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Venue: “Park Hotel”, 87 Orozbekova Street, Bishkek

AGENDA

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<td>09.00 - 9.30</td>
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| 09.30 - 10.00 | Opening. Adoption of the agenda. Chair – Mr. T.A. Isabekov, Deputy Director, Department of Water Management and Melioration of the Ministry of Agriculture and Melioration of the Kyrgyz Republic. Welcome remarks: 
  - Representative of the EU Delegation to the Kyrgyz Republic
  - Mr Jouko Eskelinen, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland/ Embassy of Finland in Astana
  - Mr. Bo Libert, UN Economic Commission for Europe
  - Mr. Alexandre Martoussevitch, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
  Introduction of the objectives, agenda and meeting participants |
<p>| 10.00 - 10.30 | Session 1: Water policy in Kyrgyzstan: progress made and challenges ahead |
|                | A brief overview of progress made over the last year, outstanding issues and challenges - Mr. T.A. Isabekov |
|                | Discussion - representatives of ministries and agencies of Kyrgyzstan |
| 10.30 - 11.00 | Session 2: Increasing water use efficiency in agriculture: techniques and policies |
|                | A. Modern Irrigation Techniques and Possibility of Using Them in Kyrgyzstan |
|                | Introductory information - Mr. Tilek Isabekov |
|                | Overview of international experience and modern trends in the development of irrigation techniques - Mr. Yakov Lev, UNECE consultant |
| 11.00 - 11.30 | Tea, coffee break                                                        |</p>
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| 11.30 -13.00 | **Continuation of Session 2:**  
**B. Policies**  
Description of current condition of the irrigation sector in Kyrgyzstan and recommendations to improve it - *Mr. Kirill Valentini, expert; Mr. Valery Gutnik, Department of Water Management and Melioration; Mr. Payazidin Zhooshev, Irrigation Institute; Mrs. Galmira Adzhigulova, KRSU*  
Questions and answers  
Discussion |
| 13.00 -14.00 | Lunch |
| 14.00 -16.00 | **Session 3: Water, Food, Energy, and Ecosystems Nexus**  
**A. Nexus assessment**  
Introductory information - *Mr. Bo Libert, UNECE*  
Preliminary findings of Assessment of water, food, energy, and ecosystems nexus in trans-boundary Syr Darya River basin - *Ms. Lucia de Strasser, international consultant, on behalf of the Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden*  
Questions and answers  
Discussion on challenges of achieving food and energy security and of coordination of sectoral policies: water - agri-food and water-energy policies in Kyrgyzstan - representatives of ministries and agencies of Kyrgyzstan and their international partners  
**B. New projects to support the policy dialogue on the Nexus**  
- **Better coherence between the agricultural and water policies:** presentation of a new project co-sponsored by FinWater-II, EC and OECD EAP Task Force - *Mr. Alexandre Martoussevitch, OECD*  
- Information about an expert workshop on Decision-Support Tools on Water-Food-Energy Nexus - *Mr. Alexandre Martoussevitch, OECD*  
**C. Addressing security of water supply in rural settlements**  
- **Reforming rural WSS:** presentation of a new project co-sponsored by the EC, FinWater-II and OECD EAP Task Force - *Mr. Alexandre Martoussevitch, OECD*  
Questions and answers  
Discussion |
| 16.00 – 16.30 | Tea, coffee break |
| 16.30 – 18.00 | **Session 4: Coordination of partners’ activities to better address country needs**  
- Regional IWRM actions by the Kazakhstan-German University – *Ms. Barbara Janusz-Pawletta*  
- General presentation of FinWater-II programme / Finland’s Water Sector Support to Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan – *Ms. Tea Törnroos*  
- Joint trans-boundary project of UNECE and UNDP on Chu and Talas Rivers – *Mr Bo Libert, UNECE; Mr. Vladimir Grebnev, UNDP*  
- EBRD water sector projects in Kyrgyzstan  
- GIZ TWRM CA program – *Ms. Maya Nurmamedova*  
- World Bank project – *Mr. Kydykbek Beishekeev*  
Questions and answers; Discussion |
| 18.00 - 18.20 | **Wrapping up the Steering Committee meeting and decisions on future activities**  
*Chair – Mr. T.A. Isabekov* |
| 18.30 | Cocktail |