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**The Twelfth Steering Committee Meeting of the National Policy Dialogue**

17 March 2015, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

*Venue: "Park Hotel", 87 Orozbekova Street, Bishkek*

**AGENDA**

<b>09.00 - 9.30</b>	<b>Registration of participants</b>
<b>09.30 - 10.00</b>	<p><b>Opening. Adoption of the agenda.</b></p> <p><i>Chair – Mr. T.A. Isabekov, Deputy Director, Department of Water Management and Melioration of the Ministry of Agriculture and Melioration of the Kyrgyz Republic</i></p> <p><i>Welcome remarks:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Representative of the EU Delegation to the Kyrgyz Republic</i></li> <li><i>Mr Jouko Eskelinen, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland/ Embassy of Finland in Astana</i></li> <li><i>Mr. Bo Libert, UN Economic Commission for Europe</i></li> <li><i>Mr. Alexandre Martoussevitch, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Introduction of the objectives, agenda and meeting participants</i></p>
<b>10.00 -10.30</b>	<p><b>Session 1: Water policy in Kyrgyzstan: progress made and challenges ahead</b></p> <p>A brief overview of progress made over the last year, outstanding issues and challenges - <i>Mr. T.A. Isabekov</i></p> <p>Discussion - <i>representatives of ministries and agencies of Kyrgyzstan</i></p>
<b>10.30 -11.00</b>	<p><b>Session 2: Increasing water use efficiency in agriculture: techniques and policies</b></p> <p><b>A. Modern Irrigation Techniques and Possibility of Using Them in Kyrgyzstan</b></p> <p>Introductory information - <i>Mr. Tilek Isabekov</i></p> <p>Overview of international experience and modern trends in the development of irrigation techniques - <i>Mr. Yakov Lev, UNECE consultant</i></p>
<b>11.00 -11.30</b>	<b>Tea, coffee break</b>

11.30 -13.00	<p><b>Continuation of Session 2:</b></p> <p><b>B. Policies</b></p> <p>Description of current condition of the irrigation sector in Kyrgyzstan and recommendations to improve it - <i>Mr. Kirill Valentini, expert; Mr. Valery Gutnik, Department of Water Management and Melioration; Mr. Payazidin Zhooshev, Irrigation Institute; Mrs. Gulmira Adzhigulova, KRSU</i></p> <p>Questions and answers Discussion</p>
13.00 -14.00	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>
14.00 -16.00	<p><b>Session 3: Water, Food, Energy, and Ecosystems Nexus</b></p> <p><b>A. Nexus assessment</b></p> <p>Introductory information - <i>Mr. Bo Libert, UNECE</i></p> <p>Preliminary findings of Assessment of water, food, energy, and ecosystems nexus in trans-boundary Syr Darya River basin - <i>Ms. Lucia de Strasser, international consultant, on behalf of the Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden</i></p> <p>Questions and answers</p> <p>Discussion on challenges of achieving food and energy security and of coordination of sectoral policies: water - agri-food and water-energy policies in Kyrgyzstan - <i>representatives of ministries and agencies of Kyrgyzstan and their international partners</i></p> <p><b>B. New projects to support the policy dialogue on the Nexus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Better coherence between the agricultural and water policies:</b> presentation of a new project co-sponsored by FinWater-II, EC and OECD EAP Task Force - <i>Mr. Alexandre Martoussevitch, OECD</i></li> <li>• Information about an expert workshop on Decision-Support Tools on Water-Food-Energy Nexus - <i>Mr. Alexandre Martoussevitch, OECD</i></li> </ul> <p><b>C. Addressing security of water supply in rural settlements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reforming rural WSS:</b> presentation of a new project co-sponsored by the EC, FinWater-II and OECD EAP Task Force - <i>Mr. Alexandre Martoussevitch, OECD</i></li> </ul> <p>Questions and answers Discussion</p>
16.00 – 16.30	<p><b>Tea, coffee break</b></p>
16.30 – 18.00	<p><b>Session 4: Coordination of partners' activities to better address country needs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional IWRM actions by the Kazakhstan-German University – <i>Ms. Barbara Janusz-Pawletta</i></li> <li>• General presentation of FinWater-II programme / Finland's Water Sector Support to Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan – <i>Ms. Tea Törnroos</i></li> <li>• Joint trans-boundary project of UNECE and UNDP on Chu and Talas Rivers – <i>Mr Bo Libert, UNECE; Mr. Vladimir Grebnev, UNDP</i></li> <li>• EBRD water sector projects in Kyrgyzstan</li> <li>• GIZ TWRM CA program – <i>Ms. Maya Nurmamedova</i></li> <li>• World Bank project – <i>Mr. Kodykbek Beishekeev</i></li> </ul> <p>Questions and answers; Discussion</p>
18.00 - 18.20	<p><b>Wrapping up the Steering Committee meeting and decisions on future activities</b></p> <p><i>Chair – Mr. T.A. Isabekov</i></p>
18.30	<p><b>Cocktail</b></p>