

Assessing equitable access to water and sanitation in Albania

Inception workshop

30 October 2023, 09:00 – 16:15

Hilton Garden Inn, Tirana, Albania

9:00-9:30	Welcome coffee and registration of participants
9:30-9:45	Opening remarks <u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Arduen Karagozi, <i>Director, Directory of Strategic Management, Water Resource Management Agency</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Gerta Lubonja, <i>General Director, Water Resources Management Agency</i> - Ms. Fiona McCluney, <i>UN Resident Coordinator in Albania</i> Introduction to the objectives and programme of the workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Diane Guerrier, <i>Environmental Affairs Officer, UNECE</i>
Session 1 – Setting the stage <u>Moderator:</u> Ms. Ermela Kraja, <i>Head of Water Resources Sector, Water Resources Management Agency</i>	
9:45-9:55	Introductory tour-de-table <i>All participants</i>
9:55-10:10	Introduction to the UNECE-WHO/Europe Protocol on Water and Health <u>Mr. Armin Bigham Ghazani</u> , <i>Associate Environmental Affairs Officer, UNECE</i>
10:10-10:40	National situation of access to water and sanitation in Albania: Status of national targets under the Protocol, the WASH landscape, and contemporary challenges in Albania <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr. Arduen Karagozi, <i>Director, Directory of Strategic Management, Water Resources Management Agency</i> – Ms. Zhaneta Miska, <i>Sanitary Engineer, Ministry of Health and Welfare</i> – Ms. Ermela Kraja, <i>Head of Water Resources Sector, Water Resources Management Agency</i>
10:40-11:00	Introduction to the Equitable Access Score-card and its methodology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Diane Guerrier, <i>Environmental Affairs Officer, UNECE</i>
11:00-11:40	Experiences from Northern Macedonia and Montenegro; lessons learnt and benefits of applying the Equitable Access Score-card <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Mihail Kochubobovski, <i>Chief of Department of Water Safety and Environmental Sanitation, Institute of Public Health of North Macedonia</i> - Ms. Dijana Drujovic, <i>Director of Centre for Hygiene and Environmental Health, Institute of Public Health of Montenegro</i> <p>Questions and answers</p>

Session 2 – Ways forward	
Moderator: <i>Ms. Ermela Kraja, Head of Water Resources Sector, Water Resources Management Agency</i>	
11:40-12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans for the Equitable Access Self-assessment in Albania: objectives and expected outcomes of the equitable access self-assessment, Process and schedule <p><i>Mr. Arduen Karagjozi, Director, Directory of Strategic Management, Water Resources Management Agency</i></p>
12:00-13:00	Lunch break
13:00-15:00	<p>Interactive brainstorming in breakout groups on: Possible sources of information and mapping of stakeholders for the Score-card sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steering governance frameworks to enable delivery of equitable water and sanitation services (<i>Facilitated by Ms. Ermela Kraja</i>) • Reducing geographical disparities (<i>Facilitated by Ms. Zhaneta Miska</i>) • Ensuring access for vulnerable and marginalized groups (<i>Facilitated by Ms. Ana Majko</i>) • Keeping water and sanitation affordable for all (<i>Facilitated by Ms. Enkelejda Gjinali</i>) <p>Questions and answers</p>
15:00-15:15	Coffee break
15:15-16:00	<p>Reporting back from group discussions and identification of next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group 1 Rapporteur • Group 2 Rapporteur • Group 3 Rapporteur • Group 4 Rapporteur <p>Discussion</p>
16:00-16:05	<p>Wrap-up of the breakout group discussion</p> <p><i>Ms. Ermela Kraja, Head of Water Resources Sector, Water Resources Management Agency</i></p>
16:05-16:15	<p>Conclusions of the workshop, ways forward and closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr. Armin Bigham Ghazani, UNECE</i> - <i>Mr. Arduen Karagjozi, Water Resources Management Agency</i>