

**Climate Change and Water Resources  
Management  
In Georgia**

**International Workshop on Transboundary  
Water Resources Management Issues in the  
Caucasus**

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24 October – International Day for Climate Change

24 – 31 October – Climate Week in Georgia

27 – 28 October – Regional Conference on Climate  
Change



# Position of South Caucasus NGOs to the United Nations Conference on Climate Change in Copenhagen

Non Governmental Organizations from South Caucasus Urge the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change to:

- ▣ Undertake constructive dialogue at the meeting in Copenhagen;
- ▣ Support the position of a number of countries, as well as the largest environmental organizations in their request to stabilize global warming at two degrees;
- ▣ Facilitate the implementation of commitments by developed countries to reduce emissions and provide adequate technical assistance to developing countries for their full involvement to the process;
- ▣ Make the clean development mechanism more efficient and accessible, including, for projects at the local (community) level, and to undertake appropriate reforms for measures to reduce emissions and the implementation of adaptation programs;



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- ▣ Encourage the international donors, assisting developing countries in reducing poverty and implementing programs for the development, to include in their programmes the problem of population adaptation to climate change impacts and address other issues related to the mitigation of climate change in the countries;

Encourage South Caucasus Countries to:

- ▣ Contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and to take mitigation and adaptation measures to climate change with the financial and technical support from the developed countries;
- ▣ Develop common regional schemes and indicators on climate change, as well as introduce compatible systems for monitoring and overseeing the climate change process;
- ▣ Develop a uniform system of notification of disasters;

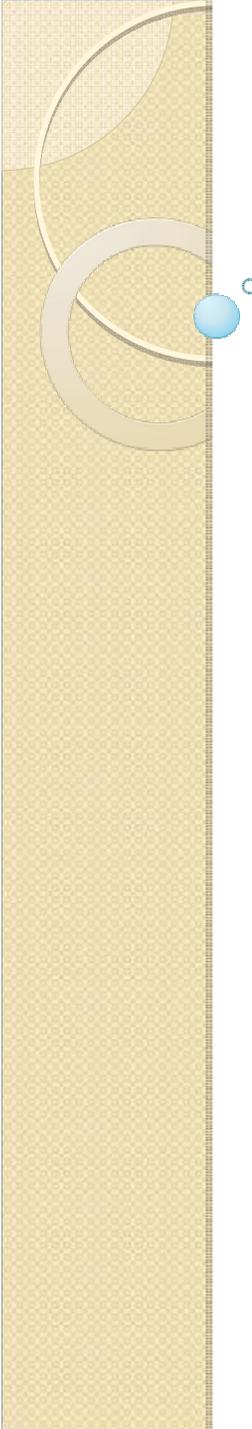


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- ▣ Take voluntary commitments to reduce emissions from production by 2020 with the introduction of cleaner technologies;

Develop adaptation programmes and focus on the following aspects:

- a) Forecasting and warning of natural disasters;
- b) Development of sustainable agriculture, including conservation and restoration of cultural conservation;
- c) Reduction of the degradation and reduction of forest areas;
- d) Introduction of methods of integrated water resources management, as well as the creation and preservation of water protection zones;



## Water Resources Management in Georgia

### Law of Georgia on Environmental Protection – 1996

- ▣ Polluter pays principle; User pays principle

### Water Law of Georgia – 1997

- ▣ License for water use and waste waters discharge (Abolished)
- ▣ Taxes for using water bodies



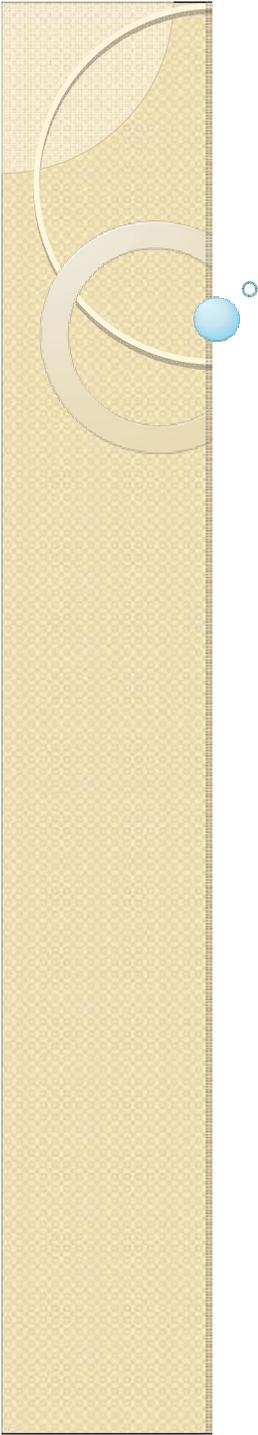
## ◦ Water Resources Management in Georgia

- ▣ Environmental Impact Permit requires EIA
- ▣ Under EIA Maximum Admissible Discharges are set (Big Enterprises)

The Law considers water resources management in administrative scope

Sets state water monitoring (quality/quantity)

Poor data analyzing and processing for decision making



## New Water Concept of Georgia

Elaborated in 2009 under EU funded project  
“Collaboration for the Black Sea Protection”.

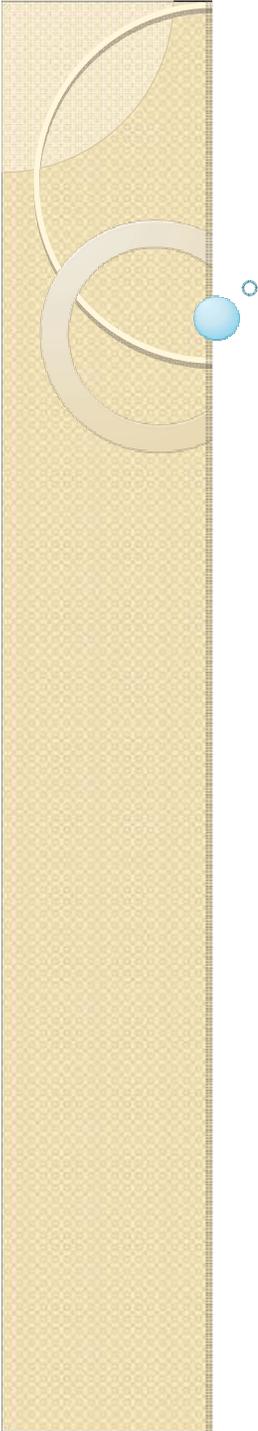
- ▣ Introduces IWRM, River basin approach and river basin management councils
- ▣ Takes into account most EU water directives including WFD



## International Water Projects

TACIS, USAID, UNDP, SIDA, NATO, GEF,  
GWP, Finland, Canada, Denmark,  
Germany

No projects for international lakes



Thank you for your attention