to support the implementation of the plan.** Mr. Jon Marco Church, UNECE Consultant (online)
- **Sources and risks of pollution of the Syrdarya River. Review results.** Mr. Erkin Orolbaev, UNECE consultant
- **UNECE tools for transboundary cooperation.** Ms. Tamara Kutonova, National Policy Dialogue Programme Manager, UNECE
- **Protocol on Water and Health.** Mr. Alexander Belokurov, Environmental Affairs Officer, UNECE

Questions and answers

Discussion

11.15-11.40

**Coffee break**

**Session 3: Coordination of activities of partners and projects on water issues in Kyrgyzstan**

11.40-13.00

- **Upcoming IKI project.** Mr. Matthew Griffiths, Senior Programme Manager and Mr. Takayoshi Kato, Environmental economist, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, OECD (online)
- **USAID Regional Water and Environment Project. Result of implementation in Kyrgyzstan.** Ms. Zeinep Isakova, Project Management Specialist, USAID mission in Kyrgyzstan
- **Project "Management of National Water Resources". Implementation results. Project "Improvement of climate resilient water services". Implementation plans.** Mr. Ulanbek Torogeldiev, Director AF\_NWRMP project
- **Regulation of the water and energy complex of Central Asia.** Mr. Arman Akhunbaev, Head of the Center for Infrastructure and Industrial Research, Eurasian Development Bank
- **Promoting the assessment of the relationship between water, energy, food and ecosystem resources in the countries of Central Asia.** Ms. Ekaterina Gorshkova, Kazakh-German University.

Questions and answers

Discussion

13.00 -14.00

**Lunch break**

**Session 4: Economic and financial aspects of water resources management and water management systems**

14.00-15.00

- **Introductory information.** Mr. Alexander Martusevich, UNECE consultant (online)
- **Legal support of the approach to compensation for damage to water resources and water bodies in Kyrgyzstan.** Mr. Uran Tursunaliyev, consultant
- **A short message on updating the time series for selected indicators of water security in Kyrgyzstan, including indicators reflecting the transboundary dimension of water security.** Ms. Nazira Kerimalieva, National Statistical Committee (tbc)

- **Contribution of the WECOOP project and the USAID regional project to strengthening the expert capacity in the Kyrgyz Republic and Central Asia:**

**(a) Finalization of the training manual “Economic Management Instruments for Sustainable Development of Water Management and Improvement of Water Security” within the framework of the WECOOP project.** Ms. Cholpon Toktosunova and Ms. Dinara Tursunaliyeva, Kyrgyz Economic University (KEU)

**(b) Use of training manual materials in the development of training modules and in pilot courses based on them, within the framework of a regional USAID project** – Ms. Kasiet Musabaeva, National Water Partnership of the Kyrgyz Republic, Ms. Cholpon Toktosunova and Ms. Dinara Tursunaliyeva, KEU

Questions and answers

Discussion

<b>15.00-15.30</b>	<b>Summing up the meeting and future work</b> <i>Chairman - Mr. Abdybai Jailoobaev</i>
<b>15.30</b>	<b>Tea coffee</b>