

United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA)

20th session of the Thematic Working Group on Water, Energy and Environment

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Preliminary Programme

1. Opening of the session

Welcome by host representative (Azerbaijan), UNECE and ESCAP

2. Election of Chairman and adoption of the agenda of the Meeting

3. Past and future work of the Thematic (Project) Working Group

UNECE and ESCAP representatives account for previous history of the Thematic Working Group including the UNDA project “Rational and Efficient Use of Water and Energy Resources in Central Asia”, as well as decisions taken by the SPECA Governing Council in 2015.

4. Programme implementation in the area of water-energy-environment in 2014-2015

- Presentations of UNECE and ESCAP projects
- Information from SPECA countries
- Information from other international organizations

5. Implementation of SDGs related to thematic areas of the Working Group on the national and sub-regional/transboundary levels

- Tracking progress towards implementing SDG 7 (Energy) in SPECA region (Sergey Tulinov)
- Implementation of SDG 6 (Water) (Annukka Lipponen/Bo Libert)
- What is planned by countries?
- What is planned by IGOs/partners?
- Discussion: How can SDGs be more efficiently implemented by cross border/subregional cooperation?

6. Opportunities for cooperation in the SPECA region to support SDG implementation

- The water-energy-environment nexus in the Syr Darya basin (Annukka Lipponen)
- The importance of an integrated energy system to ensuring a sustainable power supply in the SPECA region (Viktor Badaker)
- Discussion

7. Other business

- Next meeting
- Other issues

8. Conclusions of the meeting

9. Closing of the meeting